

Students curate Mt. Tam art exhibit by alumna Frances Whitnall

An exhibition curated by students in an honors colloquium course led by Dr. Leslie Ross '78, professor and chair of Art History, opened in the Alemany Library on Nov. 2. The exhibit features the work of Frances Whitnall, a graduate of Dominican's MA in Humanities program.

The opening reception for *The Art of Mount Tamalpais* was held on Nov. 4 in the Alemany Library Reading Room. The exhibition is on display through Dec. 15 during [normal library business hours](#).

Whitnall's work features landscapes throughout Marin, including images of Tennessee Valley, Stinson Beach, and Bolinas. Her art is inspired by the powerful impact of light and how it helps her convey places, faces of family and friends, and different aspects of nature.

Art historian Leslie Ross received her PhD from the University of California at Santa Barbara, her MA from the University of California at Davis, and her BA from Dominican College. She is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including a Graves Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Humanities and awards from the National Endowment for Humanities, the Kress Foundation, and the Fulbright Commission.

A recognized scholar, she is the author of numerous articles, book reviews, and encyclopedia entries (in *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, 2004), as well as several books published by Greenwood Press: *Text, Image, Message: Saints in Medieval Manuscript Illustrations* (2003); *Medieval Art: A Topical Dictionary* (1996); *Arts of the Middle Ages* (2003); and *The Art and Architecture of the World's Religions* (2 volumes, 2009). Her latest book, *Language in the Visual Arts: The Interplay of Text and Imagery*, was published in 2014 by McFarland Press.

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