

AU art professor places second in Young Painters Competition

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Gianna Commito, a visiting assistant professor of painting in the School of Art & Design at Alfred University, placed second in the Miami University Young Painters Competition for the William and Dorothy Yeck Award. The 2005 competition drew more than 185 entries. Juror Lauri Firstenberg selected the winners. Works by the 10 finalists in the competition are on display in the Hiestand Galleries, School of Fine Arts, Miami University, through Feb. 11. Commito graduated from Alfred University's School of Art & Design in 1998. She has completed residencies at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, NY; the MacDowell Colony in Petersborough, NH; and the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts in Omaha. She is the recipient of a Pollack-Krasner Foundation grant.