The Northern Illinois University Art Museum presents a public artist talk by New York artist Sean Fader. *Trade pics? Photography as interpersonal space*, will be presented on **Tuesday, October 14, 5:00-6:30pm at Altgeld Hall 315**.

Sean Fader explores self and other by literally trying on another person’s body and demeanor. In his *I Want to Put You On* photo series, he keenly, yet cheekily, examines how to be another resulting in work that is humorous, shocking, and compelling. Through his clowning performance and Photoshop, we gain perspective on gender and identity. In his artistic practice, Fader engages collaboratively with another human being to examine one’s own image of self, one’s projected image, and whether that correlates with how another sees one. Together the artist and subject sometimes create a whole new composite being that better expresses the subject’s sense of self.

Selections from Sean Fader’s *I Want to Put You On* series are currently on display at the NIU Art Museum in the *Manly Men, Girly Girls, and Everybody in Between* exhibition which runs through Saturday, November 15. The exhibition includes ten contemporary artists whose work explores aspects of the gender identity continuum. While serving as a visiting artist at NIU, Fader will be critiquing art students’ work and meeting with students at the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center.

Sean Fader works in photography, video, performance and lived practice. In 2008 he received his MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, in Chicago Illinois and in 2006 he completed his MA at Maryland Institute College of Art, in Baltimore Maryland. While in Baltimore, Sean received the Murthy Digital Arts Award. Sean has gone on to receive a number of honors including the 2012 Magenta Foundation Flash Forward Award, he received A Blade of Grass Fellowship in 2013, and was awarded the New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship in Photography Award in 2012.

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The NIU Art Museum is located on the first floor, west end of Altgeld Hall, “the castle”, at the north-west corner of College and Castle Drives on the NIU campus in DeKalb. The galleries are open to the public Tuesday-Friday 10a.m.-5p.m., Saturday 12 noon – 4p.m., and by appointment for large groups and guided tours. Exhibitions are always free; donations are appreciated. Pay parking is available in the Visitor’s Lot on Carroll Avenue and at metered spots in front of Altgeld Hall. Free parking is available on Saturdays and during receptions and visiting artist lectures in Lot 3 at the northeast corner of Gilbert and College Drives.

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