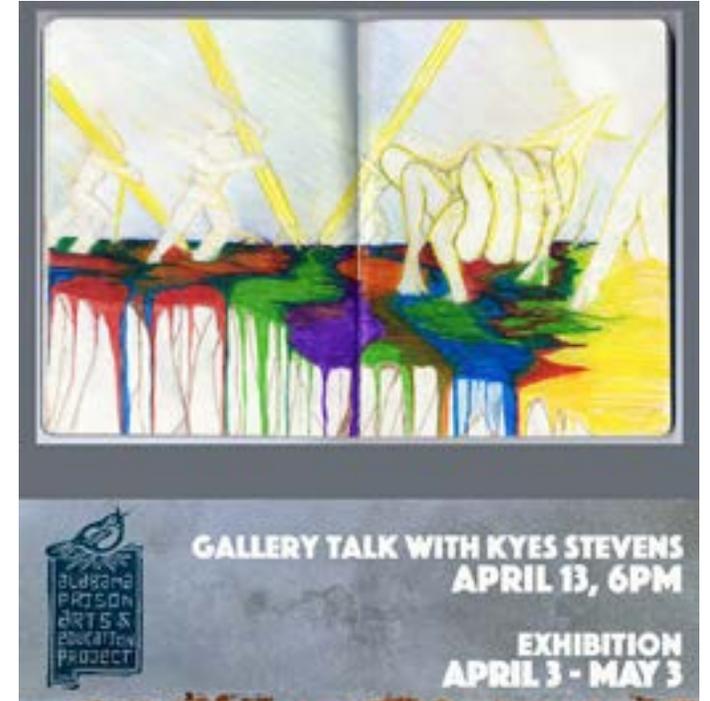
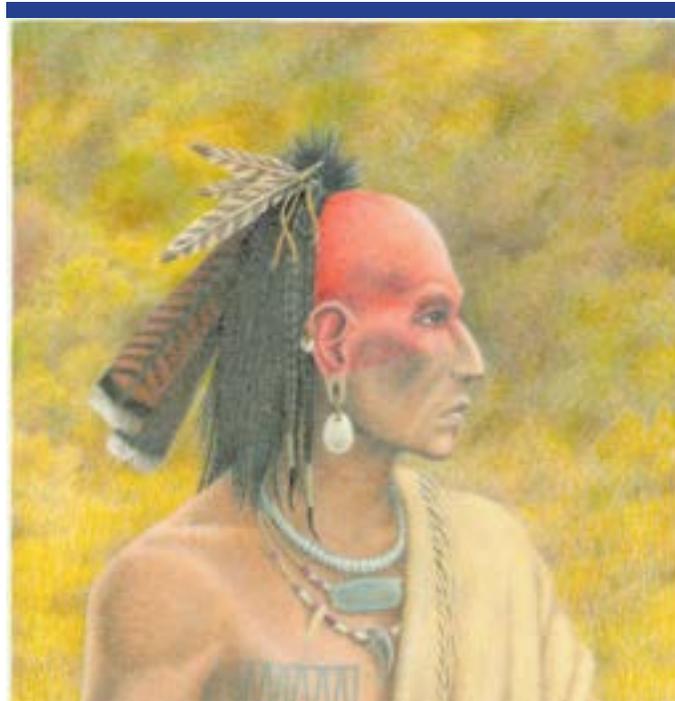


THE ALABAMA PRISON ARTS + EDUCATION PROJECT

APRIL 7, 2017 NEWSLETTER



A YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS

It's been all hands on deck in the APAEP office since January. Our first cohort of APAEP/Auburn University students began foundations classes in January, and we also launched eight pre-college courses and a science lecture series in correctional facilities around the state. Our administrative staff has driven more than 5,600 miles in the past three months to oversee classes, attend planning meetings, coordinate programs and fundraise. In addition to our programming work, we have been settling into our new AU "home" at University College and we are working with the development team at the Auburn University Foundation to drum up much-needed funding and support for our students and the program.

APAEP TEACHER REFLECTION

"The range of material we cover feels staggering – from the difference between connotation and denotation to the story of Babel to Tomasello's ideas of cultural transmission and the "ratchet effect". I especially appreciate that students like B, who obviously view the world from a creationist perspective, could discuss these concepts which may seem strange to them. I am so often stumped by the questions they pose...as always, I am struck by the breadth of material we covered and the curiosity students brought to the discussion."

PRISON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE NEWS

"College Classes in Maximum Security 'It Gives You Meaning.'" *All Things Considered*. NPR. March 27, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3 - May 3, 2017. "Art on the Inside" APAEP student art traveling exhibit. Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence, AL. (free admission)

April 13, 2017, 6:00 pm. "Art on the Inside" Gallery talk by Kyes Stevens. Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence, AL. (free admission)

April 20, 2017, 9:00 am. "Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project" discussion by Kyes Stevens. Alabama Writer's Symposium. (free admission, but registration required)

April 22, 2017, 10:00 am. "Writing and Social Justice" panel discussion with APAEP Director Kyes Stevens and Poet/Professor Randall Horton. Alabama Book Festival, Old Town Alabama, Montgomery. (free admission)