

It is with sorrowful hearts that we, the undersigned, stand in solidarity with Eric Shiner, Director of the Andy Warhol Museum, and his decision to rescind his acceptance to visit UNC-Chapel Hill in response to House Bill 2 (HB2), legislation that eliminates anti-discrimination protection for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

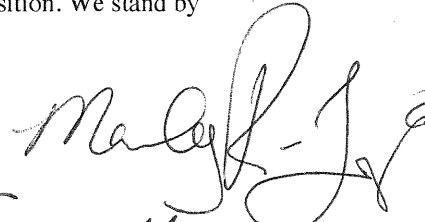
Eric Shiner graciously juried this year's Top MFA Prize for Outstanding work for the Department of Art without monetary compensation and had planned to visit North Carolina to attend the opening of *Depth Perception: Selected Works by the MFA Class of 2016* at UNC-CH's Ackland Art Museum, to conduct studio visits with our MFA students, and to speak to them about the art world as part of our Visiting Artist Professionals Program.

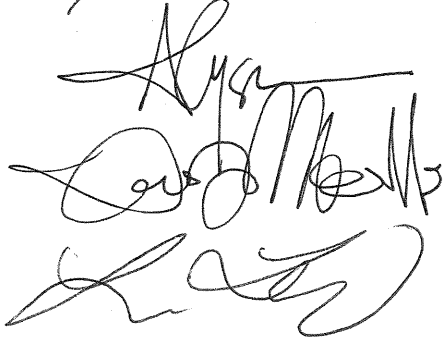
We are students and faculty dedicated to creating an open environment of creative expression for all people, and we believe that no individual should be discriminated against because of gender identity or sexual orientation. We see HB2 as a law that goes against this fundamental belief of equality and justice and we resolutely opposes HB2, and all laws that legitimize and codify discrimination.

We share Eric Shiner's letter because HB2 is negatively affecting our students through the loss of important intellectual and career opportunities like this one, and because we see its passing as antithetical to our department's mission. We thank Eric for his generosity and his brave and ethical position. We stand by his decision and join the many voices in opposition to HB2.











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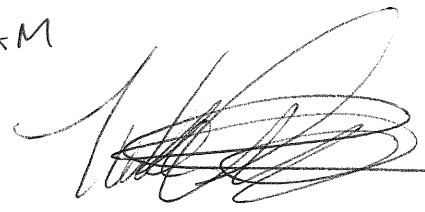


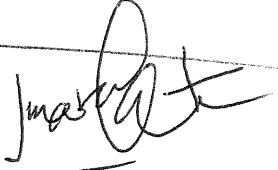
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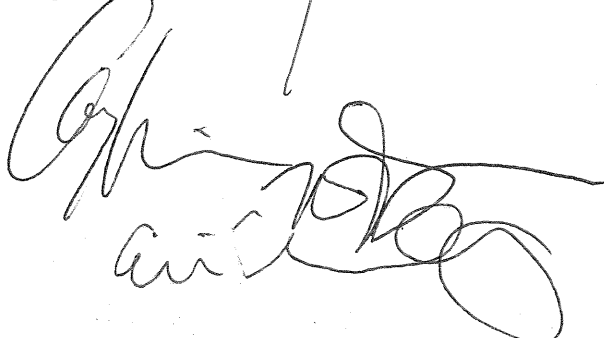


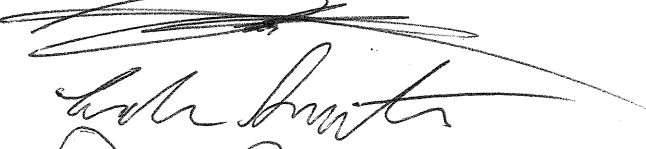


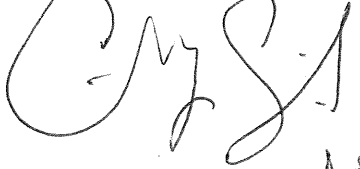


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