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Excerpt from *Ascend* (2017), by Shiva Ahmadi

Dear [informal salutation],

Drawing on Persian miniature painting traditions, Associate Professor Shiva Ahmadi, a Chancellor's Fellow, creates works of stunning beauty that often include images of conflict from her native Iran.

Yet her art speaks to universal experience. "I believe there is a way for people from anywhere and any background to relate to and understand my art," said Ahmadi.

As a teacher, she helps students develop and be true to their own vision.

"I want my students to question, research and reflect on their work," said Ahmadi. "This means exploring different options and experimenting with different materials to convey their ideas."

A Chancellor's Fellows award, supported in part by the Parents Fund, will allow Ahmadi to expand on her work. For two decades, the Chancellor's Fellows program has helped early career faculty pursue their research and creative work while offering life-changing learning opportunities for students. **Your gift today will continue that amazing legacy.**

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"I love working with young, energetic and creative minds. Teaching my students to be aware of their choices and make conscious decisions in their work is very important to me."

- SHIVA AHMADI, 2019 CHANCELLOR'S FELLOW AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART