The State of Art in the D  
**Date:** Thursday, May 17, 2012  
**Time:** 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  

The Semester in Detroit program kicks off its spring program with, *The State of Art in the D.* This important and informative discussion panel includes complimentary admission, light refreshments and parking.  

This event addresses the visual arts scene in Detroit and examines the lives of the artists making it happen. Discover how local artists are using their creative energy, talent and love for the city to help transform Detroit.  

The panel is moderated by Lolita Hernandez, writer and Semester in Detroit and Residential College faculty member.  

**Panelists include:**  
Michael Hodges - Fine Arts Columnist, The Detroit News  
Katie Craig - Visual Artist, Northend Studios Mural  
Ray Stanczak - Graffiti Artist, Senior Art, The Detroit News  
Gilda Snowden - Visual Artist, Professor of Fine Arts at the College for Creative Studies

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Work Detroit Presents: *Detroit Connections*  
**Date:** Friday, May 18 – Friday, June 8  
(Reception: Friday, May 25)  
**Time:** Tuesdays – Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The 2012 exhibition season at Work Detroit continues with, *Detroit Connections.*  

*Detroit Connections* is a community-school partnership that promotes active citizenry, develops students’ leadership abilities and brings together individuals from distinctly different backgrounds to co-create and share resources. The central goal of *Detroit Connections* is to engage University of Michigan Art & Design students as artists by providing opportunities for meaningful exchange and collaboration with Detroit’s children and communities. The program promotes both the college and elementary students’ artistic development, while building lasting relationships between the two groups.

A reception for this unifying exhibition will take place on Friday, May 25, from 4-6 p.m. This event is open
to the public and includes complimentary admission, refreshments and parking.

*Detroit Connections* will run until Friday, June 8. After the opening, the exhibition may be accessed 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday.

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**DETOUR CENTER UPGRADES OF 2012**

Since the beginning of 2012, the University of Michigan Detroit Center has been going through a series of upgrades in order to deliver visitors, faculty, staff and students the best overall experience possible.

While many changes have been happening behind the scenes, others have been more noticeable. Whether it's been at the facility or on the web, the Detroit Center is excited to share with you the upgrades that have been made, and those that are still to come.

**CONFERENCE ROOMS**

The Detroit Center completed technology upgrades to its Ann Arbor and South Studio conference rooms. The Ann Arbor room is now equipped with a video conference system, which allows direct, face-to-face communication with U-M’s Ann Arbor campus. The South Studio and Ann Arbor conference rooms have also been upgraded with high-definition (HD) video projection systems.

In the summer of 2012, the Ann Arbor and Dearborn conference rooms will be furnished with new carpeting; updating the original carpet in both rooms.

**MAIN LOBBY**

The main lobby of Detroit Center is also getting a minor facelift. The help desk is going to be relocated and refurnished. Its new location will be on the adjacent wall to its current position, allowing the Detroit Center to better serve its guests and use space more efficiently.

**TECHNOLOGY**

The Detroit Center has also made a renewed investment in its technology. In addition to the conference room upgrades, the Detroit Center also purchased an HD video camera. The video camera now allows the Center to record and share lectures, speaker series, panel discussions and much more. The Detroit Center also purchased audio production equipment; paving the way for enhanced website audio, including podcasts of select Detroit Center events, interviews and much more.
WEBSITE

One of the biggest changes in 2012 has been to the Detroit Center website. With its visitors in mind, the Detroit Center has redesigned its main navigation menu into four, easy to browse categories; “U-M in Detroit,” “Facilities,” “Partners,” and “Center Info.”

To access conference room availability and to book a room, there are now two easy ways to do so:

1.) From the main page, click on the "Facilities" and then from the blue and white menu box at the top of the page, click on the "Request Rooms" link.

2.) From the main page, scroll down to the "Quick Links to Reserve a room" located below the "connect" section.

In addition, the Detroit Center has also made a commitment to social media, bringing you audio, video, pictures, news and more through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Tumblr; all conveniently located in our “Connect” section of the Detroit Center website.

Through these upgrades, the Detroit Center continues its commitment to the University and Detroit communities, as well as the mission of the U-M Detroit Center.

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**Upcoming May Event(s):**

- Semester in Detroit Event (TBD) – **May 25**

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