

About the cover art:

Collaborative Mural (detail), CSUSB Community-based Art at the California Institution for Men, 45' x 8', created by 30 participants (inmates) and 5 teaching artists (students), 2014-15.

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Community-based art is an approach to making, teaching, and learning art that directly engages community. Since 2013, California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) Community-based Art (CBA) has partnered with sites in the Inland Empire that don't otherwise have access to art, facilitating ongoing classes and workshops in visual art, art history, and creative writing to individuals in three CA state prisons as well as the CSUSB Reentry Initiative, County Probation, a public housing project, youth shelters, and low-income senior housing. Our community partners have an expressed interest in bringing art to their programs and our classes are based on a philosophy of collaboration, interdependence, and mutual learning.

