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Northern Illinois University Art Museum presents: *Dimensional Figures and Environments: Artists Engaging Technology*, August 25 – October 10, 2009, as part of our fall Art and Technology suite. This exhibition features three artists, who conceive spaces and figures mediated through computer software tools as part of their creative vocabulary. Both Gerald Guthrie and Elona Van Gent use 3D modeling software to develop sculpture, digital prints, and animated works. Gloria DeFilipps Brush creates photographs from built models that are transformed using computer technology.

These artists use technological art tools as partners in their image making processes and forge new creative territory. New media such as digital printmaking and photography, rapid prototyping, and animation are represented in the range of works included in the exhibition. All of these artists have a unique vision but are connected by their use of technology to create dimensional worlds that are at times familiar, disorienting, and foreboding. Conversely, these artists also bring a sense of warmth and the human condition to their technologically driven work.

All three artists share their love of art by teaching at Universities: Gloria DeFilipps Brush is Professor of Photography, Department of Art & Design, University of Minnesota Duluth, Gerald Guthrie is Associate Professor, School of Art and Design, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Elona Van Gent is Associate Professor, School of Art and Design, University of Michigan.

Dimensional Figures and Environments: Artists Engaging Technology was curated by Jessica Gondek, Associate Professor, Loyola University. Jessica's work is also featured in a solo exhibition *Imperfect Models: Jessica Gondek, Paintings and Prints*, running concurrently as part of our Art and Technology Suite.

The opening reception for our **Art and Technology Suite** will be Thursday September 10th from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Gerald Guthrie will present an artist talk at 6:00 p.m. in room 315, Altgeld Hall, along with Jessica Gondek and Karen Hanmer. Elona Van Gent will present an Artist Talk on Wednesday September 16th at 5:00 p.m. in Jack Arends Hall/Visual Arts Building room 111. Jessica Gondek will present a Curator's talk on Thursday September 24th, at 5:00 p.m. in the gallery.

The NIU Art Museum is located on the first floor, west end of Altgeld Hall, the "castle," at the northwest corner of College and Castle Drives on the NIU campus in DeKalb. The galleries are open to the public Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 12 noon – 4 p.m., and by appointment for group tours. Exhibitions are 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 the lot northeast of Gilbert and College Drives. The exhibitions of the NIU Art Museum are funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, the Friends of the NIU Art Museum, and the Arts Fund 21. For more information, please visit our website: www.niu.edu/artmuseum or call 815.753.1936. Photographs can be e-mailed upon request.

