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### University of Saint Mary Art Program Hosts Exhibition by Denver Painter

*Opening 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, in Goppert Gallery*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary is pleased to present *Particular Places*, an exhibition of oil paintings by Mary K. Connelly. The show opens to the public on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 with an artist’s reception scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. in USM’s Goppert Gallery on the Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Connelly will give a lecture on her work at 3:30 p.m. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the exhibition runs through Oct. 12. Admission is free.

According to Connelly, *Particular Places* represent an ongoing exploration of interior space, intimate scale paintings on wood panel. Through the process of observational painting, she examines how our perceptions of “home” and other spaces shape our thoughts, memories, and dreams.

“My paintings are a distillation of perception and memory, where color and light convey a world both psychologically and spiritually charged,” Connelly said.

Connelly is an associate professor and area head of the painting and drawing programs at University of Colorado-Denver. She received her MFA in Painting from Indiana University in Bloomington in 2000. The artist has been featured in 12 one-person shows over the past 13 years and has been in numerous selected group exhibitions including The Salmagundi Club in New York City and the SFMOMA Artists Gallery in San Francisco. Connelly is currently represented by the van Straaten Gallery in Denver; she’ll be featured in a two-person show in December. To see more of the artist’s work please visit [www.maryconnelly.com](http://www.maryconnelly.com).

“Mary Connelly is a top-flight artist, and we’re thrilled to present her work,” said Susan Nelson, associate professor of art at USM. “The university is always pleased to help bring fine art events to the community.”

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