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Crafting Activism in an Age of Ambivalence

Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm,

Miami University Art Museum

Craig will speak on his approach to jewelry making in the 21st century and his attempts to renew its relevance to contemporary culture. By examining historical precedents and other contemporary activist and interactive works, Craig will situate his practice within a continuum of concern for social change and engagement. In 2008 Craig founded conceptualmetalsmithing.com, a blog that publishes progressive essays about theory and reform advocacy in metalsmithing and craft.

Performance: Pro Bono Jeweler

Thursday, April 22, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Shriver West Patio

The Pro Bono Jeweler is an ongoing performance series by metalsmith and craft activist Gabriel Craig, in which he takes his studio to the streets - making and giving away jewelry. In his guerilla jewelry performances Craig creates a dialogue with the audience engaging them in his studio practice. The performances offer an opportunity for the general public to understand how jewelry is made and – through discussion – help them to understand its current cultural relevance. By making in public Craig returns studio jewelry to a state of vernacular understanding. Sponsored by the Art Museum Student Organization, Art History and Architectural History Student Association, and Green Oxford.