FAST FACTS

- The Hood Museum of Art opened in 1985 in a Charles Moore-designed building, uniting Dartmouth College’s art and ethnographic collections under one roof for the first time.
- Soon thereafter, the museum hired the field’s first curator of academic programming in 1990; it remains a leader in supporting faculty and students across the curriculum. In 2022, students in over 180 different courses visited the museum as a part of their curriculum.
- In January 2019, the Hood Museum concluded an expansion and renovation project by Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects | Partners (TWBTA) that resulted in 16,350 square feet of exhibition space across 16 galleries, three smart classrooms and other curatorial and storage spaces in a dedicated center for object study, and a multipurpose entrance atrium, along with a refurbished 200-seat auditorium.
- The Hood Museum’s encyclopedic collection is one of the largest of any campus museum in the United States, comprising more than 67,000 works.
- It has particularly strong holdings of Native American art, overseen by Associate Director of Curatorial Affairs and Curator of Indigenous Art Jami Powell.
- The Hood Museum introduced a new strategic vision in early 2022.
- John R. Stomberg is the Virginia Rice Kelsey 1961s Director of the Hood Museum of Art.
- The Hood Museum is free and open to all.
UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Gilded: Contemporary Artists Explore Value and Worth
February 8–June 22, 2024

Across time and cultures, gold has served as a metaphor for what we value most. Symbolically, it stands in for goodness, excellence, brilliance, and wealth. Specifically, the artists represented in this traveling exhibition turn to gilding as a means to reconsider our value systems. Gilding images of graffiti and sidewalks, cardboard boxes and architectural fragments, they ask us to see the beauty in what we so often overlook and honor that which we so often throw away. If, as the saying goes, ”all that glitters is not gold,” the artists represented here offer an inverse proposition: perhaps that which does not always shine is most worthy of our attention.

Gilded: Contemporary Artists Explore Value and Worth is organized by the Weatherspoon Art Museum at UNC Greensboro and curated by Emily Stamey.

A Space for Dialogue
Sports Culture: Gender, Belonging, and Nationhood
March 9–May 4, 2024

This student-curated exhibition explores the ways in which identity is invented and intertwined through athletics. The works move beyond their individual subjects to examine the impact of sports upon the formulation and imposition of collective identities across space, time, and people. Spanning from the 19th through the 21st centuries, this exhibition explores topics such as cultural pride, the assertion of state power, collective nationality, and gender expectations.

A Space for Dialogue is a student-curated exhibition program that began in 2001. Hood Museum of Art interns create an installation drawn from the museum’s permanent collection.
UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Living with Sculpture: Presence and Power in Europe, 1400–1750
March 23, 2024–March 22, 2025

Recent study of sculpture suggests the singular presence and power the medium holds for its makers, patrons, and audiences. In particular, the role of sculpture as a commemorative and connective tool has become evident in debates about monuments and cultural patrimony. This exhibition contributes to the field’s understanding of sculpture in early modern daily life in Europe. The accompanying catalogue includes five thematic essays, 100 extended catalogue entries, and an illustrated checklist of 114 additional objects from the important collection of early modern sculpture at the Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth.


From the Field: Tracing Foodways through Art
June 1–November 10, 2024

Artworks across different time periods, mediums, and cultures illustrate points of connection, disconnection, and reconnection related to our foodways. From the Field: Tracing Foodways through Art explores the idea of food as not only nourishment but also an expression of our lived and shared experiences.

UNMAPPING: DECOLONIAL CARTOGRAPHIES OF PLACE
June 1–November 10, 2024

Unmapping examines the legacies of map making and invites viewers to think about alternatives for visualizing our relationships to place. This show focuses on the work of artists whose practices critique colonial legacies of cartography and employ decolonial and Indigenous ways of knowing. It considers how maps can be used not in the interests of surveillance or dispossession but as a means of placemaking.

ENRIQUE MARTÍNEZ CELAYA
June 8–March 22, 2024

Enrique Martínez Celaya is an artist, author, and former physicist whose work has been exhibited and collected by major institutions worldwide. He is Provost Professor of Humanities and Arts at the University of Southern California and a Montgomery Fellow at Dartmouth College. His work may be found in numerous international institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.; Moderna Museet, Stockholm; the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles.


Image: Artist Enrique Martínez Celaya working on The Apple Tree, 2017–23, soon to be on view at the Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth. Photo courtesy of the artist.
UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

**Immersive Worlds: Real and Imagined**
July 13–December 14, 2024

The works of art in *Immersive Worlds* are poetic rather than didactic, imaginative rather than prescriptive. Grounded in large-scale contemporary painting and sculpture from 1959 to 2021 the artists, including Helen Frankenthaler, Alma Thomas, Ursula von Rydingsvard, Dorothea Tanning, Laetitia Soulier, and Minnie Pwerle, use a range of materials and processes to open up aesthetically compelling worlds. The inclusion of the figure in works like Alison Saar’s sculpture, Alice Neel’s painting, or Elizabeth Murray’s prints complicates, rather than grounds, these worlds. The exhibition culminates with Sana Musasama’s installation comprised of two ceramic sculptures that invite the visitor to meditate on the relationships between the natural world, the human body, and abstraction.

