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ELEVATE CIVIL LIBERTIES

Student Workshop: Black Bodies, White Artists

MCSII's mission is to provide leadership on issues pertaining to civil liberty and related institutions and innovations through scholarly inquiry, educational activities and community outreach. To promote this mission, MCSII will host faculty facilitated workshops in which students engage with timely and important topics.

Date and time: Monday, February 27, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm
Room: Micheels 290
Facilitator: Dr. Cynthia Bland, Art and Art History

Do white artists misappropriate Black culture when they address racial injustice from a culturally dominant perspective? "Black Bodies, White Artists" will feature works of art that have generated a lot of controversy in recent years. Should artists be able to represent any topic they want, no matter their race or identity? Or is there a danger in depicting the Black experience from an outsider's perspective? A variety of perspectives and opinions will be discussed in the workshop.

NOTE: Some of the art discussed will include graphic or violent imagery. Prior to the workshop, registered students will receive a document with links to readings and artwork to review to prepare for the workshop.

Deadline to apply is February 20, but only 16 students will be accepted, so don't wait to apply! Students who complete the workshop will receive a \$100 stipend. Please provide your student ID number when applying.

This is a non-credit bearing educational enrichment experience.

Dr. Cynthia Bland has been teaching art history at Stout for eighteen years. One of her favorite courses to teach is Art and Controversy because she is passionate about First Amendment issues and conversations surrounding Freedom of Expression.

Approximate timeline:

6:00	Welcome and Introductions
6:05	Black Bodies, Black Artists (historical overview)
6:25	Case Studies and Visual Analyses
7:00	Short 5-minute break
7:05	Case Studies and Visual Analyses continued
7:55	Closing remarks and evaluations
8:00	Dismiss

To apply, email Cynthia Bland, MCSII Director, at blandc@uwstout.edu. Your application should include a brief (no more than 250 words) statement of interest in the workshop and your student id number (needed to process the \$100 payment). If accepted, a W9 will need to be filled out. If you are an international student, you must check with the Stout International Office to make sure you are eligible to be paid.