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**Intersections:
Women, Leadership, and the Power of Collaboration**

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MCAD Gallery
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The Minneapolis College of Art and Design is pleased to present *Intersections*, an exhibition that brings together the collaborative projects of fourteen teams of artists composed of women art department chairs from the greater Twin Cities area and their students and alumni.

Over the span of many months, fourteen women who are current or recent studio art department chairs engaged students and alumni in projects that challenged traditional hierarchies and set studio practices. The resulting collaborations joined authorship, shifted points of view, converged cultures, encouraged exchanges across time and space, and opened up conversations about art and process.

The collaborators represent eleven different colleges and universities, including Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Carleton College, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, College of Visual Arts, Concordia University, Gustavus Adolphus College, Macalester College, the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, St. Catherine University, St. Olaf College, and the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.

A catalog on DVD accompanies the exhibition. It highlights the collaborative projects and includes an introduction by Karen Wirth (interim vice president of academic affairs at MCAD) and an essay by Patricia Briggs (art critic and gallery director and curator at the University of Wisconsin–Parkside).

RECEPTION:

Friday, January 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

GALLERY TALKS:

Thursday, February 2, noon

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

LECTURE:

Yesomi Umolu, Curatorial Fellow, Walker Art Center

Beyond Consensus Culture: Collaboration as a Space of Conflict and Negotiation

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium 150

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