

Dr. Gay Sweely
Assistant Professor, Art History
Department of Art & Design

Faculty Overview

Education:

- **University of Melbourne**, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Ph.D. Art History and Ph.D. Architectural History. Dissertation: *Parallel Practices: P.S. Richards and the Architectural Practices with Which He Was Associated in Australasia*.
- **University of Canterbury**, Christchurch, New Zealand. Ph.D. *Ad Eudem*, Certificate of Proficiency. Art History and Architectural History. Research: *The Architectural History of St. John's Anglican Church, Rangiora, South Island, New Zealand; An Architectural History of the Christchurch Synagogue, New Zealand;* and *The Architecture of the Former Ashley County, South Island, New Zealand*.
- **University of Utah**, Salt Lake City, Utah. M.A., *summa cum laude*, Art History, Thesis: *The Art of the Cahokia Mounds*.
- **Illinois Wesleyan University**, Bloomington, Illinois. B.A., *cum laude*. Triple Majors: Art History, English Literature and Writing, and Comparative Religions. Senior Honors Thesis: *Japanese Sumi Painting*.
- **The Junior School of the Art Institute of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois. Emphases: Drawing, Two-Dimensional Design, and Printmaking.

Selected Recent Awards and Grants:

- International Educator of the Year, Cambridge Bluebook, UK, 2004-06.
- Art Educator of the Year, Higher Education, Kentucky Art Education Association, 2005-06.
- *Personalities of the South, Outstanding and Distinguished*.
- *Who's Who of Women in America*, 2002-05.
- *Who's Who of Teachers in America*, 2005-06.
- *Who's Who in American Education*, 2006-07.
- *Distinguished Who's Who*, 2002-07.
- Taft Hall of Fame Award, Chicago, Illinois, 2005.
- EKV Mentor Excellence Awards, 2001 and 2003.
- Eastern Kentucky University Research Grant, 2002-03.
- Exhibitions: The Faculty Collects, Giles Gallery, Eastern Kentucky University, 2002, and The Faculty Exhibition, 2003.
- Madison County, "Best of the Best, 2003: People's Choice Awards," "Best School Teacher," Eastern Kentucky University, *Richmond Register*, 2003.
- P.L.U.S. Mentoring Program, Student Success Institute, 2000-present.
- Australian National Centenary of Federation Grant, 2000-01.
- Historic Places of Australia Grant, 1995-96.

Exhibitions:

- Exhibition, Giles Gallery, EKV, "The Art Faculty Collects," 2002.
- Exhibition, Giles Gallery, EKV, "Biennial Faculty Exhibition," 2003.

Publication:

- Co-Author and Technical Editor, *Becoming Australians: The Movement Towards Federation in Ballarat and the Nation*. University of Ballarat: Wakefield Press, South Australia, 2001.

Recent Conference Papers:

- Kentucky Art Education Association, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005.
- KHECC: Kentucky Higher Education Computing Conference. Breaking Down Barriers – Convergence 2005, paper presented at Northern Kentucky University, METS Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2005.
- The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1999.
- Parliament House, The Australian Capital Territory, Canberra, Australia, 1999.

Areas of Concentration:

- 19th-Century Art and Architecture
- American Art and Architecture
- Non-Western Art and Architecture

Current Research:

- P.S. Richards and Partners: An Australian Architectural Firm, 125 years in the Western District of Victoria, Australia.
- Convergences in Music and Art: A Holistic Approach to Undergraduate Appreciation.

Service to the University:

- Annual Kentucky Science Fair, EKU, Photography Judge, 2003 - present
- Media Resources Committee (3-year appointment).
- Distance Learning Academy, 2005–present
- EKU Search Committee member for the Assistant Director of Student Life, Summer 2005.
- Mentor Program, Student Success Institute, 2000–present
- EKU Mentor Advisory Committee
- UP Presentations Showcase Committee, Publications, 2003–present.
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Secretary, 2003–present.
- Guest Lecturer, Math Awareness Week, 2003 and 2004.
- Guest Lecturer, Humanities, 2004 and 2005, interactive television.
- EKU Wesley Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2004-present (3-year appointment).
- EKU Wesley Foundation, Faculty Advisor.
- EKU Wesley Foundation Building Committee, Secretary; and Publications Chair.
- Faculty Advisor, EKU Men's Rugby Team.
- General Education Committee, College of Arts and Sciences.

Departmental Service:

- Digital Resources Curator, Department of Art & Design

Hobbies:

- Writing, editing, and farming (sheep and a llama)