

The Fay Pfaelzer Abrams Art Gallery in the Center for Collaborative Arts and Technology



UNM Fine Arts is entering an exciting new chapter with the opening of the Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology—a landmark space on Central Avenue designed to spark creativity, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

As part of this vision, we're creating a signature gallery experience that will elevate student and faculty work while connecting the arts to the heart of Albuquerque.



This new gallery will transform the visibility of UNM's Art Department, bringing it from a hidden corner of campus to a prominent location on Central Avenue. - Harris Smith, Dean of Fine Arts

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Gallery—facing Central Avenue and spanning 1,000 square feet—will be a vibrant space for students, faculty, and the Albuquerque community to experience and share art. To make this possible, we need your support for essential elements that will transform this space into a professional, welcoming venue. Your gift will ensure the gallery becomes a cornerstone for creativity and connection at UNM.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ART

offers a diverse range of programs designed to foster creativity and critical thinking. Students can pursue concentrations in Art & Ecology, Ceramics, Experimental Art + Technology, Painting & Drawing, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture, as well as degrees in Art History and Art Education. These programs emphasize interdisciplinary approaches, blending traditional techniques with contemporary practices and emerging technologies.

OUR IMPACT IS PROVEN

by a proud legacy of alumni and faculty who have achieved national and international recognition. Distinguished alumna Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, a celebrated artist and cultural advocate, became the first Native American to have a solo exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art. Faculty members like Raychael Stine and Clarence Cruz continue to make headlines—Stine's vibrant paintings have been featured in major galleries, while Cruz preserves and advances Native pottery traditions. Current MFA students and alumni are regularly showcased in publications like *Southwest Contemporary*, affirming UNM's role as a hub for artistic innovation and cultural dialogue.

Equipment & Infrastructure

Fabrication & Preparation Tools – Equipment for the preparator and team, enabling pedestal construction and exhibition support. \$10,000

Projection & Audio Systems – Projectors, full audio system, and monitors for artist/exhibition use. \$10,000

Computing Resources – High powered computers dedicated to image processing. \$10,000

Printing & Cutting Technology – In-house Epson vinyl printer/cutter with accompanying software. \$5,000

Staffing & Program Support

Director – Embedded within the department, ensuring faculty engagement and direct connection to programming decisions.

Preparator – Dedicated position supported by multiple funded work-study students to manage installation and exhibition needs.

Gallery Assistants – Gallery assistants (potentially Graduate Assistant positions) to support the director, expanding capacity for robust public programming and events.

The gallery will serve as a hub for creativity and connection—a space where students showcase their own work while engaging with inspiring pieces from the broader contemporary art community across New Mexico, the nation, and beyond. It has the potential to be a place of discovery, dialogue, and artistic exchange that enriches our campus and city.

- Lee Montgomery,



BUILDING ON A LEGACY OF ART IN ALBUQUERQUE

For decades, Fay Pfaelzer Abrams has championed the arts in Albuquerque—through her leadership, philanthropy, and vision. As founder of Mariposa Gallery and president of the Capitol Arts Foundation, Fay helped shape the city’s cultural landscape, supporting artists and making art accessible to all.

Our new gallery at the Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology (CCAT) will honor this legacy by creating a space where students, faculty, and the public can experience art in meaningful ways.

For more information or to discuss how you can have an impact, please contact Shelly Smith at 505.453.2159 | shelly.smith@unmfund.org.