

Some Sense of Order

Young Min Moon

LOWELL, Mass. - The UMass Lowell Department of Art & Design is honored to announce an exhibition of paintings by Young Min Moon titled **Some Sense of Order**. The exhibition will be open from Oct. 18 - Nov. 17, 2018. Young Min Moon will present a lecture to the campus and the public on Wed., Nov. 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the O'Leary Library, Rm. 222, followed by a reception in the University Gallery from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. These events are free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the public.

Young Min Moon is an artist and critic whose work reflects his cultural and geographical migration and awareness of the hybrid nature of identity forged amid the complex historical and political relationships between Asia and North America. Recipient of a 2014 Guggenheim Fellowship, Moon is a Professor of Art and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He has exhibited extensively in South Korea, the United States, and Canada. He published a bilingual Korean-English catalogue for his curatorial project "Incongruent: Contemporary Art from South Korea," and contributed scholarly essays to *Rethinking Marxism*, *BOL*, and the anthology *Contemporary Art in Asia: A Critical Reader* (MIT). He is also on the editorial board of *Trans Asia Photography Review*.

Some Sense of Order refers to the necessity for atonement and ritual for the deceased in order to bring closure. Since 2012, Moon has been repeatedly painting the rear view of a man, dressed in a suit, in kneeling or prostrating position. These images are based on his childhood memory of Jesa, a Confucian ritual performed to honor the spirits of the ancestors. Moon grew up in the South Korean military regime of the 1980s in which violence was prevalent. Moon's recall of the austere moments of silence during Jesa has evolved into a reflection on violence and loss. Moon's sustained use of repetition combined with the gradual reduction of the image from the personal and specific; this room, this man, to a more universal context, create a moving and meditative commentary on grief and mourning.

The University Gallery is accessible to all. Gallery events are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wilder Metered Lot, located at the intersection of Wilder Street and Bachelder Street. The entrance to the lot is located on Bachelder Street. After 4 p.m. visitors may park in any open campus lot.

The UMass Lowell BFA Degree Program is an accredited visual arts program of professional study in art & design that maintains the standards, guidelines and practices established by the National Association of Schools of Art & Design.

Gallery Hours: Mon-Wed 10-4pm, Thurs 10-9pm, Fri/Sat 10-3pm, closed during school breaks.
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