Computing expert impressed by college

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RENOVATED aesthetic computing expert Professor Kang Zhang spoke at a forum for staff and students at the Tasmanian College of the Arts at Inveresk on Tuesday afternoon.

Professor Zhang holds positions as a professor and adjunct professor at the University of Texas in Dallas.

He has held academic positions in the UK, Australia, and China, and is on a research trip to Tasmania.

He describes aesthetic computing as the exploration of how arts and design can help computing, and how software can generate art.

Professor Zhang was impressed with the college.

"I'm mostly impressed with the kind of interdisciplinary team that I rarely see in other universities," Professor Zhang said.

At the TCotA forum, Professor Zhang discussed the relationship between design and computing, and the philosophy behind computing and creativity.

UTAS Inveresk Gallery director Doctor Malcom Bywaters said it was an honour to host Professor Zhang at the university's Inveresk campus.

"He's here to talk about the interdisciplinary crossover between visual arts and the sciences," Dr Bywaters said.

"What's fabulous from our point of view is that he is a global expert, [with] an incredible wealth of knowledge."