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University of Saint Mary Hosts a Storm Imagery Exhibition by Texas Artist Hollis Hammonds

Artist's Reception Set for 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in USM's Goppert Gallery

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary presents *Beautiful Monsters*, an exhibition by artist Hollis Hammonds of two-dimensional cut outs and relief wall installations that explore patterns in storm imagery. The show opens on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, and runs through March 2 in USM's Goppert Gallery on the Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street. An artist's reception for Hammonds will be held from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in Goppert Gallery.

Beautiful Monsters
by Hollis Hammonds

During the month-long show, the gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission to the exhibit or reception is free.

Hammonds, a native of Independence, Ky., is area coordinator and assistant professor of art and director of the fine arts exhibit program at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. She has exhibited her work throughout the country. Hammonds' exhibit, *Beautiful Monsters*, explores the devastation of natural disasters—a subject that she says both frightens and fascinates her.

"I'm extremely excited to have Hollis on campus to share her work with students," said Alexandra Robinson, associate professor of art at USM. "Her expertise in the field is a wonderful addition to our learning environment and her artwork is both challenging and beautiful. She is also a published author."

Contact Prof. Robinson at (913) 682-5151, ext. 6608, or email RobinsonA@stmary.edu for more information.

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