Art Museum Project

As indicated in the course schedule, there will not be class on Friday, 24 April. Instead there is something called "Art Museum Project." This assignment is more of an experience than a "project." Also, it need not be done on the day indicated, but can be done any time prior to Monday, 27 April.

The assignment is to visit an art museum or gallery that specializes in, or at least contains some "Southwestern" works. One choice in Austin is *MexicArte Museum* (419 Congress Ave.). Others might exist in your hometown or wherever you are going on Spring Break. For example, the *Museum of Western Art* in Kerrville and the *Sid Richardson Museum* in Fort Worth both have fine collections of Cowboy Art. The *Museum of Fine Art* in Houston has a nice Native American collection. The *San Antonio Museum of Art* has a nice collection of Spanish Colonial Art. Santa Fe, New Mexico is home to the *Georgia O'Keeffe Musuem,* the *New Mexico Museum of Art,* the *Museum of Indian Arts and Cultures,* and the *Museum of International Folk Art.* Finally, a most thorough and exquisite collection of Spanish Colonial Art constitutes the *Museo Franz Mayer* in Mexico City.

It makes no difference which gallery or museum you visit. While there, look over the various pieces, be they paintings, prints, etchings, drawings, sculptures, rugs, blankets, ceramics, metal work, etc. Then, prepare a one or two-page paper ***explaining what you saw and how you felt.***

You may focus on one piece that you personally find intriguing. Or, you may discuss the corpus of works. Do not describe! Attempt to convey what the artist is telling you. Be critical. Be insightful. On a separate but related note, you might be interested in knowing that some art galleries and museums have websites and post works of art online. A Google search should result in the discovery of some. As good as these are, however, they are not as good as visiting a museum or gallery, *in person*. Accordingly, *online "visits" are NOT permitted* for this exercise.

Submit your paper in pdf.