



MFA

Master of Fine Arts  
Thesis Exhibition  
2021

## 2021 Thesis Exhibitions

### **The Gallery at the Visual & Performing Arts Center**

April 5 - April 22  
School of Visual & Performing Arts, 2nd Floor  
43 Lake Avenue Extension  
Danbury, CT  
[wcsu.edu/art/gallery/exhibitions](http://wcsu.edu/art/gallery/exhibitions)

### **Blue Mountain Gallery**

June 22-July 10  
547 West 27 Street, Suite 200  
New York, NY  
Hours: Wed-Sat, noon-6pm  
Supported by the Jason and Ellen Hancock  
Student Endowment Fund

The School of Visual and Performing Arts at  
Western Connecticut State University  
is pleased to announce its candidates for the  
2021 Master of Fine Arts degree.

Ryan Ames

Alison Booth

David Flook

Rachel Rossier

Kathleen Spezzano

Jennifer Sullivan

The MFA Thesis Exhibition is the summation  
of two years of intensive, creative study  
and extensive interaction with resident faculty  
and visiting artists.



#### Hindsight Series

Top: **Foretell** (fôr-'stôl) *v* | acrylic on canvas | 40 x 30 in.

Above: **Retrospect** (re-tra,-spekt) *n* | acrylic on canvas | 40 x 30 in.

Opposite: **Hindsight** (hîn(d)-sīt) *n* | acrylic on canvas | 60 x 48 in.



#### Ryan Ames

Master of Fine Arts, Illustration

Bachelor of Arts, Media Arts | Western Connecticut State University





Above: Seated Self Portrait with Blue Nightgown | oil on canvas | 36 x 30 in.  
Opposite: Self Portrait with Horse Skull | oil on canvas | 36 x 30 in.



Alison Booth  
Master of Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Visual Art  
Bachelor of Arts, Studio Art | Western Connecticut State University



Above: Over the Bridge | acrylic on canvas | 18 x 24 in.  
 Opposite: The New Norm | acrylic on canvas | 10 x 8 in.



David Flook  
 Master of Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Visual Art  
 Bachelor of Arts, Studio Art | Western Connecticut State University





Top: Fount | acrylgouache on board | 20 x 15 in.  
Opposite: From Carmel | acrylgouache on board | 20 x 15 in.



Rachel Rossier  
Master of Fine Arts, Painting  
Bachelor of Arts, Illustration | Western Connecticut State University





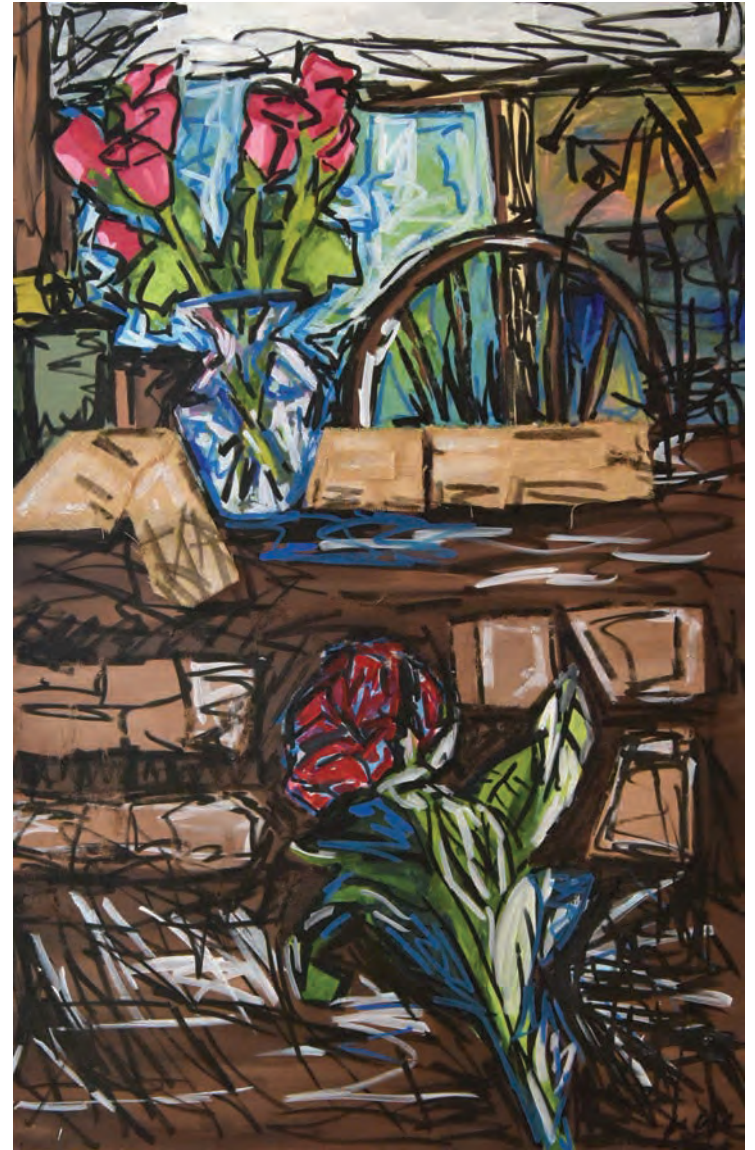
Top: Wrath of Poseidon | acrylic and inks on board | 30 x 24 in.  
 Above: What Lurks Below | acrylic and inks on board | 24 x 18 in.  
 Opposite: The Banshee | acrylic and inks on board | 24 x 18 in.

