

# Nancy Bernardo

## Decorative Debris

LOWELL, Mass. - The UMASS Lowell Department of Art & Design is pleased to announce an exhibition of work by Nancy Bernardo entitled *Decorative Debris*. The exhibition will be on view from Mar. 19 – Apr. 21, 2018. Bernardo will present a lecture to the public on Thurs., Mar. 29 at 3:30 p.m. in the O’Leary Library rm. 222. A reception will follow afterwards from 5-6:30 p.m. in the University Gallery in Mahoney Hall. These events are free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the public.

Nancy Bernardo is playing off the concept of “ephemera” in her upcoming exhibit at UMASS Lowell. She utilizes transitory texts from the early 20th century to reveal the beauty of banal everyday imagery. In her statement Nancy writes “I find this creative work especially useful for my research in design history. As I come across items from the early 20th century I am often struck by the details and processes for which they were created. This curiosity pushes me to research where items were printed (domestic or foreign) and figure out their original uses.”

Nancy Bernardo holds an MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and completed her undergraduate work in English + Art at Valparaiso University in Indiana. She is currently an associate professor and program chair of Graphic Design at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Her work has been recognized and featured in HOW Magazine, PRINT Magazine, Design Observer, on Creative Quarterly’s website, The Women of Graphic Design website, and in 2015 she was featured in Kolaj Magazine Issue #11 for her work: “Deconstructing Brad Pitt: A Visual Essay.” Bernardo has published numerous book covers and illustrations and has exhibited nationally and internationally in England, New York, Chicago, New Orleans, and Seattle.

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.

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

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