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Arlene Braithwaite honored as Higher Education Art Educator of the Year

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) Arlene Braithwaite, Associate Professor of Art at Southern Utah University was named *Higher Education Art Educator of the Year* for 2009. This recognition is for outstanding service in art education at the college/ university level. The award was announced at the Utah Art Education Association annual conference held in St. George, Utah. Arlene states, "It is a truly rewarding experience to have this kind of acknowledgement from my peers. I feel deeply honored."

In drawing classes, Arlene strives to teach students observation skills, drawing fundamentals and principles of composition. In art education classes, she prepares future art teachers through study and application of successful teaching strategies and art curriculum development.

Arlene Braithwaite has been focusing her work on the landscape and figure. She works primarily with pastel because of the immediacy and flexibility of the medium. Arlene has received several awards, including First Place at the Dixie Invitational Exhibition at Dixie College and first place at the Cedar City Annual Art Exhibit. Arlene Braithwaite has been a member of the SUU faculty since 1978.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of the departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, and a graduate program in Arts Administration. The College's affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespearean Festival, the performance group Acclamation, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. Over 550 students are majoring in 16 different degree areas in the arts. Both liberal arts B.A. and B.S. degrees are offered, as well four professional degrees: Bachelor of Music (B.M.); Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Arts Education; and the B.F.A. in Theatre. The College's Art and Design, Music, and Dance programs are nationally accredited. More than 60 full and part-time faculty and staff

are engaged in teaching and mentoring students in their pursuit of a degree in the arts. The College regularly enrolls 1100 students each semester in over 195 classes on the SUU campus. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean 435-865-8561 or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.