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Central Michigan University
University Art Gallery Schedule 2026-2027

Hours: Monday – Friday 11–6, Saturday 11–3

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Department of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition 2026

Members of the Department of Art & Design faculty & staff exhibit their current work. The exhibition features art by Rose Brauner, Israel Davis, Brian Elder, Mustafa Ozcicek, Kris Sanford and Barstow Artist in Residence - Martin Venezky in painting, photography, drawing, graphic design, animation, sculpture and ceramics.

Sept 11 - October 10, 2026

Opening reception Thursday, September 10, 4-6 pm

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More Than You Needed to Know
Works by David Stairs

This is a 50-year retrospective with documentation of work by David Stairs, professor of graphic design at Central Michigan University. He is active in the area of social design and has published and been anthologized numerous times including in *Design Issues* and on the *Design Observer* website. In 2000 he received a two-year Fulbright to lecture and do research at the Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. In 2002 Stairs founded *Designers Without Borders* in conjunction with his work in Africa. In 2006 he founded the *Design-Altruism-Project* weblog. In 2012 he received his second Fulbright research award, this time to India. He directed and produced the design documentary *Digging the Suez Canal with a Teaspoon*, 2019. Stairs is an internationally renowned book artist, with work in collections around the world including MOMA New York, MOCA Chicago, the Tate, and the Smithsonian. He has been represented by Printed Matter in New York since 1980. His book *Okuwangaala: The Resilience of vernacular in Everyday African Design* was published in September 2025.

Main Gallery
October 23– November 21, 2026

Reception October 24, 2026, 2-4 pm

Artist talk Nov 5, 5:00 pm at Opperman Auditorium, Park Library

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One Old White Guy: works by James MaloneBeach

James MaloneBeach creates medals of honor for personal and public feats. Military decorations and reliquaries inspire his work. His medals may include fabricated metal frames, found objects, personal artifacts and relics, animal body parts, ribbons, and photos. His works honor heroism of ordinary lives as well as satirizes politicians, political situations and the foibles of daily life.

MaloneBeach has exhibited locally, nationally and internationally, often at the Art Medal World Congress (FIDEM). He has an MA from the University of Iowa in metalworking and did his undergraduate work at Bemidji State in Minnesota. His works are in the collections at The Swedish Cabinet of Coins and Medals, The National Museum of the Netherlands, The Newark Museum and The British Museum. James MaloneBeach lives and works in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

West Gallery

October 23– November 21, 2026

Artist Talk October 27, 5:00 pm at Wightman 142 with an artist reception at 6:15 at the Gallery.

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***Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Applied Arts in Studio Art,
Fall 2026 Exhibition***

This art exhibition showcases the work by CMU Department of Art & Design studio art candidates for the BFA & BAA degree. The BFA candidates are Rachel House, Hunter Moreland, Mia Petoskey, Sawyer Phillips, Michael Ritchings and the BAA candidate is Kathryn Thill. The exhibition fulfills part of the requirements for their degree and capstone class taught by Anne Gochenour, Director of the University Art Gallery.

December 5 – December 19, 2025

Reception Dec. 5 at 2-4

Artists' Talks at 1 pm

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Works by Martin Venezky, 2026 Barstow Artist-in-Residence

Barstow Artist-in-Residence, Martin Venezky is an artist, photographer, and designer exploring relationships between objects, form, drawing and the image. His work shifts scale from intimate gatherings of discarded objects to expansive wall-sized installations.

December 5 – December 19, 2026
Reception Dec. 5 at 2-4

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2027 Department of Art & Design Alumni Exhibition

Main Gallery and West Gallery

Juried exhibition of work by Alumni of the Department of Art & Design.

January 16– February 13, 2027
Reception January 16, 2-4 pm

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2027 Annual Juried CMU Student Art Exhibition

Juried by an outside artist/art professional, this exhibition is open to all students at Central Michigan University. Works in painting, ceramics, animation, sculpture, printmaking, fibers and photography by CMU student artists are featured in the exhibition.

Entries due Feb 16 and 17 at the University Art Gallery
from 11 am to 6 pm.

Juror's Artist Talk Feb 18, 5 pm in Wightman 142

Feb 27 – March 5 and March 15 – March 27, 2027
Reception and award ceremony Feb 27, 2-4.

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Graphic Design 2027 Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition

This exhibition is done as part of a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and the capstone class taught by Clark Most. The exhibition features collaborative installation work by candidates for the BFA in Graphic Design

April 3 – April 17, 2027
Reception April 3, 2-4 pm

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***Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Applied Arts in Studio Art,
Spring 2027 Exhibition***

This art exhibition showcases the work by CMU Department of Art & Design candidates for the BFA in Studio Art: Nishat Ahmed, Jayden Eades, Natalie Klinger, Alyssa Moore and candidates for the BAA: Ava Arnold, Andrew Bootz, and Emily Faber. The exhibition fulfills part of the requirements for their degree and capstone class taught by Anne Gochenour, Director of University Art Gallery.

April 24 – May 8, 2027

reception April 24 from 2:00-4, artists' talks at 1:00 pm