

# D'AGOSTINO: Lights a spark in students' eyes with new showcase

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One area of D'Agostino's focus is propaganda in the 50s. She remembers Bert the Turtle, who was a tool that the government used to teach children how to duck and cover in case of the atomic bomb.

"We used to have to hide under our desks like that, like they show in the film and it was terrifying," D'Agostino said. "And they had that cute little turtle telling us what to do and I think the turtle was supposed to be reassuring somehow to kids but somehow we knew that this was totally terrifying. And the turtle didn't help, it just made us feel like everyone was lying to us."

The collage shows videos of the atomic bomb going off, kids hiding under school desks and ends with drawings by teenagers who survived the World War II bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

During the artist reception students piled into the Alexander Gallery to hear what D'Agostino had to say about her work, and she answered student questions. Kate Simmons, gallery director for the Alexander Gallery, said, "I welcome you to explore these five experimental videos and as well go over to Marylhurst's Art Gym to see her (D'Agostino's) retrospective. It's a collection of her work."

Part time student Rebekah Kamierowicz said, "so far I think it's pretty cool. It makes your mind think."

D'Agostino said, "I hope people go out and see that [show at Marylhurst]. The show at Marylhurst is a combination of a retrospective of new work and there is a lot more. There are sculptures and architecture and all kinds of stuff."

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Artist

"On Screen: Fernanda D'Agostino: Single Channel Videos 2007-2013" by D'Agostino will be showing in the Alexander Gallery through Dec. 12. The gallery is opened 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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A snapshot of D'Agostino's piece which deals with fears and grief.



**Ramen Made Edible:**

- Prepare as directed on packaging.
- After boiling the noodles and adding the flavor packet, remove the noodles (saving the broth) and pan fry the noodles in a little bit of cooking oil (about 1 tsp).
- Save the broth, boiling and cooking it down (reducing) until it is a little thicker — this may take a while. It's okay if the broth does not thicken — use it anyway and move on to the next step.
- While you wait; hunt for and add any variety of vegetable.
- One suggestion from a colleague: try adding "Pork Formosa" otherwise known as dried pork shreds, available at most Asian food stores.
- Also try tofu strips, sliced hard boiled eggs, crumbled bacon. Use your imagination.

## Snazzy make-overs for boring food



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**Foolproof Grilled Cheese Sandwiches:**

- Use different types of cheeses and different types of breads.
- DON'T grill your sandwich on HIGH heat, always grill your sandwiches on MEDIUM heat.
- Try coating the outside of the sandwich with sweet cream butter.
- Add tomato, avocado, onion, bacon and anything else you normally enjoy on your sandwiches.

**Perfect Macaroni & Cheese (from a box):**

- Any boxed macaroni & cheese brand can be used. Kraft is the brand used in this recipe.
- Cook the mac & cheese as directed, paying extra close attention to not overcook the pasta.
- Instead of milk, try an equal measurement of sour cream.
- Sweet cream butter (the real stuff) is recommended over margarine.

Always eat Perfect Mac & Cheese and its variations immediately after preparation — leftovers are just nasty.

**Other variations include:**

- Chili Mac:
  - One can of your favorite chili.
  - Heat chili while you cook noodles.
  - Mix cheese powder into chili before stirring into the pasta.
  - No need for butter and milk.
- Tuna Casserole Mac:
  - Make as directed.
  - Add can of tuna.
  - Half package frozen (or can) of peas, heated to desired temperature.
- Meat-Lover's Mac:
  - Slice up hot dogs, Spam or any of your favorite pre-packaged meats to add to your Perfect Mac & Cheese.