Weber State University Visual Arts Faculty Member, Adam Bateman Awarded Prestigious Joan Mitchell Foundation Fellowship

Bateman first artist in state of Utah to be recognized by Mitchell Foundation for his contemporary art and creative achievements

Ogden, Utah – Feb. 3, 2014 – Weber State University’s Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities (http://weber.edu/cah), today announced Adam Bateman, a visual arts faculty member, has been awarded a John Mitchell Foundation Fellowship. Bateman is the first artist in Utah to receive this distinction. The Joan Mitchell Foundation supports the aspirations and development of diverse contemporary artists.

“Our esteemed visual arts faculty continues to receive recognition on a national scale,” said Madame Miner, Dean of the Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities. “Adam has played a pivotal role in advancing artistic expression in the state of Utah and we join in supporting the Joan Mitchell Foundation in continuing to broaden the recognition of artists and their essential contributions to students, communities and society.”

The Joan Mitchell Foundation was established in 1993 to fulfill the ambitions of Joan Mitchell, a world-renowned painter, to aid and assist contemporary artists and to demonstrate that painting and sculpture are significant cultural necessities. Nominators from across the country recommend artists who they feel deserve recognition for their creative achievements and whose practice would significantly benefit from the grant. The candidates’ images are viewed for consideration through an anonymous process by a jury panel at the New York Foundation for the Arts. Nominators and jurors include prominent visual artists, curators, and art educators.

“I am truly honored to receive this distinction from a committee of my peers,” said Adam Bateman, faculty member in the Department of Visual Arts at Weber State University. “Art is vital and an essential means to learning critical thinking skills. Viewing, engaging and learning about art are essential to all members of society and results in a diverse community focused on collaboration and understanding. I look forward to continuing to foster this learning with my students and peers at Weber State University.”

As part of his fellowship, Bateman will continue to explore the cultural relationship with the landscape, especially as it relates to the art historical tradition. To learn more about the Department of Visual Arts at Weber State University, please visit: (http://weber-edu-dova.org/dova/).

About the Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities
The Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities teaches students to excel as they seek, understand, question and express complexities critical to the experience of being human. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities offers five degree programs in the following areas: Communication, English, Foreign Language, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. Master’s degrees also are offered in Communication and English. The college serves nearly 2,000 undergraduate majors and 200 graduate students. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities is the Western region’s foremost institution for student-centered teaching and research that investigates the human experience and aims to educate global citizens who are
responsible, creative and critical artists, performers and communicators. For more information please visit (www.weber.edu/cah) or online at (www.facebook.com/WSUartsandhumanities).

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