

**MEDIA RELEASE**

University Galleries of Illinois State University is pleased to present the *2024* [*Student Annual*](https://galleries.illinoisstate.edu/exhibitions/2024/student-annual-2024/)from April 10 through May 5, 2024. All events are free and open to the public.

**Exhibition**
Since 1974, the Student Annual has showcased new artwork produced by students at Illinois State University. This exhibition has offered many students the first opportunity to have their work reviewed by professionals outside the University. Each year, two external arts professionals determine which works are selected for the exhibition and which works receive awards.

The Wonsook Kim School of Art is pleased to present the 2024 Marshall Dulaney Pitcher Award to MFA student Alan Atkins. This award honors outstanding students in the visual arts who demonstrate exceptional artistic talent, dedicated studio practice, and academic excellence. 2024 marks the 54th anniversary of this prestigious award, which was established by the Pitcher family in memory of painting student Marshall Pitcher. University Galleries has traditionally dedicated exhibition space within the Student Annual to winners of the Marshall Dulaney Pitcher Award, and Atkins is creating a new installation of his recent drawings, collages, videos, and clothing.

**Jurors**
This year’s design juror is [Vinicius Lima](https://www.viniciusrlima.com/index.html), a designer, architect, and design educator. His work has been exhibited at, or featured in, Museum of Architecture and Design, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Design Excellence Brazil; National Museum of China, Beijing; and Center for the Arts at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, among others. His selected professional projects include the Duarte Dance Works website, Poetry on the Rapid Project, and the *Design Plural* exhibition catalogue. Lima is an assistant professor of graphic design at Grand Valley State University.

This year's studio juror is [Deb Sokolow](https://debsokolow.com/home.html), a Chicago-based artist and writer. Her work has been exhibited at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.; The Drawing Center, New York City; Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia; Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; and University Galleries of Illinois State University, among other institutions. Her work is in the collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles; Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; and the Thomas J. Watson Library at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, among others. Sokolow is an associate professor of instruction at Northwestern University.

**Events and programming**

All events and free and open to the public.

* Wednesday, April 10, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Opening reception, with awards announced at 5:00 p.m.

* Saturday, April 20, from 11:00 a.m. to noon

Sensory-friendly art-viewing hour. The lights will be dimmed, and video volumes will be turned down.

* Saturday, April 20, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

All-ages drawing workshop. Materials and instruction provided by University Galleries’ staff. Free and no registration required.

* Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. to noon

Sensory-friendly art-viewing hour. The lights will be dimmed, and video volumes will be turned down.

* Saturday, April 27, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

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* Field trip program, curator-led tours, and workshops available by appointment throughout the exhibition. Stipends are available for K-12 schools or community organizations to offset the costs of transportation. Please contact University Galleries at gallery@ilstu.edu or (309) 438-5487 to schedule an appointment.

University Galleries, a unit in the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts, is located at 11 Uptown Circle, Suite 103, at the corner of Beaufort and Broadway streets. Parking is available in the Uptown Station parking deck located directly above University Galleries—the first hour is free, as well as any time after 5:01 p.m.

You can find [University Galleries](https://galleries.illinoisstate.edu/) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/UniversityGalleries), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/universitygalleriesisu/), and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/UGalleriesISU), and sign up to receive email updates through the [newsletter](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=0017wkX2ma9Iz6YGXhiHaPkYlJ0Jep7qNDrUe6TlgGIh7Cn2AC77NtvDdjrsE56jJ3kL_6LqtbDcHtf3TbTaZ7cLZMWoGJ3uUU5OhImgL_ybAk%3D). Please contact gallery@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-5487 if you need to arrange an accommodation to participate in any events related to these exhibitions.