LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The past year has been a time of both reflection and looking forward as we prepare for our celebration next fall of Jaffe @ 20 and History of Art @ 55. Among us are some who have seen the department and program grow and transform over more than forty years. These include both faculty and generous supporters who have devoted their energy and resources to the study of the visual arts and the built environment as a means of understanding the intellectual and cultural history of humanity. Over the decades our strategies have evolved, our offerings have increased and our discipline has expanded. We invite you to celebrate with us on November 1, 2014, on Homecoming Saturday at a panel discussion highlighting the dizzying variety of lives our alumni have built, followed in the late afternoon by a reception in the Jaffe Building.

With the arrival of Professor David Kim, we are seventeen, and the Jaffe Building is bursting at its seams. Coming to us from post-doctoral positions in Zurich and São Paulo, we welcome his new and exciting approaches to Renaissance art, this year focusing on materiality and cross-cultural exchange. He and other faculty have been most productive during the past year: more than fifty lectures were delivered, more than two dozen articles were published; six volumes and edited collections appeared, all while teaching a rich undergraduate and graduate program. Undergraduates traveled to Venice with Gwendolyn Shaw for the Biennale, others curated an exhibition at the Arthur Ross Gallery drawing on the Penn Museum’s collection of Native American art with Larry Silver and Robert St. George. Kaja Silverman, with the support of the Mellon Distiguished Achievement Award, brought to campus the artist Knut Åsdam who erected an original piece for the occasion in front of the Fisher Fine Arts Library as well as a video installation at the Slought Foundation.

Robert Ousterhout returned from a glorious sabbatical year at Dumbarton Oaks to teach in an innovative Freshman seminar program designed by the Penn Arts and Culture program spearheaded by Karen Beckman, who at the same time served as interim director of the Penn Humanities Forum leading the year’s thematic programming on Violence. The fifth annual Anne d’Harnoncourt symposium, co-organized by Christine Poggi, featured a program of papers addressing the theme “Reconsidering Paris in the 1920s: Fernand Léger in an Expanded Context” coordinated with the Léger exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The Mellon Foundation generously supported two programs that will extend over several years. The first one partners with the PMA to introduce advanced undergraduate and graduate students to “object-based” study within the context of museum practice. The other, co-lead by David Brownlee, supports a five-year program with the ambitious objective to reunite the Humanities with the practice-based disciplines of Urban Planning and Design through a variety of activities including faculty colloquia, site-seminars, and new undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary courses focusing on the theme, “Fulfilling and Livable Cities: Design, Urban Life and the Humanities” (Humanities+Urban+Design).

We were saddened by the death of Malcolm Campbell last winter. Arriving to us from Princeton in 1961, Malcolm Campbell was at the heart of our department until he retired in 1996. Last April, we held a wonderful celebration of his life and career, with students and colleagues gathering with his family to remember this remarkable person and scholar. From the very beginning, Malcolm and his colleagues defined the intellectual and professional character that continues to shape the Penn Art History program, based on mutual respect, collegiality and sound academic values. On this occasion, there were many generous contributions to the endowed McCoubrey-Campbell Graduate Student Travel Fund.

We are thankful to all of the many people and foundations who support our efforts. Special thanks go to The 1984 Foundation, John and Lil Avery, Colin Campbell, Campbell Trust, the late Nan Farquhar, Elliot and Roslyn Jaffe, Kaye Family Foundation, J. Paul Getty Trust, Deborah Marrow, P.E.C.O. Foundation, Constance McPhie, the Mellon Foundation, Leah Goldman Rabinowitz, Howard and Sharon Rich, the Halpern-Rogath family, Keith and Kathy Sachs, Adam Gordon Selten, Richard Thune, Spiegel-Wilks Foundation, Charles K. Williams II, and several anonymous friends.

Hope to see you here on November 1, 2014! Mark your calendars.

