RESORT
September 7 – October 26, 2018
Public Reception, Friday, September 7, 5-7pm
Gallery Talk, Friday, September 7, 5 pm
New Immigrant and Refugee Visions screening, 6-7pm

The John J. McDonough Museum of Art, on the campus of Youngstown State University opens the fall season with RESORT, a traveling exhibition of works by Andrew Ellis Johnson and Susanne Slavick. It accompanies Sanctuary, an exhibition of paintings by John Guy Petruzzi. Both shows will be on view in the galleries September 7 – October 26 with an opening reception on Friday, September 7 from 5-7pm. Susanne Slavick and Andrew Ellis Johnson will give a gallery talk on the evening of the reception beginning at 5pm.

In addressing RESORT Slavick and Johnson comment: “Driven or displaced, cut loose or set adrift, or simply seeking safety—all are precarious states of passage. The decision to leave home may be voluntary or involuntary, arising from desperation or anticipation. RESORT, as a title, reflects that duality. To flee is a last resort. The destination is often another shore, literally or figuratively. The shore can also be a place for a benign kind of escape—an actual vacation resort. Some European vacationers have actually watched refugees wash ashore, from vessels both intact and capsized. We have similar scenarios on land at our own borders. RESORT explores the intersection of these two worlds—of security and insecurity—and our responses to those caught between them.”

Susanne Slavick is an artist, curator and the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Art at Carnegie Mellon University. Some of her curatorial projects include, Marx@200, that featured 40 contemporary artists addressing Marx’s critique of capitalism and Unloaded, a touring multimedia group show that explores historical and social issues surrounding the availability, use, and impact of guns in our culture. Her curatorial book project Out of Rubble (Charta, 2011) became a traveling exhibit that featured international artists responding to the aftermath of war. She has exhibited internationally, with more recent solo shows at the Chicago Cultural Center, McDonough Museum in Youngstown, Accola Griefen Gallery in New York, and Bernstein Gallery at Princeton University. Slavick graduated from Yale University, and subsequently studied at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, earning her MFA at Tyler School of Art at Temple University in Rome and Philadelphia.

Andrew Ellis Johnson is an artist whose work has appeared in galleries, festivals, public collaborations, conferences, and publications in the Americas, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He has performed as co-founder of the collective PED in Buffalo, Belfast, Chongqing, Rio de Janeiro, St. John’s, and Toronto. He studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (BFA) and Carnegie Mellon University (MFA) in Pittsburgh, where he is Associate Professor of Art. Residencies and exchanges over the last decade include those at Korean National University of the Arts, Seoul; University of the Arts London, Camberwell; Fayoum International Art Center, Egypt, and Sites of Passage in Jerusalem/Ramallah/Pittsburgh.
In conjunction with RESORT, there will be several screenings from New Immigrant and Refugee Visions, produced by Community Supported Film. A preview screening will take place on Friday, September 7, 6-7pm. Additional screenings will take place from 12:30 to 1:30pm on September 11, 14, 25 and 28 October 9, 12, 23 and 26. New Immigrant and Refugee Visions is a collection of documentary films made by new immigrants that provide unique insider perspectives on both the challenges of integration and the contributions immigrants make to our culture, economy and social fabric. http://csfilm.org

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