



# ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERIES

NEW ART GALLERY DEVELOPMENT FOR MIDWEST HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

**CLIENT** Illinois State University | **LOCATION** Normal, Illinois | **SIZE** 8,300 sf

## RECOGNITION

Award of Merit, Second Iberoamerican Biennial of Lighting Design, 2016

## PROJECT SCOPE

In partnership with the Town of Normal and to strengthen its off-campus presence, Illinois State University (ISU) re-located its primary art exhibition space in the Town's new multi-modal transportation facility, which brings high-speed rail, bus, auto, and bicycle routes together at the center of Normal's Uptown neighborhood. The galleries further enliven the area, which features a variety of retail, dining, educational, cultural, and recreational activities. The 8,300 square foot ground-level space provides ISU with a visible and easily accessible location for the community to engage in its flourishing fine art programs. The design provides several gallery settings for the display of contemporary art from both emerging and established artists.

A simple finish palette is used throughout, creating a sophisticated backdrop that lets the art take center stage. Each gallery is equipped with specialized lighting, audiovisual, and technology systems to accommodate various media. A centralized lobby allows each gallery to operate together or independently, allowing for the installation of new shows in one while the other galleries remain open to the public.