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## Himmelstein paintings on exhibit at WPU

WAYNE —An exhibit of recent paintings by Shelley Himmelstein, whose works explore the process of painting in its purest aspects, are on view through March 7 at the East Gallery in the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Paterson University in Wayne. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Himmelstein's works refer to particular places that are meaningful to her for the feelings they evoked when she encountered them. The canvasses register chosen locales in New York City, where she lives, and take us along on her travels in

the two countries that she loves, the United States and Italy. "Paintings allow me to focus on what I discover to be an underlying essence of places and moments and to preserve that for contemplation," she explains.

The artist paints from nature, but simplifies its forms to abstraction. She continually reconfigures shapes and refines the surface, seeking a perfect balance and rhythm for the interior. "Their content, structure and light are explored, fiddled with, and repeatedly considered in a way peculiar to oil painting, a process that owes much to its pigment-laden

physicality and workability over time," Himmelstein says.

Himmelstein's works have been featured in one-person shows at 76 Varick and Synchronicity Space in New York and at Casina Pompeliana in Italy, as well as numerous group exhibitions in New York, Italy, Greece, and the Netherlands.

A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, Himmelstein received a master of fine arts degree from Hunter College. She also studied at the Tyler School of Art in Rome, Italy.

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