



Steven Frank Gately

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Steve Gately (1946-2021) was a part of FMU from its early years, beginning his work with the University in 1973. He was an associate professor of Visual Arts and the coordinator of FMU's Visual Arts programs.

Born in West Palm Beach, FL, Gately earned his Associate of Arts degree from Palm Beach Junior College in Lake Worth, FL in 1966 . He also earned Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees from Florida Atlantic University and the University of South Florida. Gately then earned his Master of Fine Arts from Florida State University in 1971.

In 2006, Gately was named the C.B. and Marlene Askins Professor of Art, an endowed chair created in 1995 for further development of the artistic and cultural life at FMU and across the Pee Dee region.

Gately was known for his abstract artwork, which earned him numerous prizes in national, regional and local art competitions. His works have been displayed in over a dozen states and purchased by museums across the Southeastern US. This includes the Museum of Art in Mobile, AL, the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, NC, the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, the Columbia Museum of Art, and the State Art Collection of South Carolina.

Steve has influenced multiple generations of artists in our region, and it is now up to us to carry the creativity forward.

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“ I had the privilege to work with Steve for 18 years. He was an integral part of the FMU visual arts program for almost five decades. He touched the lives of many of his students, former students, and colleagues, and he leaves a giant legacy. My deepest condolences to Steve's family.

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