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University Galleries of Illinois State University is pleased to announce the opening of the *2017 MFA Biennial*. The exhibition will be on view from January 14 through February 15, 2017. A public reception will be held on Tuesday, January 24 from 5 - 7 pm.

The *2017 MFA Biennial* presents the work of seventeen students currently enrolled in the School of Art's Master's of Fine Arts program at Illinois State University. These artists are at various points in the three-year program that is dedicated to helping them "develop a mature body of work by exploring the relationship between active studio practice and rigorous intellectual inquiry." Their artwork dynamically engages the mediums of painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, glass, ceramics, sound installation, sculpture, and performance.

This is the second *MFA Biennial* to be held at University Galleries' new space at Uptown Station, providing the local community an excellent opportunity to experience the diverse and fresh talents of the MFA students in the vibrant center of the Town of Normal.

Exhibiting artists: **George Barreca, Lexi Bragg, Felicia Cannon, Megan Coonelly, Catherine Davis, Mariko Brown Harkin, Kirsten Heteji, Rebecca Frank, Jeremy Langston, Jeremy Lampe, Emily Lehman, Molly Markow, Barrymore Moton, Ryan Paluczak, Josh Roach, Kale Stewart, Micah Zavacky.**

Please contact University Galleries at 309.438.5487 or galleries@illinoisstate.edu to schedule a free curator-led tour for your class or community group.

University Galleries is located at Uptown Station at the corner of Beaufort and Broadway streets. Parking is available directly above in the Uptown Station parking deck, and the first hour is free, as well as any time after 5:01 pm. If you need special accommodations to participate in any event, please contact University Galleries at 309.438.5487 or galleries@illinoisstate.edu. All events at University Galleries are free and open to the public.

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