

HCC art gallery hosting reception

HOLYOKE — The Taber Art Gallery at Holyoke Community College will host a reception 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, for Northampton artist Raishad J. Glover, whose show is on display until March 20.

The reception, celebrating Glover's work and his recent addition to the HCC faculty, is in the art gallery on the second floor of the Donahue Building on HCC's main campus at 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke.

Cubes, hexagons, the environment, as well as other shapes and themes, come together in Glover's exhibit, "Geo-Spec: Cultural Introspection Wealth."

"The cube acts as a form of building block," said Glover. "Building blocks for family. Building blocks for community. Building blocks for ecosystems."

A hexagon, he notes, is essentially the outline of a cube, and a form prevalent in nature, such as in the honeycombs found in beehives.

Glover studied studio art at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University in Boston and holds a master's degree in fine art in painting and

printmaking from the Yale School of Art in New Haven. He joined HCC in the fall after nine years teaching art at Claflin University and South Carolina State University in Orangeburg. At HCC, he teaches two-dimensional design and painting.

"I have a lot of history up here, a lot of family, and a lot of friends, and a gallery in Boston that is used to exhibiting my work," said Glover, who lives in Northampton and maintains a studio there. "I wanted to get back to other areas that I'm familiar with and build connections."

The "Geo-Spec" exhibit explores concepts such as culture, mind growth, wealth, and ecological design. "Geo" refers to geometry, "spec" to spectrum. Glover experiments with multiple mediums, such as lenticular printing, graphite powder, beeswax, dura-trans/backlit film, analog and digital photography, and LEDs.

He is an advocate of sustainable design and chooses materials that are more environmentally friendly. Geo-Spec includes pieces constructed from granite,



Raishad J. Glover sits amid his exhibition at Holyoke Community College, "Geo-Spec: Cultural Introspection Wealth," on display until March 20. (SUBMITTED / HCC)

paper, glass, bamboo and wool, among others.

One of the pieces is a refurbished portable television from the 1940s, retrofitted to play videos from an Amazon Fire TV stick.

The Taber Art Gallery, located off the lobby of the HCC Library in the Donahue Building, is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during regular school sessions.