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Greetings Artists:

The Institute for Community Research is proud to extend this exciting opportunity bringing together artists, researchers and community members interested in community based collaborative research. We are seeking submissions of art in all media that address the themes of our conference **Crossroads II: Community Based Collaborative Research for Social Justice**. The conference will convene June 7-9, 2007, and the exhibition will run from June 1 –30, 2007, in Hartford, CT.

The Crossroads II exhibition will feature work addressing issues of social inequities and disparities, cultural identity, research, and social justice. These themes will be further examined through interactive panels, workshops, and round table discussions during our conference, along with presentations by nationally known presenters, researchers and community collaborators.

Artists have expressed in powerful ways the structural and social injustices that affect people and the places in which they live their daily lives. This work may be based on personal experiences, observations of social conditions, and inquiry through narratives, interviews, or other ways of collecting the thoughts and words of people experiencing injustices at all levels.

Crossroads II explores the interface of artistic expression, structured inquiry and social in/justice at the individual, community and societal levels. If you have created projects that engage, document or give voice to community concerns, social action or community organizing, or that stimulate activism, you should be part of the Crossroads II exhibition.

Artists are invited to participate in ICR's 2nd International Conference, to take place in Hartford, CT from June 7-9, 2007. For full conference participation and submitting work to the exhibition, please visit <http://www.incommunityresearch.org/crossroadsconfII.htm> or contact Maryann Abbott, Conference Coordinator, at 860-278-2044 x286 or crossroads2@icrweb.org.

The cost for gallery submissions only is \$20.00 for any three pieces, which can be created in any material. The deadline is **March 23, 2007**. For more information please visit <http://www.incommunityresearch.org/crossroadsIIgallerysub.htm> or contact Colleen Coleman, ICR Artistic Director, at 860-278-2044 x310 or colleen.coleman@icrweb.org.

We hope you will be willing to share your artistic and creative ideas, and experiences with respect to this important and growing field. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about participating in Crossroads II.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting event!

Sincerely,

Colleen L. Coleman
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