Holly Pittman
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The Elliot and Roslyn Jaffe History of Art Building
Image courtesy of Atkin Olshan Schade Architects

Renata Holod in 1993, making way for the Elliot and Roslyn Jaffe History of Art Building (Image by Tom Leonard)
On September 23, 1994, the Elliot and Roslyn Jaffe Building for the History of Art was inaugurated at a festive ribbon-cutting ceremony. Twenty years later, on Saturday, November 1, 2014, we invite all alumni and friends to celebrate the achievements and transformations that the last twenty years have seen. Coinciding with the University’s Homecoming Weekend, we shall sponsor that day’s headline event: a panel of distinguished undergraduate and graduate alumni who embody the diverse and exceptional lives for which the study of art history prepared them.

The Jaffe Building is the home of a remarkable group of scholars and teachers. Seven of the twelve members of History of Art faculty who were present at the inauguration in 1994 continue to dedicate their energies to the departmental program and the university’s mission. In a department that now numbers seventeen, they are joined by ten stellar appointments whose interests strengthen and complement our core areas of study: modern and contemporary art (including cinema) and architecture; contemporary art theory; American art; Japanese art; architectural studies; print culture; European art and architecture (including Medieval, Byzantine, and Renaissance); Islamic and South Asian art and architecture; and ancient art, architecture, and archaeology. The department’s faculty is augmented by strategic senior adjunct appointments, which allow museum curators and professors from nearby universities to teach at Penn regularly and advise our graduate students.

At the same time that we have grown in numbers, our breadth has also been significantly expanded by our participation in interdisciplinary programs that cross departmental and school boundaries. At the undergraduate level, Cinema Studies and Visual Studies bring large numbers of students through Jaffe’s doors, and they sponsor many stimulating events. At the graduate level, we are the home of the successful Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World program, inaugurated around the same time as the Jaffe Building.

The original plan of the renovated Jaffe building has remained intact, and carefully restored architectural details still highlight our public spaces. With the addition of faculty and programs, we repurposed the basement research spaces as a much-needed classroom that can accommodate a medium sized lecture. Luckily its basement location is no disadvantage: art history classes are by definition in the dark!

Through the generosity of major donors, we have developed and expanded our program of curatorial and museum-based classes at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. We partner regularly with the Penn Museum, the Arthur Ross Gallery, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Slought Foundation, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art to offer students the hands-on experiences that are so effective pedagogically. It is through such face-to-face encounters with the works of art and the people who make them that young minds begin to understand the transformative power of human creativity.

As we look forward, we anticipate more changes in what we study and how we study it. We are eager to become engaged with the arts of Africa, China, and Latin America—while maintaining the strengths that have shaped our identity. This will require working actively with other parts of the university to find synergies. At the same time, we recognize the importance of exposing our students to the rapidly changing technologies that are transforming how we record, study, and interpret visual phenomena, and how we disseminate the new knowledge that our field creates.

As we move forward, we are dedicated to sustaining art, culture, and the humanities at the heart of the University of Pennsylvania. The young people whom we teach will be the leaders of their chosen fields, and the skills they need most urgently can only be learned in a humanistic environment: how to listen; how to see; how to think critically; how to argue effectively; how to implement the values that sustain a community; how to appreciate the beauty and foster the creativity of humanity.

We are grateful to our supporters and all those who understand the value of this mission.
Our celebration of two decades of growth in the Jaffe Building coincides with another anniversary. In 1960, after three decades in the School of Fine Arts, Penn’s small program in the history of art was redefined as a department in the College; it then became a constitutive part of the subsequently founded School of Arts and Sciences. This profound transformation was led by Professor David Robb, an eminent medievalist, who, since his death in 1990, has been celebrated through the David Robb Prize, awarded each year to the best senior honors thesis. Frederick Hartt, another renowned art historian and a Renaissance specialist, arrived in 1960, serving as the first chairman of the new department and, with the advice of a visiting committee, hiring new faculty.

Hartt’s initial hires were to beode well for the future of the department. First to arrive was John McCoubrey, a pioneer Americanist who later worked on French and British topics, followed the next year by Malcolm Campbell, a baroque specialist. Richard Brilliant, a Romanist, also arrived in 1961, establishing the importance of classical antiquity for the department. Hartt left Penn for the University of Virginia in 1967, leaving Campbell and McCoubrey, joined by Byzantine architectural historian Cecil Lee Striker (who arrived in 1968), to identify the next generation of talent, which transformed the department over the coming decades. The department’s first home was in College Hall, but, having grown to a faculty of nine, it moved in 1968 to offices on the ground floor of Meyerson Hall, the new home for the School of Fine Arts. There it stayed for the next twenty-four years.

