



New Ulrich Initiatives

Connecting the Ulrich to the campus through curriculum and scholarship

We are inviting all faculty to include a visit to the Ulrich Museum of Art in each of their courses. When you come to the Museum with your students we will facilitate a discussion around selected works of art that follows the Visual Thinking Strategy model allowing us the opportunity to reach across all disciplines. <https://vtshome.org>. VTS is a research-based, student-centered teaching system and uses art to build the capacity to observe, think, listen, and communicate. VTS builds cognition through art, develops critical-thinking skills, expands language literacy, and encourages students to look, think, and talk. During VTS discussions, students practice expressing complex ideas and emotions while building confidence with spoken language, which supports their development into effective communicators. VTS has been developed and refined over the past 30+ years based on ongoing research by VTS co-founder, Abigail Housen. Abigail and co-founder Philip Yenawine first developed VTS as an effective teaching strategy based on her theory of aesthetic development <https://vtshome.org/research/>. Examples in health sciences: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/312631745_Visual_Thinking_Strategies_in_Nursing_a_systematic_review Art helps nursing, medical students strengthen observation skills <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/03/150331175808.htm> (VTS at De Paul University)
Please contact Leslie A Brothers or Jana Durfee with any questions leslie.brothers@wichita.edu / 3017
Please contact Jana Durfee, Head of Education, to schedule your visit. jana.durfee@wichita.edu / 7116

Solving for X = Sustainability

A series of exhibitions organized by the Ulrich Museum of Art in collaboration with university scholars across campus. The intent of the Museum is to work with WSU scholars in all disciplines who are problem solving for sustainability to create visualizations of their research. The objective is to explore the potential for the Museum, as a WSU public access point for the community, to make accessible the fascinating and essential research taking place on campus. We are thrilled by the opportunity to work with researchers across campus and excited about the challenges we will face together in discovering how to create visual pathways to understanding. Please submit proposals for *Solving for X* projects to Leslie A Brothers, leslie.brothers@wichita.edu.

FUN / Future Now at the Ulrich is a series of PechaKucha style presentations featuring campus wide research. We have three dates for the Spring and if this takes off we will program into the next academic year. We are planning 4 presentations per night and will go to 5 if there is demand. Spring dates are:

Friday, February 1, 4-5pm reception following / deadline for submission December 20

Friday, March 1, 4-5pm reception following / deadline for submission February 8

Friday, April 26, 4-5pm reception following / deadline for submission March 29

We are simply asking that an e-mail proposal be sent to jana.durfee@wichita.edu with the following info:
Name / Title / Department / Research Topic / Preferred Date.

This program is an extension of the Museum's *Solving for X* exhibition series.