



CONTACT:

Miranda Connelly, Communications Associate
connelly.m@harrisburgacademy.org, (717) 763-7811
May 24, 2017

Harrisburg Academy Teacher Accepted to Smithsonian American Art Museum Summer Institute

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy English teacher, Annette Spahr, has been accepted to the Smithsonian American Art Museum Summer Institute in Washington, D.C. for a “Teaching the Humanities through Art” summer program. As a summer scholar, Spahr will have the opportunity learn about bringing art into the classroom. Through this experience, she will be able to expand her current approach of helping her middle- and high-school-aged students make interdisciplinary connections that foster their critical thinking skills.

“Students not only read a novel, they enjoy an interdisciplinary approach. They develop an appreciation for how interviews complement historical documents, and how an author’s notebooks and seemingly random sketches eventually tell one of the world’s most difficult stories,” said Spahr. “Using an interdisciplinary approach, I’ve found students’ minds explore through the eyes of the historian, the writer, and the artist. Learning to see the world through the eyes of another is something we should all strive to achieve.”

Each summer, the Smithsonian American Art Museum offers professional development workshops that present educators with innovative methods for incorporating art and technology into their humanities curricula. The Summer Institute programs are designed for middle and high school teachers of social studies, history, and English/language arts. Held twice each summer, each five-day Institute gives 30 selected participants the chance to collaborate with museum staff, content experts, and technology professionals, and to explore models for integrating art across the curriculum.

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg’s only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

For more information about Harrisburg Academy please visit our website at www.HarrisburgAcademy.org or contact Miranda Connelly at 717-763-7811 or via email at connelly.m@harrisburgacademy.org.

###