

Here is the first newsletter for Fall 2011. Information on art exhibitions, published books or talks given at conferences are welcome... please forward the information to Marlene at [mjones5@uwo.ca](mailto:mjones5@uwo.ca) to be included in the next newsletter

Art in the Public Sphere – Speakers' Series presents **Sabine Bitter & Helmut Weber**, Visual Artists. Thursday, October 6 at 8:00 PM in VAC room 100. *All welcome to attend.*

**Matt Smith** has an exhibition review in the Fall issue of *C Magazine* called "Adel Abdessemed: The Future of Decor".

*Nuit Blanche October 1, 2011 – 6:59 pm to sunrise* in Toronto:

**Kelly Jazvac** has a featured project "Nest" in *LEITMOTIF: Experiments in Public Space*. In the neighbourhood of Parkdale Village, 20 enigmatic rental trucks will appear - each one transformed by a *LEITMOTIF* artist. The trucks become sculptural objects interpreted as performance stages and installation platforms or completely transformed by audio and video experiences.

**Sean Smith** has a performance project that will be running all night at the Distillery District (Zone B) titled "ICQ (Inverted Cubofuturist Query)". Curated by Thom Sokoloski as part of the "The Futuristic Institute of Collective Happenings", this massive collection will showcase works that in some way engage or critique themes of Futurist art and thought.

## Upcoming Events

Travel/Research deadline  
Monday, October 3

OGS deadline -  
Tuesday, October 11

SSHRC deadline -  
Monday, October 17

Barroco-Nova Exhibition  
Gala Opening October 14  
[www.barroconova.ca/](http://www.barroconova.ca/)

Following are some of the events that happened over the summer. Apologies for any that have been missed.

### Graduate Student Completions

There were twelve successful thesis and dissertation defenses in the Department of Visual Arts during the spring and summer. Our graduating MA candidates are: Emma Arenson, Carrie Kitzul, Geddesa Mahabir, Ahlia Moussa, and Hillary Walker-Gugan. Our graduating MFA candidates are: Lea Bucknell, Gautam Garoo, Michelle McGeean, Matthew Teigen, and Robert Williams. Our graduating PhDs are: Corinna Ghaznavi and Andrés Villar. Congratulations to all!

**Dave Kemp's** short video *Watched* won grand prize in the *Mississauga Celebrate the Square* short film call (curated by Christof Migone and Sharon Switzer) and was on display during summer 2011 on the newly installed outdoor screens at Mississauga City Hall. Dave Kemp is a PhD candidate in Art and Visual Culture at Western.

**Sky Glabush** had an exhibition *Go Figure* at MKG127 in Toronto from August 6 to September 3, 2011

**Kelly Jazvac** featured in Louis B. James' Exhibition: *You can never go home anymore* from September 7 in New York, NY.

**Patrick Mahon** had an exhibition called *Chateau d'Eau* at Maison Patrimoniaire de Barthète, Boussan France from June 11 to September 30, 2011

**David Merritt** had an exhibition of new work at Jessica Bradley Art + Projects running from June 11 to July 16, 2011.

**Kirsty Robertson** has been awarded the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English's (ACCUTE's) Priestley Prize, which is awarded by ACCUTE for the best essay published in *English Studies in Canada* in a given year. The prize was awarded for "Threads of Hope: The Living Healing Quilt Project," which appeared in Volume 35 of *ESC* in a special issue on Aboriginal Redress."