

Former art dean to exhibit 60 years of 'Drawing from Life'

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Mario Prisco, professor and dean emeritus of the School of Art & Design at Alfred University, will present a display of his figure drawings spanning the years 1947 to 2007 beginning Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, third floor, Harder Hall, on campus. An opening reception for the exhibit will run from 6-8 p.m. and is open to the public. The gallery will be arranged as a working studio, which will allow for figure drawing classes and the display of student work while the exhibition is in place. There will be a gallery talk at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. Prisco, who kept an active studio during his 41 years of teaching and administration, exhibited in over 100 shows including 14 of which were one-person. He has shown at the Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse; Civic Museum of Philadelphia; and the Albright-Knox, Buffalo, as well as in private and university galleries. Having taught during all of his administrative years, he also introduced the first sophomore drawing class as well as the first figure drawing class as a separate course in the School of Art & Design. Prisco holds a BFA and MFA from Syracuse University, is a Fellow and Life Member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, and is a Kruson (excellence in teaching) Award recipient from Alfred University. The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-3 p.m., while school is in session.