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## USI art professor exhibiting at Purdue, IU

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Michael K. Aakhus, University of Southern Indiana professor of art, and Gordon Brotherston, Indiana University professor of Spanish and Nahuatl, have created "Amoxtli - An Artist Book" under a grant from the Indiana Humanities Council for Hoosier projects that feature "Mexico in the 20th Century."

"Amoxtli" can be seen at the Purdue University Calumet Bicentennial Art Gallery, Hammond, Indiana, through September 27, and later will be displayed at Mathers Museum at Indiana University, Bloomington. An opening reception for the artists will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 15, at Mathers.

Amoxtli is Nahuatl for book. The best-known Nahuatl speakers were the Aztecs of the Central Valley of Mexico. Brotherston spent a year in Mexico researching for a book and the Aakhus/Brotherston collaboration presents an insight into Aztec culture and tradition, using texts from sources transcribed in the 16th century. Aakhus was the artist and Brotherston the translator for the exhibit.

Ten Indiana communities received grants from the humanities council to feature "Mexico in the 20th Century. "Amoxtli" is one of five exhibits hosted by seven universities and galleries in Northwest Indiana.

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