“Art-i-facts: Focus on Race”

Artifact... (noun)

- any object made by human beings, especially with a view to subsequent use. any handmade object characteristic of an earlier time or cultural stage.
- any mass produced, usually inexpensive object reflecting contemporary society or popular culture.
 *(dictionary.com)*

This “art installation” was created to raise awareness of current social issues. It is a mingling of historic and modern artifacts with photographs that reflect a cultural perspective of race which is often fueled by stereotypes. This exhibit may open old wounds, but it is not intended to glorify or pass judgement, only to witness the history and evolution of these issues.

Fortunately, in America we have the right to express our own unique views. As an artist working in a Jesuit institution of higher learning, I felt compelled to address the topic of race in our increasingly polarized society. Ignoring the issues associated with race only perpetuates the problems. Hopefully this exhibit will generate civil discussions that will educate and help us to better understand each other.