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ARTS COUNCIL TO HOST SERIES: *RED LIGHT NIGHT*

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO-- Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m., the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri will host their first *Red Light Night* with the topic “Naughty Margins.”

Dr. Joni Hand, Assistant Professor of Art History at Southeast Missouri State University, will lead “Naughty Margins.” Her discussion will focus on scandalous illustrations discovered in the margins of medieval manuscripts and religious texts. Dr. Hand will show examples of these naughty margins as she discusses why medieval people reveled in these frivolous additions to their prayer books.

Red Light Night is a series of after-hours discussions on controversial and taboo topics within the arts. *Red Light Nights* will be presented by guest lecturers and panelists at the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri in Downtown Cape Girardeau on select Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Please note, topics and discussion are intended for a mature audience.

Additional planned programming in the *Red Light Night* series is as follows:

- **August 13**, Presented by Dr. Joni Hand, *Naughty Margins*
- **September 10**, Presented by Dr. Kenneth Stilson, *Art on Trial: Censorship versus Freedom of Expression*
- **October 1**, Presented by Ashley Sexton and LeeAnn Luebbbers, *Gender Identity and Art*
- **October 8**, Presented by Dr. Joel Rhodes, *“I Know It When I See It” : Redefining the Freedom of Sexual Expression in the Age of Disco*
- **December 10**, Presented by Dr. Susan Swartwout and Panel, *Darkly Lit: The Controversial Canon of Naughty Novels*

Join other arts supporters in controversial discussions during *Red Light Nights*. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.