Professor Richard Jurus

Professor Emeritus 2019

Professor Jurus joined the Sinclair Community College Art Department as an adjunct faculty member in 1987 and was hired as a tenure-track faculty member the following year. During his 30+ year career as a member of the Art Department’s faculty. He also served as the Art Department’s Director of Photographic & Digital Studies. In this role, he designed and managed all of the college’s Photography curriculum and maintained professional-quality photographic facilities.

He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography with minors in Education & Ceramics from Youngstown State University, a Master of Arts degree in Photography with a minor in Printmaking from The Ohio State University, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography from The Ohio State University.

Professor Jurus founded the first Zone VI Photography Gallery in the lower level of Building 1 as a means to better educate students through exposure to a variety of photographic art work. Many prominent and established photographic artists exhibited their work in the first Zone VI Photography Gallery. After the Art Department relocated to Building 13, Professor Jurus re-established the Zone VI Photography Gallery on the third floor, as a showcase for outstanding examples of students’ photographic art work. This gallery space provides select students with the opportunity to formally exhibit their art work in solo exhibitions and build their exhibition records. Photography faculty integrate the study of these exhibitions as learning tools for their students.

Professor Jurus’s professional impact as an educator has been immense! During his long career, he has served as an exemplary mentor and role model for aspiring Photographic artists. The connection he maintains with his former students is not only impressive, but, more importantly, it reveals a great deal about his dedication to service as a mentor.

Through a highly competitive process, Professor Jurus was selected by a committee of his peers to be a recipient of the League for Innovation in the Community College’s John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award. This award recognizes the outstanding achievements and leadership of faculty teaching in the community college.

Professor Jurus’s impressive list of credentials as an academically trained Photographer, his prolific work as an artist, and his far-reaching impact as an educator reveal the profound nature of his exemplary accomplishments.