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women/modern art explores issues of gender, creation and inspiration

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North Balcony Gallery

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Lawrence, KS— Both as makers and subjects, women have made profound impact on modern and postmodern art. A new exhibition at the Spencer, *women/modern art*, considers that complex intersection, focusing primarily on European and American art from 1850 through present day. Organized by Curator of European and American art Susan Earle, the exhibition draws together a diverse group of works from the museum's permanent collection and will be on view Feb. 14 through May 2 in the North Balcony Gallery.

As Earle notes, "This exhibition—and my class this spring on the same general topic—interrogates the relationship of women to modern and postmodern art. Through a variety of works and media, the exhibition considers women as representation and as producers of art. As producers, women have generated many of the leading ideas in art over the past hundred years, especially in recent decades."

The show features a broad range of important works by 20th-century female artists, from Käthe Kollwitz and Gabriele Münter to Faith Ringgold, Barbara Kruger, Kara Walker, Louise Bourgeois, and Elaine Reichek. Also included are some pioneering computer-plotted artworks by Lawrence's own Colette Bangert.

While many of these objects certainly consider gender, they also explore a variety of other issues, both formal and conceptual. The exhibition also investigates the representation of women by

male artists in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, revealing some of the forms on which modernism was wrought: namely, women's bodies.

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Thurs. 10a.m.–9 p.m.

Sun. Noon–5 p.m.

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