

## **Faculty member, alumnus featured in Cattaraugus County exhibit**

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Works by an Alfred University (AU) faculty member and an alumnus are currently on display in the Cattaraugus County Arts Council's (CCAC) Jurors' Choice Exhibition now through Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Jamestown Community College Center Gallery, 260 Union St., Olean. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Will Contino, associate professor of expanded media, and Bernard Aaron Dolecki, AU class of 2014, joined 24 other artists in CCAC's Member Show in September 2014. From that exhibit, four artists were selected as Jurors' Choice winners. One of the two jurors was Sharon McConnell, director of AU's Fosdick-Nelson Gallery.

Contino received the Jurors' Choice Second Place. His exhibition includes five wood block prints which began as stills from video and were then manipulated in Photoshop. These images were then exported to a laser cutter to etch the images into the woodblock. After further editing the woodblock image with hand tools, it is printed using oil-based inks on a traditional printing press. Contino holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from AU and a master of fine arts degree from Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore.

Dolecki, the third-place recipient, has three distinct media in the exhibit: a series of nudes rendered using five different computer drawing techniques; a bronze sculpture of rope outlining the form of a cube; and a black-and-white block print in a birdseye maple frame.