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## **“Bittersweet” Exhibition at Eastern**

**Photo Caption:** Kelly Bigelow Becerra, *Walkin’ the Woods Row*, 2008

**Willimantic, Conn.** – Contemporary artist and filmmaker Kelly Bigelow Becerra will discuss her exhibit, “Bittersweet,” at 3 p.m. on Feb. 19 in the Julian Akus Gallery located in Shafer Hall at Eastern Connecticut State University. A reception will follow from 5-9 p.m. with a performance by the Quiet Corner Fiddlers. The exhibit will run from Jan. 29 to March 12.

Bigelow Becerra creates her work through direct, flatbed scanning of objects and people to create a digital vocabulary. The resulting scenes range from serene to stormy, reflecting the artist’s tumultuous childhood. She is also the co-writer and co-producer of the short film, “Dear Beautiful,” which was chosen as an official selection for the 2009 Sundance Film Festival and was screened during the 2007 Cannes Film Festival.

Bigelow Becerra was recently awarded an Artist Fellowship Grant for the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. She has exhibited with the Rodger Lapelle Gallery in Philadelphia, PA, and the Aldrich Contemporary Museum of Art in Ridgefield, CT, among other venues in the northeast.

The Akus Gallery is located in the lower level of Shafer Hall at the corner of Windham and Valley Streets in Willimantic. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 1 to 7 p.m. on Thursday; and 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and

Sundays. The gallery is closed Mondays and Fridays. Parking is available on both cross streets. The gallery is fully accessible. For more information regarding this and other exhibitions at Akus Gallery, please call the Akus Gallery at (860) 465-4659 or visit the web site: <http://www.easternct.edu/akusgallery>

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