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### **New Exhibit and Author Book Signing Coming to Carter Library**

**Atlanta, GA ...** The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library welcomes religious historian Randall Balmer for free reading and book signing Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Balmer will discuss his new book *“Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter.”* Balmer is Mandel Family Professor of Arts and Sciences at Dartmouth College, an Episcopal priest and the author of more than a dozen books. In “Redeemer” Balmer argues that when Jimmy Carter, a Democrat and a born-again Christian, won the presidency in 1976, he owed his victory in part to American evangelicals, who responded to his open religiosity and his rejection of the moral bankruptcy of the Nixon Administration. Carter, running as a representative of the New South, articulated a progressive strand of American Christianity that championed liberal ideals, racial equality, and social justice—one that has almost been forgotten since. In a starred review “Booklist” says “Balmer explores the paradoxes of a man balancing faith and ideals against the pragmatics of politics and the evangelical tide that favored him and later turned so vehemently against him.”

ACappella Books will have copies of “Redeemer” available for purchase and signing at the event.

Also, this Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the new exhibition “Kongo Across the Waters” opens at the Carter Library. The signature piece of *Africa Atlanta 2014*, this exhibition presents more than 160 works of historic and contemporary art and artifacts spanning more than five centuries, from the late 15<sup>th</sup> century to the present day. The exhibition will include loans from the Royal Museum for Central, as well as recent archaeological discoveries from the Kongo diaspora. “Kongo Across the Waters” is co-organized by the University of Florida’s Harn Museum of Art and the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Tervuren, Belgium.

“Africa Atlanta 2014 is a citywide year-long series of events highlighting Atlanta as a nexus for reinventing the cultural and economic bonds among Africa, Europe, & the Americas. “Kongo Across the Waters” is presented in partnership with Georgia Tech’s Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. It will be on display until September 21, 2014. For more information visit <http://africaatlanta.org/event/kongo-across-the-waters/>

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