Vassar College Art Department
2019 Belle Ribicoff Distinguished Lecture

The Arc of History in Contemporary Haudenosaunee Art

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5:30 pm, 203 Taylor Hall

The talk considers the complex relationship between three contemporary Haudenosaunee artists and our people’s long history, both before and after the arrival of European settlers. Three different contemporary artists are considered: Shelley Niro (Mohawk), Alan Michelson (Mohawk), and Jolene Rickard (Tuscarora). Each of these artists draw on aspects of our collective history to inform their mixed media works. Their respective conversations with their own communities, settler viewers, and the distant past through the visual arts, are analyzed.