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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Ouachita Baptist University's Rosemary Adams Department of Visual Arts will host Aaron Calvert in a guest exhibit, "What Remains," Nov. 4 through Dec. 2. The exhibit, which will be on display in Moses-Provine Hall's Rosemary Gossett Adams Gallery, is free and open to the public.

Calvert is professor of art and the director of the Russell Fine Arts Gallery at Henderson State University. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Kent State University and his Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramics from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

"My focus turned toward the concepts that offer me personal meaning and joy," Calvert said about the art in his upcoming exhibit. "Words such as soul, reverence, honesty, integrity, quietness, primal and craft come in and out of consciousness during the construction of my forms."

The exhibit will feature ceramic pieces that are a continuation of a series Calvert started in 2014. "I've come to realize my chosen images are a documentation of myself as a human filter," he explained. "They capture the important and the mundane. They represent me as an observer, artist, student, parent, husband and enjoyer of nature."

Calvert's art has been shown internationally, including some of his work that is in a permanent collection at the Sanbao Ceramic Art Institute in Jingdezhen, China. His work also has been featured in national magazines including *Ceramics Monthly* and in four books published by Lark Books.

"We have had Aaron display some of his printmaking on campus before but we have never had him display his ceramic works, which are also superb," said Donnie Copeland, associate professor of visual arts. "His exhibit will feature ceramic sculptures like 'Giving Figure,' a nearly life-sized human figure, hand built and colored with imagery, pattern and text. Visitors should expect a feast for the eyes and mind."

The exhibit can be viewed during regular Adams Gallery hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact OBU's School of Fine Arts at (870) 245-5129.

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