**Cara Romero: Panûpünūwūgai (Living Light)**
January 18–August 10, 2025

The Hood Museum of Art is thrilled to present the first major solo museum exhibition of photographs by Chemehuevi artist Cara Romero. It will feature over 50 works, including several never-before-seen photographs, and site-specific installations that will invite the viewer behind the scenes to experience the sets of Romero’s most iconic photographs. An exhibition catalogue co-published by the Hood Museum of Art and Radius Books will be released in June 2025. The exhibition is curated by Jami Powell, Associate Director of Curatorial Affairs and Curator of Indigenous Art at the Hood Museum of Art.
CURRENTLY ON VIEW

Layered Histories: Indigenous Australian Art from the Kimberley and Central Desert
Through March 2, 2024

The artists in *Layered Histories* deftly use color, pattern, and abstraction to create a sense of place that layers images of the land (known as Country) with creation stories, historical events, and significant animals, plants, and people. Unlike Western ideas of history, which often draw a firm line between events of the past and of the present, these Indigenous artists evoke more comprehensive and integrated world views.

A Space for Dialogue
Apocalypse When: reflections on our collective psyche
Through March 2, 2024

The motif of apocalypse in art explores the timeless fascination with an imminent, final destruction. From 20th-century prints to innovative digital installations, this student-curated exhibition captures various apocalyptic interpretations of catastrophic historical events and modern anxieties, while also evoking a sense of shared humanity, humor, and hope in the face of disaster.

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Knowledge Transfer
Through April 6, 2024

Knowledge transfer refers to the process through which shared beliefs, concepts, customs, and rituals are distributed. This exhibition explores how art mediates the communication of cultural information through specific material practices and visual registers that have their own history: Indigenous Australian dot painting, ledger drawing, performance, photography, painting, sculpture, and printmaking.
CURRENTLY ON VIEW

And I’m Feeling Good: Relaxation and Resistance
Through April 13, 2024

And I’m Feeling Good uses works in the Hood Museum’s collection to consider moments in life that offer access to joy for African Americans, such as family interactions, childhood play, sexuality, and dance. These works encourage us to think about how hard-won that joy has often been and how embracing it is, as an act of self-care but also of resistance. The exhibition features artists Kwame Brathwaite, Renee Cox, Irene Fertik, Ken Heyman, Susan Landgraf, Gordon Parks, Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, Garry Winogrand, and James Van Der Zee, among others.

Homecoming: Domesticity and Kinship in Global African Art
Through May 25, 2024

Emphasizing the role of women artists and feminine aesthetics in crafting African and African diaspora art histories, this exhibition surveys themes of home, kinship, motherhood, femininity, and intimacy in both historical and contemporary works. Homecoming breaks free of the binary traditional/contemporary to instead dwell at the interstices of history, futurity, and spirituality over the past two centuries.

Liquidity: Art, Commodities, and Water
Through November 2024

Playing upon the dual definitions of liquidity—liquid assets bought and sold, as well as liquid substances—this exhibition mines the historical connections between art, water, and commodities. Highlights from the Hood Museum’s American painting, sculpture, and decorative arts collection explore histories of global trade across water; linkages between water and tourism; liquids as artistic materials; and how water pollution and historical access to clean water are relevant to local and national discussions in our present moment.
CURRENTLY ON VIEW

Gather, Move, Resonate: Nick Cave and Jeffery Gibson
Through December 21, 2024

This exhibition features two visually striking textile-based sculptures by acclaimed artists Nick Cave and Jeffrey Gibson. These life-sized works invite viewers to grapple with our shared humanity through generosity, play, movement, and sound. Both Cave’s Soundsuit and Gibson’s WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHEN DO YOU WANT IT? feature reclaimed, familiar, and unexpected materials, contributing to a sense of wonder and curiosity for audiences of all ages and experiences with contemporary art.
Laura Maes: Spikes
Laura Maes’s *Spikes* is a site-specific installation that makes audible the sun’s energy as it changes over time. As solar panels attached to the exterior of the building gather energy, they complete the more than 100 handmade circuits mounted on the ceiling.

Public Art: Outdoor Installations
The Hood Museum of Art has an evolving but distinguished collection of public art that is intended to enhance the environment in which the Dartmouth and surrounding communities study, work, and live. These outdoor installations are incorporated into the built and natural landscape, transforming and activating the surrounding sites. They are for all and can be accessed by all, so we welcome viewers to experience them in the hope that they foster inquiry, contemplation, and community conversation.

Orozco’s *The Epic of American Civilization*
José Clemente Orozco painted *The Epic of American Civilization* between 1932 and 1934. The mural cycle, which was designated as a national historic landmark in 2013, is located in the Orozco Room in Baker Library, and is considered one of Dartmouth’s greatest artistic resources.
**About the Hood Museum of Art**

The Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth, centers art and people in teaching and learning through inclusive and robust academic, cultural, and civic engagements with art and its histories. It seeks to advance learning, care, and connections through the reach and relevance of visual art and material culture as a nexus for the exchange of ideas. With its renewed focus on serving Dartmouth’s faculty and academic mission, the now expanded and renovated facility broadens the museum’s reach to students, faculty, and departments across campus, while deepening its engagement with its longtime stakeholders. It also makes a bolder statement about the significance of the arts within the life of Dartmouth and provides the arts district with an arresting front door to the Green.

**About Dartmouth College**

Dartmouth College educates the most promising students and prepares them for a lifetime of learning and of responsible leadership through a faculty dedicated to teaching and the creation of knowledge. The Dartmouth model is unique in higher education: the fusion of a renowned liberal arts college and robust research university where students and faculty partner to take on the world’s great challenges. Since its founding in 1769, Dartmouth has provided an intimate and inspirational setting where talented faculty, students, and staff—diverse in background but united in purpose—contribute to the strength of an exciting academic community that cuts easily across disciplines.

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