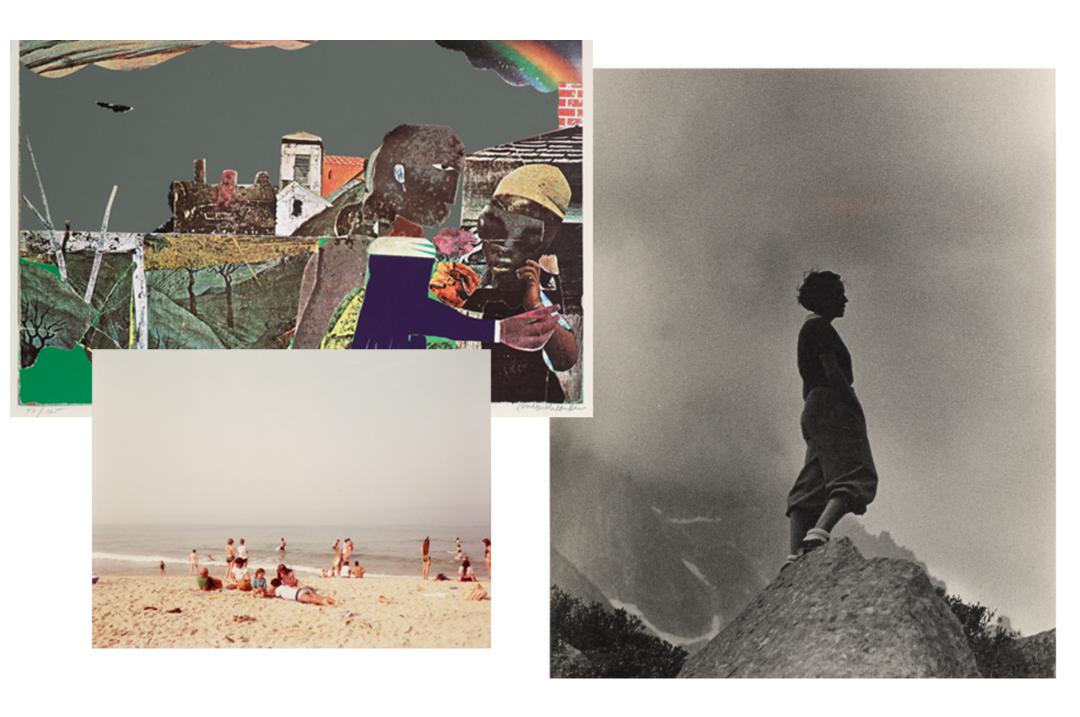


asked more than 100 members of the Lehigh and Bethlehem communities...

WHAT MATTERS MOST





They each selected a piece of artwork from the Lehigh University Art Gallery collection to help them express their thoughts.



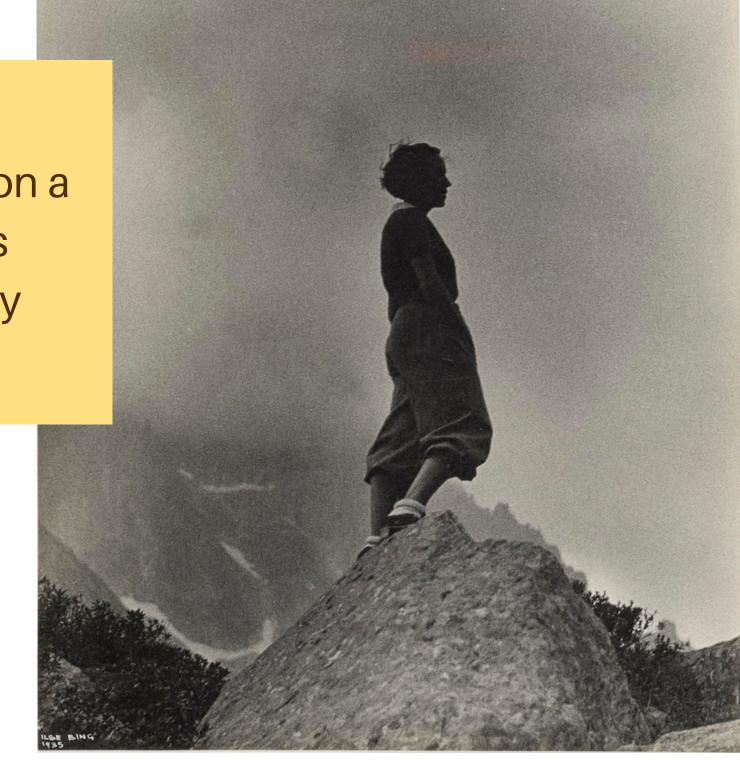


BETH DOLAN, INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

Dolan said having a sense of purpose is what means most to her. She found hers in education, particularly women's education and seeing women succeed.



Dolan chose
"Woman Posed on a
Boulder, Mer des
Glaces" (1935) by
Isle Bing



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Her hands are in her pockets and she seems relaxed. She's on top of the world. She's at a pinnacle looking out, so clearly she had to do some work to get there. But there's a deeper purpose here... a sense of purpose that's not necessarily about striving or achievement, but also about internal development and change.



MELANIE LINO, OWNER OF MADE BY LINO AND LIT COFFEE ROASTERY AND BAKESHOP

Lino said access to food and combating food insecurity are topics that matter to her.





Lino chose "Carolina Memory" by Romare Bearden because she sees a connection to nature.