In 1972, two new dimensions were introduced in one remarkable talent—Renata Holod—the department’s first woman and first “non-western” art historian who came fresh from her training at Harvard to establish the field of Islamic art and architecture at Penn. Two years later her graduate school colleague, Michael Meister, who received a joint appointment in History of Art and South Asian Regional Studies. Geographical boundaries thus were opened, beginning a trend toward greater diversity and fostering connections among the rich intellectual resources of the university. Since that time we have added positions in ancient Near Eastern art, an additional appointment in medieval art, Japanese art, as well as two positions in American art.

Over the decades our strengths have been made permanent through the gift of endowed chairs. The first Farquhar Chair in European Art, the Shapiro-Weitzenhoffer chair in nineteenth century art was established in memory of an art historian who received her undergraduate training in the department. It currently supports David Brownlee, a scholar of modern architecture.

In recent years two prestigious endowed chairs have anchored our exploration of contemporary art. First came the Elliot and Roslyn Jaffe Professor of Cinema and Modern Media, to which Karen Beckman was appointed in 2004 with a mandate to help launch Penn’s program in Cinema Studies while broadening the range of the history of art program. The most recent gift created the Keith L. Sachs ’67 and Katherine Stein-Sachs CW’69 Chair in Contemporary Art, which was filled in 2018 by Kaja Silverman. She was the first Penn faculty member ever to receive the Mellon Foundation’s Distinguished Achievement Award, with which she was honored the next year.

In addition to construction funds and chair endowments, the History of Art department has been sustained by other very important donations. Central to our vibrant programming are the gifts of Richard Thune, which have allowed us to support a wide range of departmental activities, including undergraduate research. Both the Halpern-Rogath family and the Kaye family have provided generous support for our curatorial seminar program, in which students collaborate with faculty in curating exhibitions in Philadelphia (at the Ross Gallery, University Museum, Slaught Foundation, and PMAI) and elsewhere—notably at the Pera Museum in Istanbul. Similar generosity has sustained our Site Seminars, which offer undergraduate students on-the-ground experiences in the U.S. and abroad. In recent years, the far-sighted Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has supported a pilot collaboration between us and the PMA in object-based and curatorial study for graduate students as well as a joint project that pairs us with the School of Design to foster connections between the humanities and the design professions.

For fifty-five years, the Department of the History of Art has written a remarkable history, defined by visionary leadership, substantiated by world renowned scholarship, and sustained by enormously generous friends.
The early spring of 2014 saw the publication of Professor Larry Silver’s newest book, co-authored with Aneta Georgievska-Shine (University of Maryland). Published by Ashgate, *Rubens, Velázquez, and the King of Spain* provides a new analysis of the pictorial ensemble of the Torre de la Parada, the hunting lodge of King Philip IV of Spain. Created in the late 1630s by a group of artists led by Peter Paul Rubens, this cycle of mythological imagery and hunting scenes was completed by the king’s court painter Diego Velázquez. Despite the lack of a written program, surviving works indicate several basic themes, especially enacting Neostoic ideals of self-restraint and prudent governance. While Rubens set the moral tone through his serio-comic Ovidian narratives, Velázquez added important supplementary images, including portraits of ancient philosophers and living likenesses of royals and fools of the court.

This study is the first to consider in depth the joint artistic contributions and shared ambition of these two master painters. Through analysis of individual works, the authors situate their pictorial inventions within broader intellectual currents in both Spanish Flanders and Spain, especially in the advice literature and drama presented to the Spanish king. Moreover, they point to the lasting resonance of Torre de la Parada and Rubens for Velázquez, especially within his late masterworks, *Las Meninas* and *Las Hilanderas*. Ultimately, this study illuminates how Rubens and Velázquez offer a set of complementary views on subjects ranging from the nature of classical gods to the role of art as a mirror of the prince.
Knut Åsdam Residency @ University of Pennsylvania

