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Two Herron faculty members selected for national posts

Associate Professor of Foundation Studies William Potter and Associate Professor of Furniture Design Cory Robinson have been selected as vice presidents in their respective, national organizations.

The members of Foundations in Art: Theory and Education (FATE), a national organization dedicated to the promotion of excellence in introductory, college-level studio and art history courses, have selected Potter to serve on their Board of Officers.

Potter, who has been Herron’s faculty president since 2009, takes on the role of vice president for FATE’s next biennial conference, which will take place at Herron School of Art and Design in 2015.

“We are very excited to be hosting the 2015 Conference and to continue FATE’s positive momentum,” said Potter. “The most recent FATE Conference—‘postHaus’ in Savannah—set a high bar with 546 conference attendees and over 85 sessions.

“The reason that this organization continues to grow is that the issues and topics addressed are relevant and immediately applicable to teaching practices at the foundation level. As the title of the 2015 conference, ‘Tectonic Shifts,’ suggests, we will be examining how the forces of change are shaping the foundation landscape. We will be interested in hearing from foundation faculty and programs that are breaking new...
ground in teaching practices.”

Potter earned a B.F.A. degree in Painting and Sculpture from the Columbus College of Art and Design and an M.F.A. degree in Painting from the University of Cincinnati School of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning.

The Board of Trustees of the Furniture Society, an international, nonprofit, educational organization, has selected Robinson as vice president for the 2013-2014 term.

Founded in 1996, The Furniture Society’s mission is “to advance the art of furniture making by inspiring creativity, promoting excellence and fostering an understanding of this art and its place in society.” The Society sponsors a variety of programs that contribute to the education and enrichment of members and the public. The society says it “represents a broad cross-section of furniture makers, museum and gallery professionals, scholars, journalists and others involved

with the field of furniture in many different ways.”

Robinson, who is an alumnus of Herron (B.F.A. in Furniture Design, 1999), completed an M.F.A. at San Diego State University with an emphasis on furniture.

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