

Contemporary art adds vibrancy to SIUE: Sculpture Walk set for Oct. 6

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EDWARDSVILLE - The 17th annual Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Sculpture on Campus program will delight once again with 10 new wonderful works of sculpture being featured on campus. The three-day event, hosted by the SIUE Department of Art and Design, will be held Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 4-6.

The event kicks off with a public lecture by juror and Cleveland-based artist [David Deming, MFA](#), at noon Wednesday, Oct 4. On Friday, Oct. 6, the public is invited to view the installations during the Sculpture Walk beginning at 4 p.m. in front of Art and Design East.

Student winners will be awarded prizes during a 6 p.m. ceremony in the Art and Design West Building's Lecture Hall, room 1104. An exhibition featuring Deming's work will be held from 7-9 p.m. with an opening reception in the Art and Design West Building Art Gallery, room 1120.

The internationally known artist will work with 11 art students who spent the last four months designing, building and installing their outdoor sculptures throughout SIUE's campus. Participating student artists include Chelsea Belcher, Sarah Bohn, Benjamin Carey, Jessee Crane, Brad Eilering, Dara Garcia, Samantha Hunerlach, Jessica Hunt, Alex Jacobs, Joseph Ovalle and Sarah Walters.





“The program offers SIUE visitors a changing display of innovative and creative contemporary art to spur intellectual discussion and encourage wider art appreciation,” said Thad Duhigg, professor in the SIUE Department of Art and Design. “The participating students have worked rigorously to design and fabricate the impressive large-scale works, built to weather the elements.”

“This program has been transformative,” said graduate student and participating artist Sarah Bohn. “Large-scale works are incredibly challenging, but they are just as rewarding. Through this experience my work has evolved to become more specific and direct. Most importantly, it is through this program that I have learned what I am capable of.”

The original sculpture designs will remain on display on the SIUE campus for one year.

Central to SIUE’s exceptional and comprehensive education, the [College of Arts and Sciences](#) has 19 departments and 85 areas of study. More than 300 full-time faculty /instructors deliver classes to more than 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Faculty help students explore diverse ideas and experiences, while learning to think and live as fulfilled, productive members of the global community. Study abroad, service-learning, internships, and other experiential learning opportunities better prepare SIUE students not only to succeed in our region's workplaces, but also to become valuable leaders who make important contributions to our communities.