

Beauty of Life Lecture Offered

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Artists & Writers series offered at Figge

The Figge Art Museum presents the final talk in the series *Artists and Writers* at 7 pm Thursday, March 31. Dr. Owen Rogal, who teaches nineteenth-century British literature, will present the lecture “The Beauty of Life: Ruskin, Morris, and Wright.” Dr. Rogal will explain how John Ruskin, William Morris, and Frank Lloyd Wright made connections between the natural world and the things men and women make, between those things and the health of society, and between the things and the nature of the work that produces them. The talk explores what the three writers learned from each other, how Morris developed and spun Ruskin’s ideas in new directions, and how both Ruskin and Morris’s radical ideas about the role of art in society—what a building means, for example, to the lives of the people who live in it—shape in part Wright’s own thinking and practices.

The *Artists and Writers* series is part of the Figge’s weekly *Thursdays at the Figge* programming. Admission to the museum and lecture is \$7. Admission is free to Figge members and Figge institutional members. The Figge Arts Café and Bar will be open before and after the lecture.