

Work by ceramic artist Irvin Tepper to be featured at AU Museum

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The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred University will exhibit Irvin Tepper: When Cups Speak/Life With the Cup: A 25-Year Survey, which opens Aug. 9 and remains on view through Oct. 26. A reception at the museum, located on the second floor of Binns-Merrill Hall on the Alfred University campus, will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 18. The traveling exhibition, organized and circulated by the Natalie and James Thompson Art Gallery in the School of Art and Design at San Jose State University in California, features what Director Jo Farb Hernandez refers to as Tepper's "exploration of the physical and conceptual idea of the coffee cup." Tepper is currently a professor in the Fine Arts and Industrial Design departments at the Pratt Institute in New York. He earned a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute in 1969 and an MFA from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1971. In addition to his more than 30 years working in and teaching ceramics, Tepper has also explored several other media. Included in the exhibition are works drawn from several public and private collections and that include ceramic and bronze cups, drawings and photographs of cups and stories about cups. Tepper's recent solo exhibitions include shows at the Judy Ann Goldman Fine Art in Boston, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Washington, DC, and the Art Car Museum in Houston. He has participated in numerous group exhibitions at the Franklin Parrasch Gallery in New York City, the Renwick Gallery of The Smithsonian Institution, the Mint Museum of Craft+Design in Charlotte, NC, and the national traveling exhibition, Color and Fire: Defining Moments in Studio Ceramics, 1950-2000, organized by the Los Angeles Museum of Art. His work is found in the permanent collections of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Smithsonian, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Kunstmuseum in Bern, Switzerland, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Irvin Tepper: When Cups Speak/Life With the Cup: A 25-Year Survey was made possible by a grant from the Tepper Family Foundation with additional funds provided by the California State University Research Funds Award; Kenneth A. Cowin; Dan and Jeanne Fauci and Dotty and Arnold Tepper.