

A large, stylized silhouette of a person in a colorful, patterned suit is overlaid on a background of a workshop. The silhouette is primarily blue and purple with orange and yellow accents. The background shows various workshop equipment.

**UM-Flint**  
**Annual Student Art Exhibition**

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**2015**

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Opening Reception &  
Student Award Presentation  
May 8, 2015



# 2015 Student Awards

## Overall Achievement in the Visual Arts:

**Award Description:** *The recipient of this award is an extraordinary student who not only is a master in one medium, but also demonstrates excellence in other media; or, a student who demonstrates excellence in a combination of art and art historical achievement. Recipients of this award have also exhibited a passion for the visual arts.*

**Recipient:** Mary Criss Kelly

Mary was the first brave soul amongst our students to tackle not just a dual major but a dual degree in our offerings. She is non-traditional student graduating with a BFA in Painting/Drawing, and a BA in Art History--the latter required that she learn French in less than 2 years, which she has done successfully. She is a 3-time presenter at the annual symposium, and regular exhibitor at the annual exhibition. Mary has also put her two children through undergraduate degrees at UM-Flint, and is the primary caregiver for her husband, who is disabled. Mary's academic excellence is demonstrated by her 3.75 GPA. She is a practicing artist (painting/drawing) and plans to attend graduate school.

## Outstanding Civic Engagement:

**Award Description:** *The recipient of this award balances academic performance with significant contributions to local or regional communities. Helping non-profit organizations, collaborating with charities, might be examples of this kind of achievement.*

**Recipient:** Pandora Wallace (Visual Communication/Photography)

Pandora is a veteran and photographic artist who uses her background in military service in conjunction with her expertise in photography to benefit others. She was a key participant in the UM-Flint partnership with Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer, where she co-led a workshop for artists in the male population of the prison over the course of a semester. She then helped to mount an exhibition of works by artists who were featured in the UCEN gallery. Pandora also donates her time as a photographer to help families with loved ones in palliative care and in other service areas. She is a valuable member of the greater Flint community and truly makes a difference in everything that she takes on.

**Recipient:** Nick Looney (Visual Communication/Graphic Design)

Nick is a focused designer with a desire to create impactful design. For the past two years Nick has been an integral contributor to UM-Flint's community-based design course, Design Studio. Nick took his work very seriously: committing time outside of class to volunteer at food distributions, community events, and developing design thinking workshops, all while creating highly informed design work. In 2014 he was awarded a Diplomat Social Impact Fellowship, where he developed a "Tiny House" initiative which would provide an effective building skill-set and job opportunities for homeless individuals in Flint. Nick has proven himself as a leader--but not one that leads blindly -- he is informed by empathy and pragmatism, and a desire to design with, not for.

## Awards in Artistic Disciplines:

**Award Description:** *Visual arts achievement awards celebrate students of high academic achievement who have demonstrated creative/academic excellence in an award category. These artists are exemplary in their field.*

### Excellence in Sculpture or Ceramics

**Recipient:** Symantha Foreman

Symantha has demonstrated great fearlessness and dedication in pursuing her creative ideas in ceramics, especially with regards to her bold experimentation with fiber and ceramics. Symantha is exemplary in leading new creative ideas in her field.

### Excellence in Painting/Drawing/Printmaking

**Recipient:** Robert Downer

Robert is one of the most generous students in the art programs. He supports his fellow artists, while achieving extraordinary artistry in almost any medium that he attempts. As a painter Robert is accomplished, fastidious, and dedicated.

### Excellence in Design

**Recipient:** Brittany Norcross

Brittany has excelled as a scholar and artist during while at UM-Flint. Brittany has taken some great risks as a designer over the last year, all while developing her skill and craft. Her work is thoughtful, challenging and unique; her voice singular as an artist and designer.

### Excellence in Photography

**Recipient:** Kassie McGlashen

Kassie McGlashen exhibits several qualities that place her at the top in photography. She is fearless in attempting challenges and venturing into new modes of expression. And while she is always prepared, it is her energy and attitude within critiques that set her apart. She freely shares her ideas and gives substantial and detailed suggestions to others, assuming a position of leadership in the process.

