

Alfred's ceramic art techniques to travel to China

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John Gill, professor of ceramics in the School of Art & Design at Alfred University, will use his first sabbatical in his 27-year teaching career to travel to China during the fall semester. Alfred University is helping Gill in his travels, awarding him a Teagle Grant for Sabbatical Enhancement. He'll be traveling approximately from mid-September through October, 2002. Beginning at Shanghai University as the guest of Guanghui Chen, Gill will present his work and demonstrate his techniques for Chen's students. In exchange he will learn from Chen as well as all of the students present. Then Gill will travel to Sanbao, on the outskirts of Jingdezhen. There he will meet several Chinese ceramists and use their facilities. The new ceramic center for international artists is located in an ideal spot as Jingdezhen is the center of the porcelain industry. If it is possible, Gill hopes to travel to other institutions such as the Central Academy in Beijing. Once he returns to Alfred, Gill will spend the rest of the fall term, as well as the spring term of 2003, to use his new knowledge to inspire new works of art of his own. When he returns to teaching in the fall of 2003, Gill is excited about the new information he will be able to share with his students. He hopes to inspire students to travel abroad and continue the dialogue between AU's School of Art and Design and the Chinese institutions.#####