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Image: "In the Hood"

## Art EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY AT SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE EXAMINES PERCEPTIONS OF BLACK LIVES

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—The Art & Design Department of South Suburban College (SSC) is pleased to present a new exhibition located in the Dulgar Gallery on SSC's Main Campus in South Holland. An exhibition of art works by Cesar Conde titled "Collusion" is on display April 12-27, 2016. There will be an afternoon reception for Conde on April 18th at 1:00 p.m.

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Collusion highlights two series of works, *In the Hood* + *Portraits of African American Professionals Wearing a Hoodie* and *The Bang Bang Project*. Both were painted as Conde's expression of concern for the deaths of teenager Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida in February 2012 and of teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri in August 2014. Each series challenges depictions of African Americans and the resulting impact of police violence. *The Bang Bang Project* portrays African Americans lying motionless depicting the reality of police shootings. Conde's *In the Hood* portrays professional African Americans wearing hoods.

A contemporary painter, Conde uses old world technique using modern materials to paint his realistic portraits. Conde is a Filipino-American Chicago based artist who was primarily self-taught until he hit a wall with his technical skills. Upon realizing his artistic limitations, Conde decided to study at Angel Academy of Art in Florence, Italy with John Michael Angel, who apprenticed for Pietro Annigoni. He also studied with Master Painter of Technique Mixte, Patrick Betaudier in his atelier in Monflanquin, France. Conde's influences are Carravaggio, Rembrandt, and Goya. Conde continues to learn and explore the infinite possibilities of painting.

The public is welcome to visit the art exhibition and reception at no charge. The Dulgar Gallery is on the first floor. SSC Galleries are open at minimum Mondays

through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The galleries are closed on weekends and holidays.

For more information, please call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2445 or ext. 2316, or visit [www.ssc.edu/art](http://www.ssc.edu/art). SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.



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