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Fayerweather Gallery Exhibits Work By U.Va. Alumna

"Unknown Paths: Choice And Chance"
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WHO: Tara DePorte

WHAT: "UNKNOWN PATHS: CHOICE AND CHANCE"

WHEN: Aug. 3-26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, noon-3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

WHERE: Fayerweather Gallery, U.Va. McIntire Department of Art, Rugby Road, Charlottesville

"Unknown Paths: Choice and Chance," works by 2001 University of Virginia alumna Tara DePorte, will be on exhibit at Fayerweather Gallery Aug. 3-26. The opening reception will be in the gallery on Friday Aug. 3, 5-8 p.m.

DePorte works in oil, frequently incorporating sculptural elements in her paintings. Exploring line and color, DePorte paints her fears, angers, questions, and happiness. The human figure is a recurring theme in many of the large-format paintings in the show, where it often emerges from an abstract background, reflecting the artist's questions about womanhood, gender and fertility.

"My subject matter is carried by emotions and thought-patterns, which reflect the people, places and things around me," says DePorte. "I have found myself imposing simultaneous feelings of comfort and discomfort in my works -- reminiscent of the conflicting flux of our own emotions in the face of change."

The social consciousness of her subject matter often reveals her reactions to topics such as rape and life in an orphanage in Haiti.

A U.Va. Interdisciplinary Distinguished Major, DePorte focused on human impacts on ecosystems with an emphasis on biology, environmental sciences and anthropology. She minored in studio art with specialization in painting and during a spring 2000 Paris study program, studied painting, sculpture and photography at the SPEOS Photographic Institute and participated in the prestigious copyist program at the Louvre Art Museum. DePorte has exhibited in a many group shows and has had numerous commissions.

Fayerweather Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

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