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## Premier Art Educator Jacqueline Terrassa to Present at SUMA

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: Jacqueline Terrassa, the Woman's Board Endowed Chair of Museum Education at the Art Institute of Chicago, will be at the Southern Utah Museum of Art on February 23, 7 p.m. as part of the SUU Art & Design Department's Art Insights series. Using her own path as an example, Terrassa will present on the ways an art educator may forge a path for their work in the world, the significance of art education and the driving values of the profession. Art Insights is free, and open to the general public.

Terrassa is a dedicated advocate for arts education with a history of successful leadership and public programming. After receiving her BFA from Washington University, St. Louis, and an MFA from the University of Chicago, she has served as Managing Museum Educator for Gallery and Studio Programs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Head of Planning at the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery at the Smithsonian; Associate Director of Public Programs at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; Education Director at the David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art, Chicago; and Education Director of the Hyde Park Art Center.

Her current position with the world-renowned Art Institute of Chicago allows her to work at a museum with one of the largest permanent collections in the United States with strong holdings across all media, traditions and ages. Approximately 35 special exhibitions are presented each year, along with displays of its collection, which draw about 1.8 million visitors annually. Terrassa's responsibilities at the museum are to lead the Department of Education and manage the museum's efforts to foster lasting relationships with the public and local, national and international committees.

Terrassa said, "I first came to art museums looking to learn how other artists made things, never imagining that I would find myself, years later, leading the educational vision of one of the most important art museums in the world."

In addition to discussing the importance of art education during her Art Insights presentation, Terrassa will also talk about the ways in which training in studio art influenced her as a leader and educator and her practice as an art museum educator in relation to the value that art museums bring to society.

Art Insights is hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art & Design faculty. Students and community members meet to experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights.

## About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, and Dance. The College also offers programs in Theatre Arts, graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music, as well as a Center for Shakespeare Studies. The