FAU’s Jupiter Campus Library Presents ‘Proof: South Florida Printmakers,’ an Exhibition of Broadsides and Prints

JUPITER, FL (March 26, 2010) – Florida Atlantic University’s John D. MacArthur Campus Library Gallery is hosting “Proof: South Florida Printmakers,” an exhibition of broadsides and prints by nine of South Florida’s finest artists through Friday, May 14 at 5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter.

“Proof” represents a collaborative effort between some of South Florida’s finest artists and writers. In some cases, the artists responded to words, and in others, writers produced work after conversations with artists. Other pairs worked closely to produce collaborative works. This intersection of word, image and the process of creative dialogue are at the heart of the exhibition. The exhibition, featured first in February at the Miami artlabb33 gallery, was organized by artist Tom Virgin, who graduated from FAU in 1989 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in printmaking and painting. He also holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Miami.

“I chose the show’s title to reflect the printmaker’s term for the first image taken from a given plate, and to demonstrate through tangible evidence that printmaking in South Florida is a vital enterprise well placed in the mainstream of contemporary work being done here,” said Virgin, who does artists books, paints, art in public places and sculpture.

Other artists with work in the exhibition are Diane Arrieta, Kari Snyder, Kathleen Hudspeth, Jonathan Thomas, John Cutrone, Seth Thompson, Andrew Binder and Brian Reedy. Each artist has at least three works in the show, and their art includes such techniques as etching, woodcut, silkscreen and digital printing.

Cutrone and Thompson, the driving forces at FAU Libraries’ Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts, have been creating handmade books and broadsides together since 1995. They are featuring five broadsides. The common thread among the broadsides is that they are all letterpress printed.

“The literary broadside can really test the mettle of a printer in finding that successful marriage of text and image and design. The concept of this exhibition is so exciting to me, to see
the form approached even on a conceptual level by other artists in the region, even artists I
wouldn't necessarily think of as text-based,” said Cutrone.

Snyder creates life-size figurative prints using Plexiglas plates and prints that are a
combination of etching and engraving. Her work has been greatly influenced by Japanese Ukiyo-
e woodblock prints. Snyder teaches at the University of Miami, where she recently completed
her Master of Fine Arts in printmaking.

Binder, an instructor in the College of Education at FAU, is showing 18 hand-made, one-
of-a kind artist books, many of them pop-ups. His subjects range from how to foster creativity by
e example to the War and Peace project, which is about health after Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima.
Several of the featured books are part of Binder’s World Heritage Series and reflect his travels
around the world for the past decade to photograph World Heritage sites.

The library’s hours are Sundays from 12:30 to 11 p.m.; Monday through Thursday from
8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Call 561-799-8530 or visit www.library.fau.edu/npb/npb.htm.

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Photo #1: “Vulture,” woodcut print 16” x 20" by Tom Virgin.
Photo #2: “Bufamarinus,” an etching by Kari Snyder.

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campus is home to the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Lifelong Learning Society, the Scripps Florida
research facilities and the future site of the Max Planck Florida Institute.

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a teaching university, with a world-class faculty, FAU hosts 10 colleges: College of Architecture, Urban & Public
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College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Engineering & Computer Science, the Harriet L.
Wilkes Honors College, the Graduate College, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E.
Schmidt College of Science.