

AU ceramic professor, students to offer insight into art experiences in China

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Wayne Higby, professor of ceramic art at Alfred University (AU), along with two AU students, will present “Andrea and Alex in the Porcelain City” as part of Alfred University’s ongoing Bergren Forum series.

The lecture will take place on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. This event is free and open to the public.

Higby and the students will offer insights into the collaboration between the School of Design’s ceramic art program and the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing, China. They will also share their experiences in China’s legendary Porcelain City of Jingdezhen.

Higby is a world-renowned ceramicist and educator. His works are on permanent exhibition in museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Victoria and Albert Museum of London, and the Museum of Modern art in Tokyo.

As a professor and the Robert C. Turner Chair of Ceramic Art in the College of Ceramics, he has been recognized as a Kruson Distinguished Professor and is the recipient of the Master of the Media and Distinguished Educator awards from the James Renwick Alliance and the American Craft Museum.

He is an Honorary Professor of Art at Shanghai University and the Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute as well as a faculty member of the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing.

Currently, Higby serves as the vice president of the International Academy of Ceramics, based in Geneva, Switzerland. His work, “EarthCloud,” which adorns the walls of the Miller Performing Arts Center, is the largest hand-cut porcelain, architectural installation in the world.

The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.