

SWOSU Professor Receives \$10,000 Grant for Public Art Project

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E.K. Jeong (third from left) of the SWOSU Art Department recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Elizabeth Firestone Graham Foundation to fund creating a public art from design to completion. Also pictured are SWOSU officials (from left): Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Anita Blankenship, director of the Office of Sponsored Programs; and Dr. Blake Sonobe, senior vice president and provost.

E.K. Jeong, assistant professor in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Art Department in Weatherford, recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Elizabeth Firestone Graham Foundation to fund the construction of a catalog depicting the process of creating a public art from design to completion.

The public art is a large format contemporary tapestry, and the project will take place during the next two years.

For the catalog, residents of western Oklahoma will be asked to submit images of the Western Plains, historical figures and other personal mementos. The images will be compiled into the "exhibition catalog" and it will be used to create a cartoon, or a guide for weaving. Two fabric artists will be responsible for the creation of the tapestry, but members of the community are invited to take part in the collaborative art-making process. The entire design progression and public display will be recorded in the catalog.

For more information about the public art, please contact Jeong at ek.jeong@swosu.edu or 580.774.3035.