

Xiaoting Wang

Rod Library is honored to host the artwork from renowned Chinese artist, Xiaoting Wang. The five pieces on display in Rod Library are part of a series painted in China and brought to the United States to share with his new Iowan friends. The exhibit will be up through mid-May.

Xiaoting Wang's current abstract artwork combines western painting techniques with traditional Chinese painting and calligraphy. By adopting Chinese splash-ink and freehand brushwork on rice paper, he creates abstract forms yet offers the viewer opportunities to discover realistic themes. He also implements gouache, watercolor, and acrylic painting techniques, in addition to his personal and fluid movements. The details are enormous in story but ever so slight to the viewer.

He is a very modest artist and remains uninfluenced by his numerous awards. Several pieces of his collection entitled *Peace* were printed on the National Business Card issued by the State Post Bureau of China in 2015. The cards and stamps are also on display in the library. His art has been widely exhibited, awarded, and collected.

Wang's visit is sponsored by UNI's Center for Multicultural Education, Office of International Programs, and Rod Library, which is privileged to exhibit his artwork during the visit. Please feel free to comment about his work. He expressed his desire to read your thoughts about his Chinese paintings. A comment box is located in the exhibit, or you may email him directly at wxiaoting16@gmail.com.

