

## **AU Division of Fine Arts Appoints Two New Faculty Members**

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Alfred, NY -- Alfred University's Division of Fine Arts will have two new faculty members for the 1999-2000 academic year. Rie Hachiyanagi will join the faculty as an assistant professor in studio art, and Jennifer Pepper as a assistant professor of fine arts; they will teach in the program that leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts (BAFA) through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Pepper, who taught part-time in Alfred's BAFA program last year, has been an adjunct professor of art at Long Island University since 1992, and an instructor of art at a public high school in Brooklyn since 1995. She has participated in numerous group exhibitions, and has had solo exhibitions at galleries at the University of Western Ontario, Connecticut College, and the University of California at Santa Cruz, as well as at the Second Street Gallery in Charlottesville, VA, and the Slater Memorial Museum of Art in Norwich, CT. Pepper received a McClennen Fellowship for the Millay Colony for the Arts in Austerlitz, NY, where she was an artist-in-residence, and was a Pew Fellows recipient in education at Long Island University. She was also an artist-in-residence at Sculpture Space in Utica, NY. A graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD, Pepper earned her Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Connecticut at Storrs, where she was also a graduate assistant. Hachiyanagi earned an MFA degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1998, and just completed a one-year lectureship in its College of Creative Studies, receiving a teaching award. She also earned an Art Affiliates Graduate Fellowship and the Robert C. Thomas Memorial Graduate Fellowship. She received her BFA degree from the University of Iowa, where she also won numerous awards as an undergraduate. Hachiyanagi has participated in several group exhibitions, and also has several solo exhibitions and performances to her credit, including those at the University of California at Santa Barbara and at the University of Iowa.