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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The work of artists Brian Gillis and Spencer Sauter will be displayed May 7- May 29 in Illinois Wesleyan's Merwin & Wakeley galleries (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington).

The exhibits are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 12-4 p.m.; Tuesday evening, 7-9 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

On Friday, May 9, there will be an opening reception talk with the artists from 4-6 p.m. in the galleries.

In the Merwin Gallery will be *Communication* by Gillis, an assistant professor of art at the University of Illinois at Springfield. He received his bachelor of arts in art education and a bachelor of arts in studio art from Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. and a master's in fine art from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y. Gillis uses story telling in his artwork and juxtaposes objects and images to create stories that are socially and historically relevant. According to the artist, his intent is to make the audience actively find the stories through investigation of his art.

In the Wakeley Gallery will be Sauter's show, *Private Thoughts for Public Scrutiny*. Sauter completed his undergraduate work at Illinois Wesleyan University with degrees in English and art and received his master's in art from Illinois State University. He has worked as a truck driver, cook, bookseller, graphic and Web designer, teacher and freelance writer. Sauter has also written for the *Pantagraph* and the Office of University Communications at Illinois Wesleyan. In his artwork, Sauter juxtaposes the human figure with landscapes in hopes of suggesting narrative and socio-political possibilities.

For additional information, contact Carmen Lozar, director of the Merwin & Wakeley galleries, at (309) 556-3391.

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