EDGELANDS

As Mellon Artist in Residence at the University of Pennsylvania invited by Professor Kaja Silverman, Knut Åsdam presented recent work in October 2013, including a new film and two new site-specific installations, exploring architecture and cinema at the confluence of the personal, the paranoiac, and the public. Knut Åsdam utilizes film, video, sound, photography and architecture to investigate the politics of space and the boundaries of subjectivity. He is centrally concerned with place and placelessness in all of its contemporary forms, as well as experimental narrative. Åsdam's work has been exhibited at Tate Britain, the Venice Biennale, the Kunsthalle Bern, the Istanbul Biennale, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Oslo, Manifesta 7, the Moderna Museet in Stockholm, P.S.1 MoMA, and the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, among other international venues. His work has recently been collected by Tate Modern. The residency at the University of Pennsylvania resulted in the multi-part project entitled “EDGELANDS”: a new work, featuring Egress, the most recent film by Åsdam, was on view at The Slought Foundation (4017 Walnut Street), and a new public art work by Åsdam was installed on campus, at McHarg Plaza outside Meyerson Hall. Åsdam’s work has been shaped by engagements with what he calls “edgelands” – those areas at the edge of developed urban and suburban space where the social and built world shows its seams. This latest installation at Slought, for instance, takes as its focus a neighborhood in Oslo that has become a point of intersection between a number of different social and economic forces shaping the city. On October 16, International House presented some of Åsdam’s earlier films, including Filter City, Oblique, Abyss and Tripoli. The screening was followed by a conversation between the artist and art historian Homay King (Bryn Mawr College). Åsdam then presented a brief statement about the new public works on October 18 at McHarg Plaza. Other public events followed, including a public conversation at Slought the same day, followed by a seminar the next. For these events, the artist discussed his latest work with art historians George Baker (UCLA) and Kaja Silverman. The conversations put these works into the context of Åsdam’s earlier work and new installations elsewhere.

The residency was organized by Kaja Silverman, the Keith L. and Katherine Sachs Professor of Contemporary Art in the Department of the History of Art at the University of Pennsylvania, PennDesign, and Slought. Support was provided by the Mellon Foundation, International House, the Office for Contemporary Art Norway, the Department of History of Art, and the Program in Cinema Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Cultivating Two Cultures

HUMANITIES+URBANISM+DESIGN

In modern academic life the arts and the humanities have been pulled in different directions by institutional and professional forces. Rejoining their energies is the goal of a five-year project at Penn, funded with $1.3 million from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and headed by David Brownlee of our department and Eugenie Birch, professor of city planning and co-director of Penn's Institute for Urban Research. Formally called “Fulfilling and Livable Cities: Design, Urban Life and the Humanities” (Humanities+Urbanism+Design for short) the program is sponsoring a wide variety of activities for undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. Its heart is a faculty colloquium, which brings together about twenty participants from SAS humanities departments and the School of Design for biweekly discussions of their own work, sessions with other scholars, and site visits. The project will sponsor new undergraduate courses—including two annual “City Seminars,” which will visit the cities that they study—and a graduate seminar, which in spring 2014 is being co-taught by Brownlee and Professor Daniel Barber of Architecture. Beginning in 2014-15, there will be research funds for both undergraduate and graduate students whose work spans the disciplines, and in 2015-16 and 2016-17 the project will host two pairs of junior fellows, one from the humanities and one from design.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/7 Matthew Canepa, University of Minnesota
"Archaeologies of Iranian Identity in Late Antique Western and Central Asia" (AAMW lunch seminar)

2/12 Touraj Daryaee, University of California, Irvine
"The Changing Nature of Kingship in the Sasanian Empire"

2/22 "Aspects of Pompeii and its Afterlife" Conference organized by Brian Rose, Ann Ruttner, Lother Halseberger

2/25 "Both Sahan after Antiquity" Mini-symposium featuring: Jordan Pickett, Stephanie Hagan, Emerson Avery, Dairo Nocera Moderated by Robert Ousterhout

3/5 Alexandre Naymark, Hofstra University
"Visual Programs after the Islamic Conquest: The Varakhsha Palace and the Fate of its Owners, the Bukhar Khudas"

3/19 Matteo Comparati, ISAW, NYU
"On the Programs in Sogdian Paintings before and after the Islamic Conquest: Sources, Narratives, Styles"

