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For more info check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call 828/765-0520 or visit (www.toeriverarts.org).

Clemson University in Clemson, SC, Features Works by Richard A. Lou

Clemson University in Clemson, SC, will present *Stories on My Back*, an installation by Richard A. Lou, on view in the Lee Gallery, from Aug. 22 through Oct. 13, 2016. A gallery talk will be offered Sept. 23 at 5:30pm followed by a reception at 6:30pm.

Richard Alexander Lou received his Master of Fine Arts from Clemson University in 1986. He has been invited back to campus to showcase his traveling multimedia installation *Stories on My Back*. Visitors will experience photography, found objects, sound, and walls of tamale husks when they visit the Lee Gallery.

Lou was born in San Diego, CA, and raised in San Diego, CA, and Tijuana, BCN, MX. He grew up in a biracial family, which was spiritually and intellectually guided by an anti-colonialist Chinese father and a culturally affirming Mexicana

mother. Lou has exhibited internationally and has over 30 years' experience teaching in higher education, 20 years as an arts administrator most recently serving as Chair of the Department of Art at University of Memphis.

The artist writes “As a contemporary image-maker I am interested in collecting dissonant ideas and narratives allowing them to bump into each other, to coax new meanings and possibilities that dismantle the hierarchy of images. The work serves as an ideological, social, political, and cultural matrix from which I understand my place in this world and to make a simple marking of the cultural shifts of my community.”

For more info check our SC Institutional Gallery listings, call gallery director Denise Woodward-Detrich, at 864/656-3881 or e-mail to (woodwaw@clemson.edu).

Furman University in Greenville, SC, Offers Works by Zac Benson

Furman University in Greenville, SC, will present *Soul Stirrings*, featuring works by Zac Benson, on view in the Thompson Gallery, Roe Art Building, from Aug. 26 through Oct. 2, 2016. A reception and talk with Benson is set for Sept. 2, from 6-7:30pm.

About his work, Benson says, “We as humans have a felt need to be recognized and acknowledged almost more than the desire for the next breath. My work investigates this innate desire by taking abandoned and discarded material and us-

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