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**DIANE BURKO: *Flow*** February 9 – April 2, 2006



**Opening Reception** Thursday, February 9, 5:30-8:30pm

**Tours with Tufts Art Gallery Guides** Saturday, February 18, March 11, April 1, 1:00pm

**Open House (5-8:30pm) and Artist's Talk (7:30pm)** Thursday, February 23

*(in association with the College Art Association's 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference)*



**Medford, MA** – The Tufts University Art Gallery proudly presents *Flow*, a solo exhibition of 21 paintings and photographs in the Koppelman Gallery by landscape artist Diane Burko. For the past 15 years Burko has focused primarily on spectacular and panoramic “extreme landscapes” of volcanoes, craters, waterfalls, and glaciers from Iceland, Italy, Hawaii, and Washington State depicted from disembodied and aerial vantage points. Her panoramic images conjure a sense of grandeur and awe characteristic of the Sublime tradition of landscape painting but are motivated by an experiential rather than religious conviction of what “the spiritual” is and where it resides.

*Flow* explores the constant, if not always visible, natural processes and states of lava, as well as water's transformation among solid, liquid, and ether. Burko's dovetailed subjects are the very notion of spatial and temporal natural transformation and an investigation of the fluid boundary between representation and abstraction. To capture her encounters with landscapes near to and far from home, and to aid her studio painting practice, Burko began photographing in 1979. By 2001, she began to exploit the potential of medium format and digital photography as more than source material. Her practice today befittingly challenges both the supposed objectivity of photography and the inherent subjectivity of painting (hence the two mediums are juxtaposed as equivalents in the gallery).

This exhibition is curated by Amy Ingrid Schlegel, Ph.D., director of the galleries and collections at Tufts University. It will travel to the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, PA from June 10 to October 15. An illustrated color brochure is available.

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The Tufts University Art Gallery animates the intellectual life of the greater university community through exhibitions and programs exploring new, global perspectives on art and on art discourse. The gallery is located in the Aidekman Arts Center on the Tufts University Medford campus. The Gallery is fully accessible and admission is free. Hours are 11am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday and Thursdays until 8 pm. Parking is available in metered spaces on Latin Way Road and in the Dowling Hall parking garage at 419 Boston Avenue. Visit our new website: **[www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gallery)** or call **617-627-3518** for more information.