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Feb. 6 Museum Lecture Examines Western History, Art

NORMAN – Western American history converges with art when Sterling Evans reveals a historical approach to a new art exhibition 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

Evans, who is a professor and the Louise Welsh Chair in Oklahoma, Southern Plains and Borderlands History at the Department of History at the University of Oklahoma, will discuss the intersections of art and history and how they are revealed in the new exhibition, *Borderlands: Images of the American West*, which opened Jan. 24 at the museum. He will explore what the collection reveals about how artists and others understood the U.S. westward expansion experience, the place of American Indians within that part of history and the role that the borderlands themselves played in a collective frontier mentality.

“The timing of the museum’s *Borderlands* exhibition and historian Sterling Evan’s arrival at OU this semester was serendipitous,” said Susan Baley, curator of education for the museum. “His specialty in borderlands issues will offer a unique perspective on the works of art included in the exhibition, and we appreciate his willingness to become involved in the cultural life of the university so quickly.”

The lecture is free with paid admission to the museum.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the OU Norman campus.

Admission to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is free to OU students with a current student ID and museum association members, \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children 6 to 17 years of age, \$2 for OU faculty/staff, and free for children 5 and under. Admission is free on Tuesdays. The museum’s Web site is www.ou.edu/fjma. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938.

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