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City Tech Student Photography in Exhibition at Brooklyn Historical Society

Brooklyn—September 22, 2014—Brooklyn Historical Society is hosting an exhibition featuring City Tech student photography opening September 30, called *Wonder: First Encounters with Green-Wood*. “None of my students had been to Green-Wood before, and they all found the cemetery astounding,” says Professor Robin Michals, who teaches digital photography in the Advertising Design & Graphics Arts Department at City Tech. “The photographs in this exhibit are my students’ responses to three different first encounters: with Green-Wood Cemetery itself, with the experience of archival research, and with the basics of photographic style.”

To prepare for the trip to Green-Wood, the students visited Brooklyn Historical Society’s Othmer Library to examine original documents related to the cemetery’s history: engravings, maps, a rule book, and hand-written documents about burials. The rich array of monuments at the cemetery created an encounter with history and mortality, while the lovely grounds served as an encounter with nature. The photographs in *Wonder: First Encounters with Green-Wood*, by 23 City Tech students, beautifully reference the many social and cultural roles that the cemetery has played and continues to play in the lives of New Yorkers.

For more information about the exhibition, contact Professor Robin Michals at rmichals@citytech.cuny.edu or visit the Brooklyn Historical Society website at www.brooklynhistory.org. Brooklyn Historical Society is located at 128 Pierrepont Street in Brooklyn Heights. The exhibition will be open through January 15, 2015.

An opening reception for *Wonder: Encounter with Green-Wood* will take place on September 30, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at Brooklyn Historical Society.

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