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Inaugural Lowe Curatorial Fellow Kicks Off 2017 Sheppy Dog Fund Lecture Series, Celebrates Harlem Renaissance

Flint, MI – The FIA will present "Drop Me Off in Harlem! Modernist Aesthetics and the American Artist," a lecture by Lowe Curatorial Fellow Kelli Morgan, on Wednesday, February 22 at 6 p.m. A Detroit native, Morgan will examine the Harlem Renaissance as a burgeoning era of Black cultural production, during which a combination of artists, patrons, writers, musicians, intellectuals, and performers worked in and through modernist forms to express the multidimensionality of African American life. Centering the New Negro Movement and complicating the narrative of American Modernism, Morgan will analyze some of the Renaissance's most popular artworks, literature, figures, and debates. The lecture, sponsored by the Sheppy Dog Fund, is free and open to the public.

ABOUT KELLI MORGAN
Curator, author, teacher, and lecturer Kelli Morgan holds both a B.A. in African American Studies and an M.A. in Afro-American Studies from Wayne State University. She is due to receive her doctorate in Afro-American Studies and a graduate certificate in Public History-Museum Studies in 2017 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Morgan has worked in a variety of curatorial, programming, and research positions at various institutions including Wayne State University, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and the Birmingham Museum of Art. Institutions at which she has lectured include Smith College, the Association of Art Museum Curators, and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. A recipient of several awards and grants, she is the first recipient of The Winston & Carolyn Lowe Curatorial Fellowship for Diversity in the Fine Arts at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Kelli Morgan is available for phone interviews prior to the event and live interviews on Wednesday, February 22. All interested media, please call Chene Koppitz at 810.237.7387.

ABOUT THE SHEPPY DOG FUND LECTURE
The Sheppy Dog Fund Lecture addresses the topics of art, religion, and history. It is funded annually by the Sheppy Dog Fund, Dr. Alan Klein, Advisor.

ABOUT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
The Flint Institute of Arts is Michigan's second largest art museum and one of the largest museum art schools in the nation. The FIA's mission is to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through collections, exhibitions, and educational programs. The FIA is located at 1120 East Kearsley Street in the Flint Cultural Center. The museum is open Mon–Fri 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission to the FIA is free to members and children under 12; Adults are $7; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are $5. Saturdays are free thanks to Huntington Bank. For more information, please call 810.234.1695 or visit www.flintarts.org.