

## UCSD Art Gallery Showcases 15 Graduating Master's Artists

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True to the ethos of the University of California, San Diego Visual Arts Department from which they're graduating, 15 Master of Fine Arts students interweave new technologies and traditional arts practices in diverse and distinctive ways in "The Elephant vs. the Termite." On view at the University Art Gallery April 7 through 27, the exhibition includes drawing, painting, sculpture, installation, video and digital media.

An opening reception for "The Elephant vs. the Termite," beginning with a walkthrough and introduction of the artists, will be held April 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dedicated to film critic and painter Manny Farber, the show is titled in honor of Farber's influential essay on commercial cinema wherein he champions B-film and underappreciated directors for their termite-like ability to burrow into a topic (as compared to their bloated, pretentious and "white-elephant art" counterparts). Farber, b. 1917, has been a significant contributor to American cultural discourse for more than 50 years. Currently professor emeritus, he was an active faculty member in the UCSD Visual Arts Department from 1970 to 1987.

Featured artists are Alan Calpe, Shashana Jaffee Chittle, Joelle Dietrick, Andrew Estep, Timothy Jaeger, Zerek Kempf, Justin Michell, Jorge Nava, Michael Podolak, Edward Porter, Stephen Remington, Annina Rust, Davina Semo, Shannon Spanhake and Joe Winter.

The exhibition is curated by UCSD alumna Rita Gonzales, assistant curator in the Center of Art of the Americas at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Kathleen Stoughton, director of the University Art Gallery; and UCSD visual arts professors Louis Hock and Ernest Silva.

The University Art Gallery is on the west end of Mandeville Center at UCSD. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment for groups of ten or more. Admission is free and open to the public. Information at (858) 534-2107 or [uag@ucsd.edu](mailto:uag@ucsd.edu).

More about the gallery: <http://www.universityartgallery.ucsd.edu>. More about the UCSD Visual Arts Department: <http://visualarts.ucsd.edu/>.

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