Kathleen Spezzano  
 Master of Fine Arts, Illustration  
 Bachelor of Science, Equine Studies | Post University





Above: Cement and Lace | cement, lace, and acrylic on canvas | 42 x 32 in.  
 Opposite: Internal Monologue | burlap, oil and acrylic on canvas | 72 x 46 in.



Jennifer Sullivan  
 Master of Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Visual Art  
 Bachelor of Arts, Art History | University of Saint Joseph



## MFA Program Faculty

Catherine Vanaria, Chair, Department of Art  
MA, Savannah College of Art & Design  
MFA, Art Institute of Boston

Darby Cardonsky, MFA Coordinator  
MA, Hunter College

Kira Albinsky  
PhD, Rutgers University

Riley Brewster  
MFA, Yale University

Leslie Cober-Gentry  
MFA, University of Hartford

Sabrina Marques  
MFA, Yale University

Clintel Steed  
MFA, Indiana University

Jack Tom  
MFA, University of Hartford

Emeritus Resident Faculty  
Abe Echevarria  
Margaret Grimes

## Visiting Artists and Lecturers

### 2000-2019

Daniel Adel  
Eric Aho \*  
Adele Alsop  
Emma Amos \*  
Vincent Arcilesi  
John Arthur  
William Bailey \*  
Robert Berlind \*  
Jake Berthot \*  
Robert Birmelin  
Gideon Bok  
Matt Bollinger  
Roger Boyce  
Steve Brodner  
Tom Burckhardt  
Chris Buzelli  
Charles Cajori  
Paul Calle  
Marcos Chin  
Joan Chiverton  
Susanna Coffey \*  
David Cohen  
Raul Colón  
Kinuko Craft  
Robert Crawford  
Bob Crofut  
John Cuneo  
Amy Cutler  
Fielding Dawson  
Janet DeCarlo  
Vincent Desiderio  
Grace Devito  
Ray DiCapua  
Lois Dodd \*\*  
Bruce Dorfman  
Daniel Dos Santos  
Hilary Doyle  
Fritz Drury  
Randall Enos  
Constance Evans  
Alan Feltus  
Janet Fish \*  
L. Everett-Fisher  
Audrey Flack \*  
Andrew Forge \*  
Connie Fox \*  
Stephanie Franks  
Betsy Garand  
Brenda Garand  
Charlie Gehm  
Shelia Geoffrion  
Robert Giusti  
Judy Glantzman  
Glenn Goldberg  
Jane Goodall  
John Goodrich  
James Grashow  
Norman Green  
Margaret Grimes \*

