

Visiting artist/teaching fellow to exhibit in Alfred University's ceramic museum

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Works by Chris Miller, visiting assistant professor and Turner Teaching Fellow at Alfred University, will be displayed at The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art beginning Wednesday, June 4 through Friday, Sept. 26, 2008. The museum, located on the top floor of Binns-Merrill Hall on the AU campus, is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. "My work is analogous to science fiction," said Miller. "I create visual stories through my choice and use of various materials, images, and objects. My narratives are not usually intended to conjure literal association, but instead to stir an emotion or lead to an understanding," he continued. A public reception for the artist will be scheduled before the exhibition closes in September. The Robert Chapman Turner Teaching Fellow in Ceramic Art was established in 2006 in honor of Robert Turner, distinguished professor emeritus. The fellowship is a visiting faculty and research position in the Division of Ceramic Art. Miller, who joined the AU faculty in 2006, is the first Turner Fellow. Miller was born in Hawaii. He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Pennsylvania State University. After graduation he was a post baccalaureate student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, and at California State University-Long Beach. He earned a master of fine arts degree from the Art Institute of Chicago. He taught at Olive-Harvey Community College in Chicago for a year before accepting the position at Alfred University.