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University at Albany Grad Student One of Five National Fellowship Winners *Julie Casper Roth wins \$5,000 Fellowship in Visual Arts from the College Arts Association*

December 23, 2011 (Albany, NY)—Julie Casper Roth, an MFA student in art at the University at Albany, has been selected to receive a Professional Development Fellowship in the Visual Arts from the College Arts Association, the nation's leading arts organization for higher education. Roth is one of only five graduate students in the country selected for the prestigious honor, which includes a grant of \$5,000.

The Professional Development Fellowship in Visual Arts is a highly-competitive grant awarded to studio arts graduate students in their final year of study. Awardees are selected on the basis of work samples, recommendations, and a proposal for their graduate thesis show. The award is meant to further the artistic and professional work of the awardees.

Roth is an award-winning video artist whose work focuses on experimental explorations of identity and perception. Her videos often feature viewpoints that are ignored or dismissed in mainstream representations. Roth's graduate thesis exhibit will consider the influence of Mormonism on gender and sexual identity. Among other projects, Roth is working on a video project about the evolutionary function of autism.

In addition to attending the University at Albany's Art program, Roth is an adjunct faculty member in the University's Documentary Studies program. Prior to this, Roth worked professionally as a broadcast producer and video artist. Her video work has been exhibited nationally and internationally at film festivals and in galleries, where she has won several awards. Roth is also a recipient of the 2008 Fellowship in Video from the New York Foundation for the Arts. More details about Roth's work and awards can be found at her Web site: <http://www.juliecasperroth.com>

Roth resides in Delmar, New York. She is originally from Northern Wisconsin and received her Bachelor's Degree with honors from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

The College Art Association (CAA) is a nationally recognized organization dedicated to advancing the visual arts and supporting its practitioners. For more info on the CAA Fellowships, visit: <http://www.collegeart.org/fellowships/>. The CAA hosts an annual visual arts conference each year attended by artists and college faculty members from around the world. The 2012 centennial year conference will be held in Los Angeles from February 22nd through the 25th. Roth and the four other fellowship winners will be recognized at the conference's convocation on February 22nd. For more info on the conference, visit: <http://conference.collegeart.org/2012>.

For more information about Roth or her award, contact Roth at julie.casper.roth@gmail.com or 518-763-5571 or Danny Goodwin, chair of the University at Albany art department, at dgoodwin@albany.edu or 518-442-2570.

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