Barbara Grossman  
James Gurney  
Richard Haas \*  
Nancy Hagin  
Steven Harvey \*  
Julie Heffernan \*  
Mark Hess  
N. Charkow-Hollander  
Eric Holzman  
Fritz Horstman  
Yvonne Jacqueline \*  
Elisa Jensen  
David Johnson  
Victor Juhasz  
Wolf Kahn  
Aya Kakeda  
Roger Kastel  
Ken Kewley  
Tom Kidd  
Don Kimes  
Jon Krause  
Stanley Lewis \*  
Edward Little  
Lynette Lombard  
Mathew Lopas  
Sharon Loudon  
Dennis Lyall  
Fred Mason  
James McGarrell  
Ruth Miller \*  
John Moore \*  
Howard Munz  
Matt Murphy  
Graham Nickson \*  
Adam Niklewicz  
Tim O'Brien  
Hugh O'Donnell  
R. Andrew Parker  
Charles Parness  
Jim Peters  
Stephanie Pierce  
Jerry Pinkney  
Anna Poor  
Kelly Popoff  
Walt Reed  
Kenny Rivero \*  
Edel Rodriguez  
Joseph Salerno  
Jennifer Samet \*  
Zina Saunders  
Bill Schmidt  
T. Lanigan-Schmidt \*  
Amber Scoon  
Heather Scott  
Susan Shatter  
Yuko Shimizu  
Elena Sisto  
Paul Smith  
Gene Sparkman  
Don Spaulding

Nancy Stahl  
Kyle Staver  
Clintel Steed  
Amy Smith-Stewart  
Bill Sullivan  
Altoon Sultan  
Andrea Sulzer  
Lynn Sweat  
Bill Thomson  
Cathleen Toelke  
Lee Tribe  
Selina Trieff \*  
Ed Tuttle  
Audrey Ushenko  
Victoria Vebell  
Eric Velasquez  
Raymond Verdaguer  
John Wallace  
Susan Jane Walp \*  
James Warhola  
Ellen Weinstein  
Michael Whelan  
Judy York  
Deborah Zlotsky

### 2019-2021

Scott Bakal  
Guy Billout  
David Brinley  
Nina Buxenbaum  
Jackie Decker  
Angela Dufresne  
Michael Garland  
Rudy Gutierrez  
Ellen Harvey  
Richard Klein  
Ying Li  
Ross MacDonald  
Christopher Manning  
AJ Masthay  
Beverly McIver  
Jenny Lynn McNutt  
Laini Nemett \*  
Jon Sideriadis  
Grier Torrence  
Andrea Wisniewski

\* Weir Farm Art Alliance  
co-sponsored lecture

## Student Contact

Ryan Ames  
Email: [ryanamesillustration@gmail.com](mailto:ryanamesillustration@gmail.com)  
Website: [amesillustration.com](http://amesillustration.com)  
Instagram: @amesart

Alison Booth  
Email: [alisonmarcellabooth@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmarcellabooth@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @alisonbooth\_studio

David Flook  
Email: [daveflookart@gmail.com](mailto:daveflookart@gmail.com)  
Website: [daveflookart.com](http://daveflookart.com)  
Instagram: @dave\_flook\_art

Rachel Rossier  
Email: [rachelrossierart@gmail.com](mailto:rachelrossierart@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @rachelrossierart

Kathleen Spezzano  
Email: [Kalenyadesigns@gmail.com](mailto:Kalenyadesigns@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @kalenyadesigns  
Facebook: Kathleen Spezzano Illustration

Jennifer Sullivan  
Email: [designedbyjennct@gmail.com](mailto:designedbyjennct@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @designedby\_jenn

For more information about the exhibitions  
or the MFA program, call (203) 837-8403  
or visit [wcsu.edu/art/graduate](http://wcsu.edu/art/graduate)



Department of Art  
School of Visual and Performing Arts  
Western Connecticut State University