3/19 Achim Borchart-Hume (Tate Modern) and Kaja Silverman in Conversation at Slought

3/21–22 Philadelphia Museum of Art Graduate Symposium
Keynote Speaker Nicola M. Courtright, Amherst College

3/26 Parvaneh Pourshariati, Ohio State University
"The Arab Conquest of the Near East Reconsidered: Implications for early ‘Islamic’ History"

3/26 Tony Judt, LSE, London
"Itinerant Belongings" organized by Iggy Cortez and Malcolm Turvey

3/28-29 Visual Studies Senior Thesis Exhibition

3/29 University of Pennsylvania Class of 2014 Commencement

9/12-13 HAiku: The Humanities and the Arts in the Integrated Knowledge University. Provost’s Interdisciplinary Seminar Fund conference organized by Karen Beeman and Brooke Stilesino as part of the Art and Culture Initiative

10/25 Penn Pioneers in Cinema and Media conference

10/31–11/2 "From Constantinople to Cappadocia" Colloquium featuring: Anthony Cutler (Penn State), Robert Ousterhout (Penn), Tolga Uyar (Dumbarton Oaks), Lynn Jones (Florida State), Gul Ozturk (Cankaya University, Ankara), Anna Sitz (Penn)

11/1 Jaffe G20/Art History @55 Celebration

11/7-8 Anne d’Harnoncourt Symposium on Paul Strand’s films & photographs

11/18-19 "Chakshundana (opening the eyes)," Conversations on South Asian Art Celebrating Michael W. Meister

1/22 Aaron Glass, Bard Graduate Center
"Totem Poles"

2/20 Robin Wright, University of Washington
"Haida Carvers—Then and Now"

2/25 Keynote Speaker Kaja Silverman "Beth Shean after Antiquity"
"Itinerant Belongings" organized by Iggy Cortez and Malcolm Turvey

3/5/14 Media and Public Sociology Conference: "From the Postmodern to the Postdigital"

3/12-13 Fifth Annual Anne d’Harnoncourt Symposium

5/2–19 Visual Studies Junior Thesis Exhibition

5/19 Manet: Then and Now (Sachs Conference) Keynote Speaker Kaja Silverman

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Upcoming Events 2014

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fifth Annual Anne d’Harnoncourt Symposium

This year’s Fifth Annual Anne d’Harnoncourt Symposium, co-organized by Professor Christine Poggi and the Philadelphia Museum of Art’s Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow in Modern and Contemporary Art, Anna Vallye, was titled “Reconsidering Paris in the 1920s: Fernand Léger in an Expanded Context." The symposium was planned to coincide with a major exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, “Léger: Modern Art and the Metropolis,” and featured lectures by nine art and architectural historians. Professor Anthony Vidler delivered a lively keynote address to a full audience at the Museum on Friday November 15.

A group of distinguished scholars including George Baker, Juliet Bellow, Esther da Costa Meyer, Maria Gough, Megan Heuer, Gordon Hughes, Michael Kunitzka, and Malcolm Turvey brought the Paris of the twenties to life in a series of talks held at the Museum the following day. Moderators included Anna Vallye (curator of “Léger: Modern art and the Metropolis”), Matthew Affron (newly appointed Curator of Modern Art at the PMA), and Christine Poggi. The exhibition and conference worked beautifully together to consider Paris as a locus of inter-media innovation and critical debate centered on the nexus of modern life, architecture, urbanism, film, spectacle, dance, and rebellious objects.

This annual symposium is organized by the History of Art Department of the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Museum of Art in honor of the late director of the Museum. The 2013 Anne d’Harnoncourt Symposium was made possible with support from Charles K. Williams II, GR’78, HON’97. Generous funding was also provided by the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation and by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation through the Humanities, Urbanism, and Design Colloquium at the University of Pennsylvania.
Spiegel Seminar in Contemporary Art: Glenn Ligon

