



Hugh Merrill, longtime artist, educator, writer, and community activist passed away this weekend. Hugh joined the faculty at the Kansas City Art Institute in 1976 and taught in multiple departments including Printmaking and Foundation. For 46 years, Hugh was a mainstay on campus. As a professor he challenged his students to think differently and push boundaries. Outside of the classroom, Hugh was a successful printmaker and artist with work in more than 50 museums and a solo exhibition at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Throughout his life, Hugh served as a fierce advocate for young people and the arts.

The KCAI community is deeply saddened by the news of Hugh's passing and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family. I have heard from several alumni, artists, and professors about the indelible impact he had on the college. Our hearts are heavy today. Hugh, you will be missed.