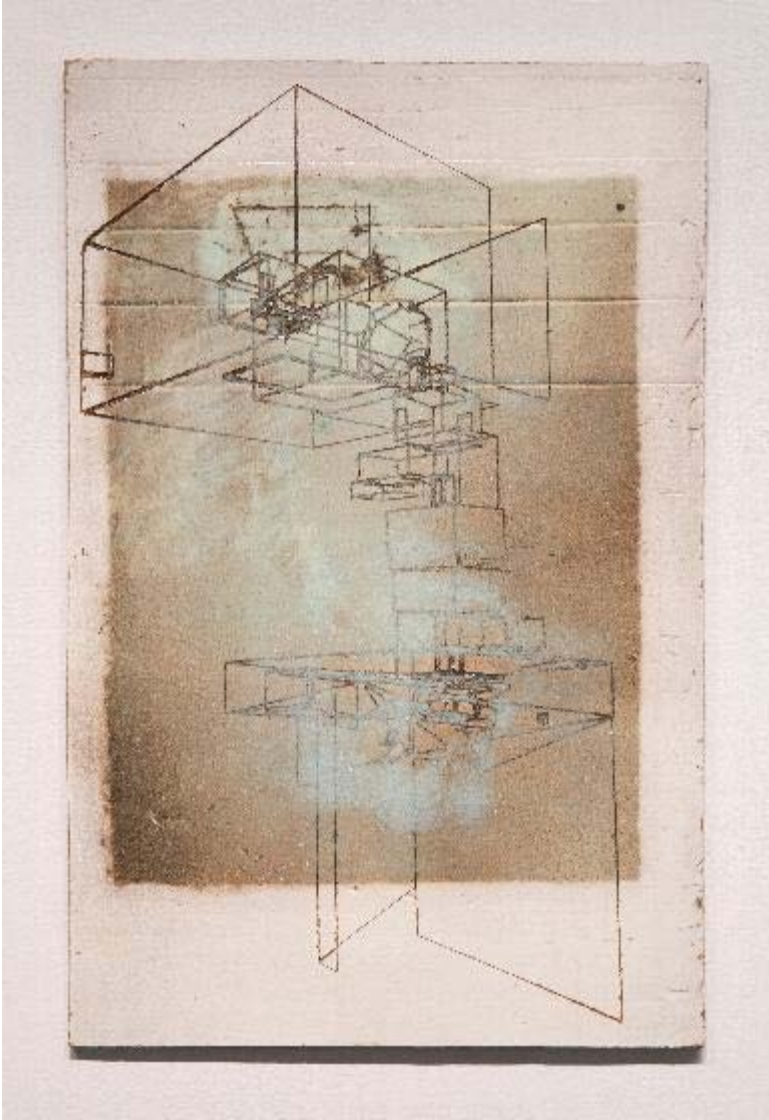


Alfred University professor presents artwork on Instagram live chat and gallery walkthrough
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ALFRED, NY—Artwork by Johnathan Hopp, assistant professor of design in Alfred University’s School of Art and Design, will be presented in a solo exhibition shown on Instagram Friday afternoon, Sept. 25.

The show, presented as a live chat and gallery walkthrough, will be hosted by the Eutectic Gallery in Portland, OR. It will begin at 5 p.m. and can be viewed at Eutectic’s Instagram page, @eutectic_gallery. The exhibition opened Sept. 11 and remains on view through Monday, Sept. 28.

The artist’s statement for the show is as follows:

“This series of work is an inquiry into layering printed Eutectic glazes and clays into the cast surface of an object. It was made using a process by which the production steps are reversed – first the surface is printed flat on a piece of large paper, then it is rolled up or folded and porcelain cast into it. The series is a product of curiosity about melting things together, taking separate materials and heating them until they become one material, layering substances with different visual and mechanical properties to see what they do to each other. Eutectic glazes melt late in the firing and relax the surface of the clay all of a sudden- pulling the form and causing it to warp.

“The work is partly systematic and intentional, and partly unrestrained: On the one hand - the excitement that comes

from the complexity of interactions between multiple layers of materials in the kiln. On the other, considered subtleties within a single layer of red clay that is printed thinly and intentionally on the surface, or the neat calculated marks of the underglaze pencil being dragged by the X/Y plotter. With the combination of methods and approaches the object becomes a site of collaboration between tools, materials, methods, formats and processes.”