Prestigious 3Arts Ragdale Fellowship awarded to CSU art professor

Chicago — Chicago artist and curator Joyce Owens Anderson has received a prestigious 3Arts Fellowship from the Ragdale Foundation. Anderson is the curator of the galleries programs at Chicago State University and is on the University’s art faculty. Her award in the category of visual artists was one of six presented by the Ragdale Foundation this year.

The fellowship provides a two-week residency at Ragdale, the former summer home of arts and crafts architect Howard Van Doren Shaw in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Ms. Anderson received her fellowship primarily for her “Out of the Box” series of paintings inspired by a collection of photographs of middle class black men and women, which was exhibited at the Paris Exposition of 1900. The 3Arts fellowships identify and support highly talented, yet under-recognized artists in music, theater and the visual arts.

A native of Philadelphia, Anderson holds a BFA degree from Howard University and an MFA degree from Yale. In addition to her teaching and curator duties at Chicago State, Ms. Anderson is an associate editor for the Journal of African American History and has juried fine art exhibitions and art fairs at the Museum of Science and Industry, the DuSable Museum, the New East Side Art Fair and many more. She has been a curator for many shows and has exhibited her work extensively at such venues as the University of Pennsylvania Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Homewood Studios in Minneapolis, Elmhurst College and Connecticut College. Selected works from her "Out of the Box" series are currently in an exhibition at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.