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THE ART GALLERY AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH OPENS *I WRITE YOUR NAME, PART III* ART FROM THE AMISTAD CENTER FOR ART & CULTURE



WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (August 18, 2014) – The Art Gallery, University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will open the exhibition *I Write Your Name, Part III: The Amistad Center @ USJ* on **Friday, September 12 with a gallery talk at 6:00 p.m., followed by an opening reception (6:00 – 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 talk and reception are free of charge and open to the public.

This is the third and largest installment of an exhibition of works from The Amistad Center for Art & Culture that is being shown at the Art Gallery, USJ while The Amistad Center's galleries at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art are closed for renovation. It will be on view through December 14. The Amistad Center's collection of art, artifacts, and popular culture objects document the experience, expressions, and history of people of African descent. The selection of works on view at the Art Gallery not only resonates with the USJ School of Humanities and Social Sciences' 2014-15 academic year theme, "Peace and Human Rights," but

also provides the opportunity for ‘dialogue’ with works from the Art Gallery’s permanent collection.

Among the Amistad Center’s works in *I Write Your Name Part III* are prints by Richard Hunt, Jacob Lawrence, and Benny Andrews, as well as photographs by Carrie Mae Weems, Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, Lorna Simpson, and Addison N. Scurlock. In addition to photo-based works by Hank Willis Thomas and Ryan Alexiev, the exhibition also features sculptures by Richmond Barthé and Willie Cole. Selections from the Art Gallery, USJ include works by Jacob Lawrence, Richard Hunt, Betye Saar, and Faith Ringgold. *I Write Your Name* is supported in part by a grant from the Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation.

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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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with a focus on service. Coeducational graduate master’s and doctoral degree programs are taught on the University’s two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Undergraduate programs for women and for coeducational adult students take place on our beautiful suburban campus and include more than 22 majors and six pre-professional programs, each of which provides personal attention in a caring environment. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph welcomes students from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

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