

HOLYOKE

# Gallery reception to honor 'Hamp artist

'Geo-Spec' exhibit on view through March 20

The Taber Art Gallery at Holyoke Community College will host a reception March 7 for Northampton artist Raishad J. Glover, whose show is on display until March 20.

The reception, celebrating Glover's work and his recent addition to the HCC faculty, will be held in the gallery from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Taber is located off the main lobby of the HCC Library on the second floor of the Donahue Building.

Cubes, hexagons, the environment, as well as other shapes and themes, come together in Glover's exhibit, "Geo-Spec: Cultural Introspection Wealth."

"The cube acts as a form of building block," said Glover. "Building blocks for family. Building blocks for community. Building blocks for ecosystems."

A hexagon, he notes, is essentially the outline of a cube, and a form prevalent in nature, such as in the honeycombs found in beehives.

Glover studied studio art at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University in Boston and holds a master's degree in fine art in painting and printmaking from the Yale School of Art in New Haven.

He joined HCC in the fall after nine years teaching art at Claflin University and South Carolina State University in Orangeburg. At HCC, he teaches 2-dimensional design and painting.

"I have a lot of history up here, a lot of family, and a lot of friends, and a gallery in Boston that is used to



Holyoke Community College faculty member Raishad J. Glover in the Taber Art Gallery at Holyoke Community College. His show, "Geo-Spec: Cultural Introspection Wealth," is on display until March 20. (SUBMITTED / HCC)

exhibiting my work," said Glover, who lives in Northampton and maintains a studio there. "I wanted to get back to other areas that I'm familiar with and build connections."

The "Geo-Spec" exhibit explores concepts such as culture, mind growth, wealth, and ecological design. "Geo" refers to geometry, "spec" to spectrum. Glover experiments with multiple mediums, such as lenticular printing, graphite powder, beeswax, dura-trans/backlit film, analog and digital photography, and LED lights.

He is an advocate of sustainable

design and chooses materials that are more environmentally friendly. Geo-Spec includes pieces constructed from granite, paper, glass, bamboo, and wool, among others.

One of the pieces is a refurbished portable television from the 1940s, retrofitted to play videos from an Amazon Fire TV Stick.

The Taber Art Gallery, located off the lobby of the HCC Library on the second floor of the HCC Donahue Building, is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during regular school sessions.

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