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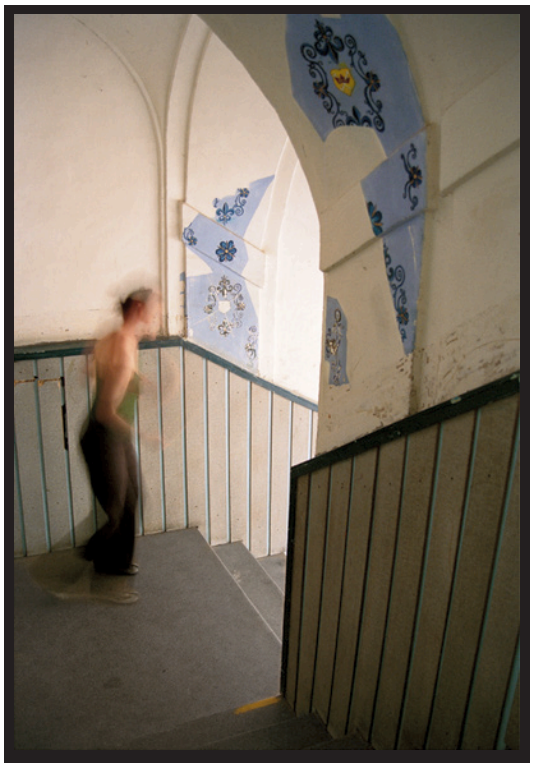
Art From the Ashes:
Finding Light in the Shadow of the Shoah

Friday, May 2, 2014, 2-3pm - Room E281, adjacent to the Music Library
Golda Meir Library, UW-Milwaukee



Helene Fischman
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Helene Fischman is an MFA candidate in UWM's Department of Art & Design. Fischman's talk will examine her process leading up to the creation of the exhibition, "Art From the Ashes," on view in the Libraries' 4th Floor Exhibition Gallery through May 30. She will also discuss how this process led to her current research and work at UWM.

From 2003-2004, Fischman established "artist residencies" for herself in former Nazi territory, making former concentration camps her studio. In Terezin/Terezinstadt, Czech Republic, she created an artist studio in a crumbling, former Nazi barrack. In Oswiecim/Auschwitz, Poland, she spent two months painting in an old storage room formerly used for munitions at the Auschwitz Jewish Center/Chevra Lomdei Mishnayot, the town's only surviving synagogue.

In "Art From the Ashes," Fischman's artwork is an homage to those lives lost in the Shoah and also a tribute to an undying optimism inherent in those who held on to life in the face of unfathomable horrors.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information or to arrange for special needs, please contact Special Collections at 414.229.4345 or libspecial@uwm.edu

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