‘Academic Ink’ Exhibition at Wimberly Library through June 23

“Academic Ink,” an exhibition of tattoo-related works, will be on display through Monday, June 23, at the Wimberly Library, One West Gallery, on the Boca Raton campus. Photographs of tattooed FAU faculty and staff taken in the workplace by FAU Libraries’ senior designer and photographer Z. Koppisch, and “Academic Ink in the Studio,” an installation of works in various media by students in the Department of Visual Arts and Art History, are featured in the exhibition. Art history majors Karina Vallejo and Ana Juarez organized and contextualized these displays. Koppisch, a 2008 FAU alumna, who also is enrolled in FAU’s master of fine arts program, assisted the students with the display.

The exhibition, part of the long-term research and creative project “Stories on the Skin: Tattoo Culture at FAU,” is being presented by FAU Libraries’ Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts and Karen Leader, Ph.D., of FAU’s Department of Visual Arts and Art History. The Jaffe Center and Leader launched the project in 2010 to engage the university’s diverse population in an exploration of the social, cultural and artistic phenomenon of tattooing, specifically drawing out the relationship between the images and the complex histories and narratives associated with them. For more information visit www.storiesontheskin.org or www.facebook.com/storiesontheskinatfau.

AcademicInk1.jpg: Koppisch and Karina Vallejo.
AcademicInk2.jpg: Vincent Elliot, FAU's building and grounds.