## Awards in Fields of Study:

**Award Description:** *Recipients of the awards in art history and art education are leaders in their fields both academically and in terms of overall achievement in the discipline. Such students demonstrate a love of learning for the discipline, and a talent for its study.*

### Excellence in Art History:

**Recipient:** Amanda Kimberly

Amanda has been a frequent presenter in the annual Art & Art History Student Symposium, and is a student who pursues perfection in her studies. Amanda has a strong work ethic and an inquisitive approach to her studies. She demonstrates the epitome of a quest for knowledge and plans to pursue art history at the graduate level.

### Excellence in Art Education

**Recipient:** Janice McCoy

Janice McCoy is a most outstanding Art Education student. She is an honor student, an excellent painter, and she volunteers to help fellow students on passing the math portion of their certification test; she is also popular and friendly with all students. In her Art Education courses she produced outstanding lesson plans and taught those lessons extremely well.

# 2015 Juried Awards

## Best in Show

**Recipient:** Kat Sheldon  
**Title:** Rainy Day  
**Medium:** Oil

## Exceptional Merit

**Recipient:** Jacob Newsom  
**Title:** Cork Wars  
**Medium:** Stop Motion Animation

## Artist's Voice

**Recipient:** Nicholas Looney

## Best Art History Recreation

**Recipient:** Kassie McGlashen  
**Title:** Max Beckmann's Colors  
**Medium:** Painting / Mixed Media

## Patty Morello Memorial Award

**Recipient:** Janice McCoy

## Dean's Choice

**Recipient:** Emily Leglieitner  
**Title:** Where We Learn  
**Medium:** Woodblock Print

## Provost's Choice

**Recipient:** Symantha Foreman  
**Title:** N vs. M  
**Medium:** Embossed Paper

## Chancellor's Choice

**Recipient:** Emily Leglieitner  
**Title:** Resurrection Birds  
**Medium:** Woodblock Print

## Alumni Award

**Recipient:** Shekinah Tapplin  
**Title:** Ancestral Memory (Recreation)  
**Medium:** Oil

## The Arts in Legislature Award

**Recipient:** Daniel Brent  
**Title:** Draped Fabric Study  
**Medium:** Pastel

## Guest Juror: Corrie Baldauf

Corrie Baldauf received her Master of Fine Arts degree at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan and her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Kansas City Art Institute in Missouri. Her work has been exhibited internationally and is included in major collections such as Daimler Financial Services, Farmington Hills, Michigan; Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas; and Sprint Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas. Her art practice is based out of a shared studio space at Russell Industrial Center in Detroit, Michigan. She is Assistant Professor of Art Eastern Michigan University.

### Presenters of the UM-Flint Art & Art History Annual Student Symposium

**Award Description:** *These individuals are receiving recognition for their successful presentation at this years symposium. Each presented undergraduate or graduate research of the highest caliber to the Flint community at the Flint Institute of Arts.*

Amanda Kimberly  
Emily Legleitner  
Xuanrong Lu  
April Middleton

### Exhibition Poster Award

**Recipient:** Emily Legleitner

### Certificates of Appreciation for Community Partners:

Buckham Art Gallery  
Flint Institute of Arts  
Flint Public Art Project  
Greg Fiedler, President of the Greater Flint Arts Council  
Megan McAdow of the Applewood Estate  
Mary Black, Jacob Blumner, and Mona Younis at UM-Flint University Outreach  
Neighborhood Engagement Hub &  
Friends of Max Brandon Park  
Ryan Kelsey of Davison Community Schools  
Thumb Correctional Facility Program  
Director Wendy Conner

## UM-Flint Annual Student Art Exhibition May 8 – June 5

GFAC Gallery  
816 S. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI

### Faculty Exhibition Organizers

Janet Lorch, Lecturer IV  
Benjamin Gaydos, Assistant Professor

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