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**THE ART GALLERY AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH
TO EXHIBIT WORKS FROM THE
AMISTAD CENTER FOR ART & CULTURE
I WRITE YOUR NAME:
*THE AMISTAD CENTER @ USJ***

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (March 14, 2014) – The Art Gallery at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will launch the exhibition *I Write Your Name: The Amistad Center @ USJ* on **Saturday, March 29 with an opening reception from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** The Art Gallery is located in the Bruyette Athenaeum on the University's main campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. The reception is free of charge and open to the public.

I Write Your Name will be exhibited at the Art Gallery in three installments during 2014 while The Amistad Center's galleries at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art are closed for renovation. *Part I* will be on view through Sunday, June 15. *Part II* will be presented from June 26-August 31 and *Part III* from September 13-December 14. These selections from the Amistad Center's collection of art, artifacts, and popular culture objects that "document the experience, expressions, and history of people of African descent" have been chosen to highlight some of the Center's recent acquisitions. The exhibition also supports USJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences' 2014-15 academic year theme of "Peace." Artists represented in Part I include Richmond Barthé, Ellis Ruley, Willie Cole, Lorna Simpson, Deborah Willis, and Carrie Mae Weems, who is the subject of a retrospective currently on view at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York. *I Write Your Name* is supported in part by a grant from the Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation.

In conjunction with *I Write Your Name*, the Art Gallery's Vincenza Uccello Fine Arts Lecture will feature noted photographer Lewis Watts and jazz historian Eric Porter discussing their book *New Orleans Suite: Music and Culture in Transition* (University of California Press, 2013). The lecture will take place Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. in USJ's Crystal Room, Mercy Hall and will be followed by a book signing and reception. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Also on view at the Art Gallery through June 15 is an installation of *Recent Gifts to the Art Gallery*, featuring paintings and works on paper by American and European artists.

The Art Gallery, University of Saint Joseph is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; closed Monday. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.usj.edu/artgallery.

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