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My hope is to create community spaces in areas where people don't necessarily have access to land so they can grow fresh food. I know that's something we struggle with in our part of the world. I want people to feel connected to the land again.

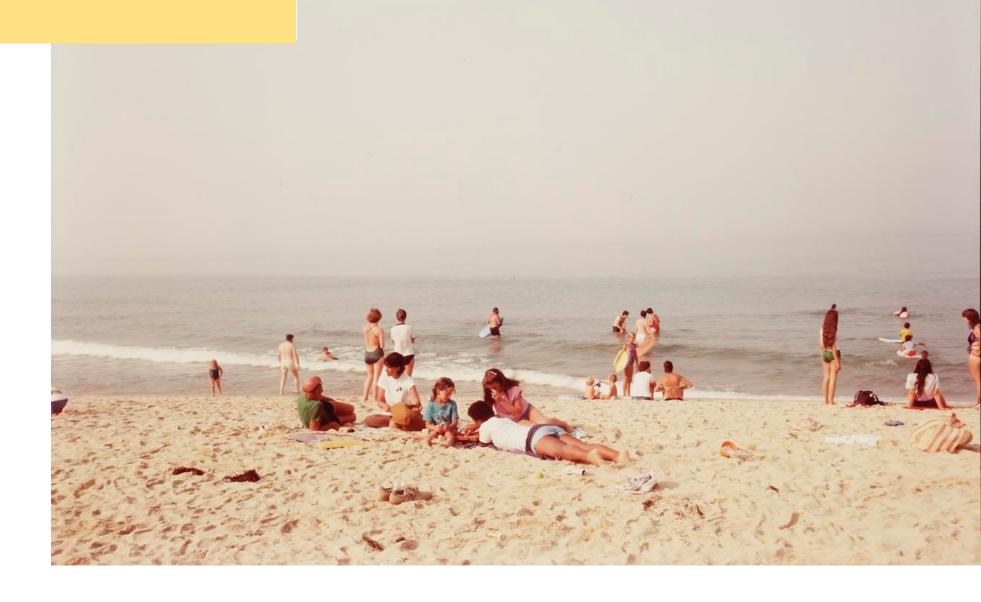


ERIN ZEBERTAVAGE, DOWNTOWN MANAGER WITH THE SOUTHSIDE ARTS DISTRICT

Zebertavage said community, family and friends are among the things that matter most to her.



Zebertavage chose "Ballston Beach" (1984) by Joel Meyerowitz



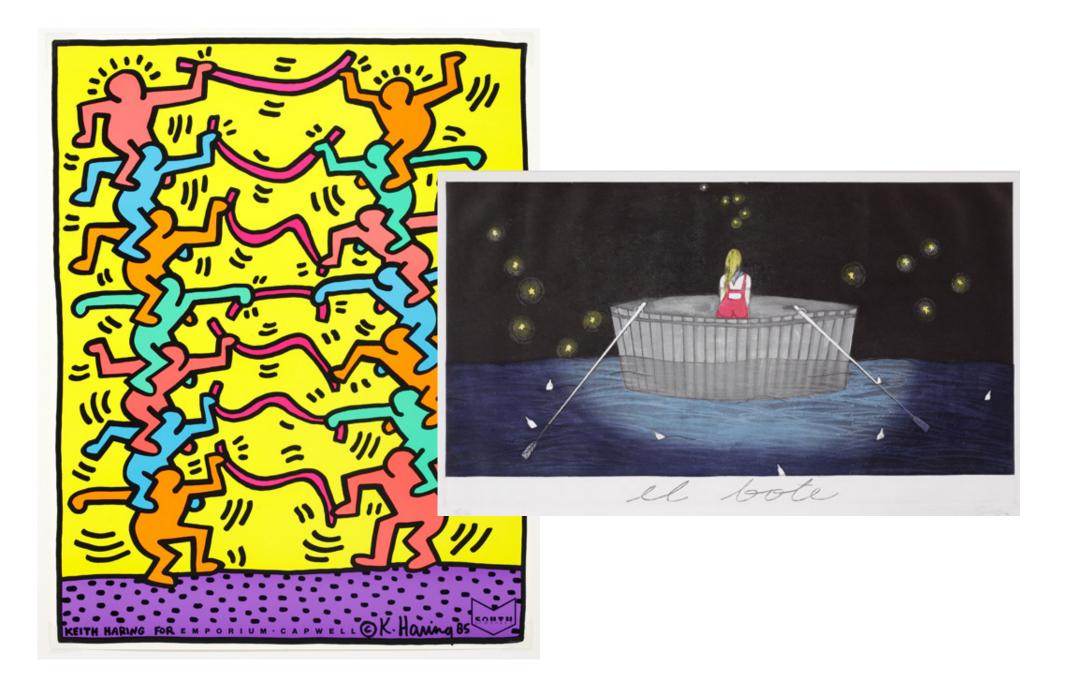
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It was a diverse crowd. Older people, younger people, some on the beach, some in the water, and I really thought it brought a sense of community as well as sparking joy. When you have an open, public space where people can come together, what can be better than that?

The community-curated "What Matters Most" exhibition opened Aug. 24 and is on view at six spots throughout the 2022-23 academic year.



There will be a free, public opening reception on the Greenway on Friday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m. featuring commentary from President Helble and Bethlehem Mayor J. William Reynolds



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what matters most
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