



SIMMONS GSLIS

2007 Estelle Jussim Award: **James Darin Murphy**

The Estelle Jussim Award is given each year to a graduating GSLIS student who has demonstrated great promise in the visual arts. It honors Dr. Estelle Jussim, a GSLIS faculty member who was a distinguished photographic historian and scholar, and who exhibited such professional accomplishments in the visual arts and high academic achievement.

Simmons GSLIS is pleased to present the 2007 Estelle Jussim award to James Darin Murphy. Darin has had a lifelong engagement with the visual arts and has taken a leadership role during his time at Simmons. Darin is not only an active member of several of the existing GSLIS student groups, but he also helped to organize a new student group focused on all aspects of art and visual librarianship. He is the recipient of this year's Elmar W. Seibel Scholarship from the Art Libraries Society of New England. He has worked as a self-employed artist in a variety of media. After attaining a bachelor's degree from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, he continued his study of studio art, art theory, and aesthetics at the University of Maryland, the Massachusetts College of Art, and Wheelock College. Internships during his coursework at Simmons allowed him to work intensively on collections of artists' books at the Museum of Fine Arts Library and at the Massachusetts College of Art. Recently he has been working on a project to catalog paper currency at the Harvard Business School Historical Collections, and after graduation he will begin a grant-funded image cataloging position at the Fine Arts Library of Harvard College. Congratulations, Darin!

Darin Murphy has been a studio artist for twenty years and hopes to continue creating art for many more. He has also integrated his love of art into his time at Simmons GSLIS and his career. Darin has been an active member of SLA at Simmons (the Simmons College chapter of the Special Libraries Association) and the Art Libraries Society of New England (ARLIS/NE). He helped start a visual arts librarian interest group at Simmons called Panopticon.

Darin said, "It is an honor to receive the Estelle Jussim award—she was such an amazing thinker and theorist. She contributed so much to Simmons and the study of visual arts. It is also a great reminder that the Simmons GSLIS program values art librarianship and seeks to promote it. I hope to work closely with ARLIS/NE and ARLIS/North America in the future and try to contribute to the field as best I can."