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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Mount Mary College Faculty Members Receive National Recognition for Books

MILWAUKEE (December 13, 2010) – Books authored by two faculty members from Mount Mary College’s English Department have received national recognition.

*Janis Joplin: Rise up Singing*, by Ann Angel, M.F.A, and assistant professor of English, has been selected as a Finalist for the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Award for Excellence in Nonfiction. This award honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a November 1 – October 31 publishing year. The YALSA award winner will be announced at the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in January, 2011.

Published by Amulet/Abrams, *Janis Joplin: Rise up Singing* follows Joplin’s path to become an icon of American music in her short, tragic life. More information on the book and Ann Angel can be found at

<http://www.annangelwriter.com>.

*Waiting Out the Storm* by JoAnn Macken, faculty member with Mount Mary’s English department, has received the 2010 Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Award in the preschool and early school years categories. The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio is an independent consumer review of children’s media. Their awards are nationally known as a benchmark for excellence with consumers, toy makers and the media.

Told in lyrical verse, Macken’s book features a dialog between a mother and child about what happens during a storm. More information on *Waiting Out the Storm* and JoAnn Macken can be found at

<http://www.joanmmacken.com/index.htm>.

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