In April, the exhibition “Each One As She May: Ligon, Reich, De Keersmaeker,” which was curated by undergraduate students in the 2012-13 Spiegel Seminar in Contemporary Art, opened at Penn’s Institute of Contemporary Art. The inspiration for the exhibition was “Un/Being,” a solo show of work by the American artist Glenn Ligon that was organized and mounted at the ICA in 1998. In creating the show, six first-year students were charged with researching the original exhibition through its archival remains in the files of the ICA and the special collections that are located in Van Pelt Library. In order to better understand the artist’s sources and legacy, members of the seminar read and discussed the history of African American literature, art and visual culture, as well as the contemporary art scene as it relates to themes of race, gender, and sexuality — all topics that are of special interest to the artist. The resulting exhibition, which featured recent work by Ligon alongside that the work of the concurrent artists Steve Reich and Anne Therese De Keersmaeker, “which was curated by undergraduate students around the exhibition “Each One As She May: Ligon, Reich, De Keersmaeker,” and Professors Christine Poggi and Kevin Platt at Penn’s campus for an ICA seminar and public conversation that animate the ICA’s significant and vibrant history. On April 11th, 2014, Professor André Dombrowski will host the conference, “Manet: Then and Now.” Finally, in Fall 2014 we look forward to the exhibition “Itinerant Belongings” organized by Graduate students Iggy Cortez and Charlotte Ickes.

By Virginia Seymour ’16

First hand experience doesn’t begin to describe some of the study opportunities available to students at the University of Pennsylvania. From clinical placements to field internships for class credit, the undergraduate research and travel programs available to Penn students sometimes feel like an embarrassment of riches. Special courses like the Spiegel Seminar in Contemporary Art offered by the Department of the History of Art every semester allow students like myself to experience works of art beyond the slides shown in class.

The Spiegel Seminar, taught by Professor Gwendolyn Dulibois Shaw, allowed myself and five other students to spend fall break in Venice studying and, more importantly, experiencing the 55th Venice Biennale, a biennial international exhibition of contemporary art. Focusing primarily on the pavilions of Latin American countries, we set out to experience more contemporary art in person than most of us have seen in our lifetimes.

Attending the Biennale allowed for all of these experiences, not to mention the unexpected ones like meeting the artist (as Travis Mager did at Edison Chagas’ exhibit in the Angolan pavilion) or discussing the work with someone from that country in their language (as Ross Karlin did at the Paraguayan pavilion and I did at the Israeli pavilion). After racing around Venice, attempting to see as much art as possible, we each walked away with a unique, memorable experience and stories to bring back to campus.

https:// provost.upenn.edu/initiatives/arts/stories/2013/11/24/ spiegel-contemporary-art-seminar-hands-on-undergraduate- research-abroad

Art in the City

Administered through the College of Liberal and Professional Studies’ Summer Discovery Program, directed by Professor Gwendolyn Dulibois Shaw, and taught by advanced graduate students in the Department of the History of Art, the Art in the City Summer Academy introduces high school students to the extensive world of the visual arts that lies both on Penn’s campus and in downtown Philadelphia. Since its inception by Prof. Shaw two years ago, the program has been focused on acquainting the students, who come to Penn from all over the world for the four week term, with the museums, galleries, and historical sites that house works of painting, sculpture, and decorative arts that make the nation’s first capital a world class center for art and architectural study. The students, who range in age from 14-18 and live in the Quad, work with instructors and research professionals to develop weekly projects including visual analyses, videos, and web pages. This past year, MA candidate Jill Vaum and PhD candidate Will Schmenner, worked with a group of ten students on projects that included researching Nigerian and Ghanaian artifacts in the collection of the Penn Museum under that guidance of the African section’s keeper, Owauna Latimer. At the end of the month, students presented their research to a group that included many of the curators and arts professionals whom they had met during their time at the Academy. An article on the Academy that ran in an August edition of PennNews may be found here: http://www.upenn.edu/pennnews/news/art-city-academy- penn-gives-students-lessons-art-and-life

Sachs Program in Contemporary Art

The Sachs Program in Contemporary Art supports programming that emphasizes the study of contemporary art within an art historical context. The series enhances the strong relationship between the Department of the History of Art and the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA).

