Art professor to present paper at national conference in Chicago Dec. 7-9

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Richard B. Reinholtz, associate professor of art at the University of Montana, will present a paper entitled "New Horizons in Art Teacher Preparation" at a national conference on teacher preparation and certification in Chicago Dec 7-9.

The paper will be published as one chapter of a new text on art education by the National Art Education Association, which is sponsoring the conference. Reinholtz is a past president of the NAEA national representative assembly.

The conference will explore performance competency based on student teaching and the instructional preparation of art teachers for certification.

"In performance based programs, performance goals are specified and agreed on in detail in advance of instruction," Reinholtz said. "The student preparing to become a teacher must either be able to demonstrate his ability to promote desirable learning or exhibit behaviors known to promote it."

Reinholtz said emphasis in performance based programs is on demonstrated output, with the student being held accountable, not for passing grades, but for attaining a given level of competency in performing the essential tasks of teaching.

"Acceptance of this basic principle has program implications that are truly revolutionary," he said.

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