

Turner Fellow shows ♦Rituals of the Maker♦

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Work by Heather Mae
Erickson

"Rituals of the Maker," an exhibit by Heather Mae Erickson, the Robert Turner Teaching Fellow exhibit is on display in the Cohen Center for the Arts until Monday, May 14. The Cohen Center is at 55 Main St., Alfred and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Erickson, The 2009-12 Robert Chapman Turner Teaching Fellow in Ceramic Art in Alfred University's College of Ceramics, received her bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, and a master of fine arts degree in ceramic art from Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct independent research at Aalto University in Helsinki, Finland and served as a resident artist at the Clay Studio in Philadelphia. Erickson's work has been shown internationally and appears in collections around the world. She won first place for the Horizon Award presented by the Museum of Art and Design in New York, and has received honorable mention at the Korea Biennale International 2007 and 2009 exhibitions. She offered the following statement for her work in "Rituals of the Maker": "Memories are oftentimes treasured, horrific or momentous glimpses into a past that possibly inspires the future. I am transporting myself into specific past conversations, events and significant meals to design new moments that show a residue, morphology and elucidate change due to my history coupled with current events and decorative styles of personal interest. There are seven different investigations into influences in domesticity which surrounds my history in the rituals of eating. "