Title: ACE: Art on Sports, Promise, and Selfhood | Artist Residencies at the University Art Museum

Responsible Unit: The University Art Museum

The University Art Museum will host a series of two-day artist residencies and public programs related to the exhibition *ACE: art on sports, promise, and selfhood* on view June 28 through December 7, 2019. StAR funding will support artists’ on-site engagements with UAlbany students and faculty across the disciplines through lectures, cross-departmental panels, student workshops, class visits, film screenings, exhibition tours, and studio visits. All events will be free and open to the public.

*ACE: art on sports, promise, and selfhood* features over a dozen artists who use sports and athletic culture to explore how youth, gender, race, and identity are intertwined with athleticism. *ACE* focuses on topics of specific relevance to the university campus, with an emphasis on the social and cultural impact of competitive sports on young athletes. Widely ranging in identity and beliefs, the artists in *ACE* comprise a demographic that reflects the diverse make up of our student and academic bodies. The exhibition is multigenerational and includes established and young practitioners.

The Museums has selected three artists from *ACE* to participate in a series of two-day residencies during the Fall 2019 semester. The artists are **Radamés "Juni" Figueroa** (b. 1982, Bayamon, Puerto Rico), **Baseera Khan** (b. 1981, Denton, Texas), and **Sondra Perry** (b. 1986, Perth Amboy, New Jersey). These artists will be invited to campus separately to engage students and faculty as well as the public in informal conversations, workshops, and performances.

The Museum is committed to bringing artists to campus that reflect UAlbany’s culturally diverse student demographic. This funding provides our student population with an opportunity to engage directly with younger artists who are addressing relevant issues that impact contemporary culture. We believe that this StAR Proposal will foster a distinctive experience for students from across the disciplines, one that will inspire, challenge, and enliven the campus in new and unexpected ways.