Exhibition Highlights University’s History of Collecting
TREASURES OF SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
Monday, June 4th through Thursday, August 9th, 2018

The Walsh Gallery at Seton Hall University is pleased to present “Treasures of Seton Hall.” Founded in 1856, the university has a rich history of collecting objects for the purposes of research, preservation and display. Despite this long tradition of collecting, many are unaware of the breadth of art, artifacts and manuscripts in the university’s collections, which are notable in their scope and expansiveness. “Treasures of Seton Hall” assembles a number of these collections in an exhibition format, exposing them to a broader public. The exhibition begins with a section dedicated to the university’s namesake, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, and moves through a number of themes encompassing some of Seton Hall’s more distinguished collections. These collections include Native American basketry, Greco-Roman coins and artifacts, historic vestments, a bronze relief by Salvador Dalí, 17th century engravings and exquisitely carved opals. In keeping with the mission of Seton Hall University, the Walsh Gallery and Department of Archives and Special Collections collect and maintain objects for the benefit of educating its students and assisting faculty and researchers with their scholarly pursuits.

Gallery Director, Jeanne Brasile notes “this exhibition has been made possible through the hard work and cooperative efforts of the gallery and archives. A recent and extensive re-inventory of our collections revealed many objects that had not been presented publicly for some time, if ever. Working together to locate, research and prepare the objects for display was an exciting endeavor for us all. It is gratifying to see our efforts culminate in an exhibition where the objects can be appreciated by a larger public.”

For 150 years, Seton Hall University has been a catalyst for leadership, developing the whole student mind, heart, and spirit. Seton Hall combines the resources of a large university with the personal attention of a small liberal arts college. Its attractive suburban campus is only 14 miles by train, bus, or car to New York City, with the wealth of employment, internship, cultural, and entertainment opportunities the city offers. Seton Hall is a Catholic university that embraces students of all races and religions, challenging each other to better the world with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to serving others. For more information, see www.shu.edu/walshgallery. Seton Hall University is located at 400 S. Orange Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey, 07079. The Walsh Gallery is open 10:30am to 4:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Roman-Egyptian oil lamp
buff-brown terracotta clay
1” x 2 ¼” x 2”
2nd to 3rd century B.C.E.
Gift of Ronald D’Argenio