Nigerian Bright Ugochukwu Eke, UNC Hanes Visiting Artist-in-Residence, creates socially oriented art, exploring the ways in which people interact with their environments. Eke's work looks at the interdependence of various networks, and therefore comments on culture and the environment as much as it derives from them, conceptually or physically. His public talk will offer insight into his working process, as he discusses why he uses water and the inspirations for his various projects.

While at UNC he will collaborate with students to create a large, site-specific installation in the FedEx Global Education Center as one of three components in the exhibit "The Water of Life: Artistic Expressions."

Born in Mbaise, Nigeria, Eke currently lives in Los Angeles. He received his BA and MFA from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and has exhibited in locations throughout the world. An endowment established in 1983 through the generosity of Nancy and Robin Hanes supports the Art Department's Visiting Artist Series. This important program brings both established and emerging artists to campus to discuss their work in public lectures and to offer individual critiques to UNC's MFA students. The Hanes Visiting Artist Series greatly enriches UNC's academic programs and provides outreach to the wider community. All lectures are free and open to the public.

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