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### **ART MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH WINS PUBLICATION AWARDS**

Received First Place awards from New England Museum Association and  
American Alliance of Museums

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (August 25, 2016) – The Art Museum, University of Saint Joseph won First Place awards in both the 2016 New England Museum Association (NEMA) Publication Awards and the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Publications Design Competition.

The winning publications were produced for *Pan American Modernism: Avant-Garde Art in Latin America and the United States* – an exhibition organized by the Lowe Art Museum, University of Florida, with tour organized by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C. – which was shown at the University of Saint Joseph in fall 2015. The Art Museum’s *Family Guide: Pan American Encounters* won First Place from NEMA in the Educational Publications, Museums & Kits category and the *Exhibition Announcement* won First Place in the Invitations category. The American Alliance of Museums awarded the Family Guide first place in its Educational Resources category.

Museum Educator Waleska Santiago, working with Museum Director Ann Sievers, created the *Family Guide* — published in both Spanish and English versions. Pam Howard of Firebrick Design created both the Exhibition Announcement and the Family Guide.

Since 1994, the NEMA Publication Awards Program has showcased the best New England has to offer in museum publishing. The competition recognizes excellence in design, production, programming, and effective communication in both print and digital publishing. For more than 27 years, AAM has recognized and encouraged superior execution and ingenuity in the graphic design of museum publications through their annual design competition, the only national juried contest of its kind.

“This year marked our first submission to these competitions, so we feel particularly honored to have been recognized by both our regional and national museum organizations,” said Sievers.

NEMA is one of six regional museum associations in the US. Since 1906 the AAM has brought together museums across the U.S. to develop standards and best practices, gathering and sharing knowledge and providing advocacy on issues of concern to the entire museum community. For more information, visit [www.nemanet.org](http://www.nemanet.org) and [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org).



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The Art Museum, University of Saint Joseph is located in the Bruyette Athenaeum on the University's West Hartford campus. It houses a collection of over 2,000 paintings and works of art on paper and is open to the public. The Art Museum's next exhibition, *HANGA NOW: Contemporary Japanese Printmakers* will open with a public reception on Thursday, September 22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Art Museum 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/artmuseum](http://www.usj.edu/artmuseum).

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