

**What's new and what's next: VPA is studying in Los Angeles, showing interdisciplinary work at XL Projects, exploring the Appalachian region of West Virginia through photographs, blogging on LinkedIn, and planning alumni panels for Homecoming + Reunion.**

# VPA MOMENTUM

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## 1\_Top stories



### **VPA takes part in SU's new L.A.**

**Semester** Juniors in the Setnor School of Music's Bandier Program for Music and the Entertainment Industries are among the students who will study in Los Angeles this fall at SU's new satellite campus, which draws on the strength of the University's vast network of accomplished alumni in the entertainment industry. The students will be engaged in professional internships, specialized course work, and regular interactions with industry leaders. [Read more.](#)

**Department of Drama announces 2009-10 season** The new season kicks off October 9 with Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" and includes a musical version and Syracuse Stage co-production of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," which was workshopped in the department's 2007 New Play Workshop Program. [Read more.](#)



**iSchool Windows Project to feature work of VPA students, faculty, staff, and alumni**\_A panel of judges selected six art installations—four by members of the VPA community—to fill the spaces in the ground-floor window wells of Hinds Hall, home of SU’s School of Information Studies (iSchool). An additional proposal by Margie Hughto, professor of ceramics in the School of Art and Design (pictured), was awarded a special Dean’s Design Prize and will be installed on a wall along the first-floor hallway of the building. [Read more.](#)

**Two VPA students selected as 2009-10 SU Remembrance Scholars**\_Laura Borgwardt, an acting major in the Department of Drama, and Helen Liang, a dual communication and rhetorical studies and advertising major in the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, are among the 35 SU juniors chosen for the scholarships, which were founded as a tribute to—and means of remembering—the 35 students who were killed in the December 21, 1988, bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. [Read more.](#)

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## 2\_Happenings

**Interdisciplinary faculty projects on view at VPA’s XL Projects through June 28**\_The exhibition, “Interdisciplinary,” features projects by VPA faculty who received 2008-09 grants from the college’s Interdisciplinary Committee, which encourages interdisciplinary study and engagement activities. Dinosaur aesthetics, Onondaga Lake, and the creation of energy from body sweat are among the subjects addressed. [Read more.](#)



**M.F.A. show travels to New York City July 17**\_An exhibition of work by 2009 master of fine arts degree candidates in the School of Art and Design and Department of Transmedia will be on view July 17-August 1 at the New York Center for Art and Media Studies (NYCAMS), 44 West 28th Street, 7th floor. An opening reception will be held Friday, July 17. Further details will be announced in the July issue of Momentum and in the [events](#)

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[section](#) of the college web site. *Photo: Still image from “A Scene at the Sea” by Jaehee Lee (2009, 35mm, color, 22 minutes, fiction)*

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**‘Victory Dogs’ paintings at The Warehouse raise awareness about canine abuse**\_Pit bulls victimized in the notorious dog-fighting ring of former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick (including Denzel, pictured here) are the subject of this exhibition, which is on view at The Link Gallery through June 30. [Read more.](#)

Find our complete events listings, including live Setnor School of Music concert audio and video streaming, at [vpa.syr.edu](http://vpa.syr.edu).

## 3\_Take note

**Aaron Blum**, a graduate art photography student in the Department of Transmedia, was named a 2009-10 SU Humanities Center Dissertation/Thesis Fellow. Blum’s project “Between Worlds” is a photographic exploration of the Appalachian region of West Virginia that uses the artist’s own memories and new insights to construct photographic interpretations of various stereotypes (social, cultural, and racial) that have determined the region in the public mind.

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**Janet Brown**, soprano and instructor of voice in the Setnor School of Music, was a featured soloist in a recent performance of Handel’s great oratorio “Saul” at the Harvard Memorial Church in Cambridge, Mass. She also sang a program of Strauss songs with the Hamilton College Orchestra.

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**Nicolas Scherzinger**, associate professor of composition in the Setnor School of Music, had his “Colloquy” for solo violin and chamber ensemble given its New York City premiere by the acclaimed new music ensemble Sequitur with violinist Andrea Schultz at Merkin Concert Hall on May 10. Scherzinger is also composer-in-residence this summer at the Kinhaven Music School in Vermont for a fourth consecutive year.



**Jessica Sheehan**, a senior surface pattern design major in the School of Art and Design, won first place in the print category of the Virginia Jackson Design Awards competition sponsored by the educational foundation of the International Textile Market Association (ITMA). Eight schools submitted 79 entries in three categories; entries were judged on aesthetic form, ability to be manufactured, and applicability to furniture products. Jessica's design will be displayed in Suites at Market Square in High Point, N.C., June 7-10 during ITMA's Showtime fabric show. She will also receive monetary prizes for herself and the college and will travel to Showtime to be honored and meet with members of the industry. Jessica's design was also featured in [Furniture Today](#).

Read more faculty and student news and notes [here](#).

## 4\_For alumni

**Check out our blog on LinkedIn**\_ Visit LinkedIn to view the [blog](#) by Sue Tooley, VPA's director of alumni relations and career resources. She has added membership to many groups that are of value to alumni, including the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the National Communication Association (NCA), and the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA). If you would like to suggest a group for this list, please e-mail Sue at [vpaalum@syr.edu](mailto:vpaalum@syr.edu).

**Nolcha Fashion Week seeks designers**\_ Nolcha Fashion Week: New York 2009 is currently accepting designer applications to showcase during a peak time in the fashion industry: New York Fashion Week September 14-19. For more information, visit the [Employers/Recruiting](#) page in the alumni section of the college web site.

**SUccess in the City in June**\_ Boston (June 9), Los Angeles (June 13), and Washington, D.C. (June 18) are three upcoming cities in SU's SUccess in the City series that allows alumni to network and help recent graduates learn about finding jobs and places to live, adjusting to life after college, making professional connections, and more. [Click here](#) for more information about these events and future stops in San Francisco and Chicago.

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View more news, announcements, and our calendar of alumni events  
See what your classmates are up to via Alumni Showcase and Career Highlights  
Access alumni and career resources

## 5\_Giving back

**CRS and drama alumni: join our Homecoming + Reunion panels**\_The Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies and the Department of Drama will each host alumni panels on Friday, October 2 as part of SU's Homecoming + Reunion Weekend. We seek three to four CRS and drama alumni who can share stories of their career paths and successes with other alumni and students. To sign up, e-mail Sue Tooley at [vpalum@syr.edu](mailto:vpalum@syr.edu).

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