With support of the Sachs programming funds the Visual Studies Program brought artist Spencer Finch to Penn in the spring of 2013. Visual Studies Seniors and MFA students in PennDesign were able to talk with Finch directly about their own works in progress as well as hear Finch present a public lecture. Professor Gwendolyn Dulibois Shaw brought Glenn Ligon to Penn’s campus for an ICA seminar and public conversation around the exhibition “Each One As She May: Ligon, Reich, De Keersmaeker” and Professors Christine Poggi and Kevin Platt held a mini-symposium on the Russian Avant-Garde.

In spring 2014, The Institute of Contemporary Art is celebrating their 50th anniversary, with Sachs supported programming for “ICAg50: Future Forward Conversations.” Conversations are scheduled every six to eight weeks between February and August 2014 as part of mini exhibitions and diverse programs that animate the ICAs significant and vibrant history. On April 9th, Professor Larry Silver will bring First Nations artists from British Columbia to speak about their work in dialogue with the exhibition at the Arthur Ross Gallery “From the Land of the Raven and Eagle: Traditions of Tlingit and Haida Cultures.” April 11th, 2014, Professor André Dombrowski will host the conference, “Manet: Then and Now.” Finally, in Fall 2014 we look forward to the exhibition “Itinerant Belongings” organized by Graduate students Iggy Cortez and Charlotte Ikies.

Many thanks to Keith and Kathy Sachs for supporting this rich programming in contemporary art at Penn.
Karen Beckman

In 2013, Karen Beckman completed the first year of the three-year Art and Culture initiative. Collaborating with graphic designer Brooke Sietinsons and many other campus and city partners, she has worked to increase the visibility of local art and culture opportunities for students, faculty, alumni and the general public. The initiative has launched a new art and culture campus tour for prospective students (http://provost.upenn.edu/initiatives/arts/about/information-for-prospective-students), an online art and culture magazine (http://provost.upenn.edu/initiatives/arts/stories), global museum internships (http://global.upenn.edu/ip/ip-placements/2013/01/28/museum-fur-moderner-kunst-summer-2013), and a series of freshmen seminars designed to acquaint new students with the vast cultural resources of the university and Philadelphia (http://provost.upenn.edu/initiatives/arts/academics/freshman-seminars).

Please visit these sites and subscribe to the online newsletter to follow the adventures of our students and faculty between art history newsletters!

As chair of the Graduate Group, Professor Brownlee coordinated efforts that brought another strong cohort of young scholars to Penn in 2013. In spring 2013, Brownlee stepped onto the big stage, taking over the teaching of the Renaissance to Contem- porary survey (ARTH 102) for the first time. With the energetic collaboration of TAs Anastasia Amrhein, Larisa Grollemond, Quintana Heathman, and Elizabeth Lastra, he redesigned 102’s discussion sections, enabling almost all of them to meet in museums and archives, in the presence of real art. The sections visited the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum, the Barnes Foundation, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, as well as the Rare Book and Manuscript Department in Van Pelt Library, the University Art Collection, the University Archives, and Penn's outdoor sculpture collection.

Building on his recent work on architect Paul Cret—the designer of both the Rodin Museum and the Barnes Foundation’s original home in Merion—Brownlee is now launching a multi-year proj- ect devoted to Cret’s iconic achievements. Cret was recruited from France to head Penn’s architecture program in 1903, and he led the school to preeminence for a third of a century while designing such memorable structures as the Folger Library, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and the Benjamin Franklin Bridge.

Julie Nelson Davis

Julie Nelson Davis is now on the home stretch with prepara- tions for her second book. Partners in Print, forthcoming from the University of Hawai‘i Press in 2014, and is grateful to have received a Dears Leave in autumn semester to support this project. Professor Davis spent the summer collecting images and securing reproduction rights for more than one hundred illustrations, for which she received grants from the SAS Dears Office and the University Research Fund. Over the past academic year, Davis gave lectures on ukiyo-e subjects at the Smart Museum at the University of Chicago, Norfolk Academy, the Barnes Foundation, the Phila-Nippontsa Society, the Freer/Sackler Gallery, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and in Penn History of Art Department’s colloquium series. Davis also organized a conference on “Reconsidering East Asian Mate- rial Texts” in April 2013, with the support of the Center for East Asian Studies and the department’s Lenkin Fund. Professor Davis, with her colleague Linda Chipman in East Asian Languages and Civilizations, coordinated the second Penn Kuzushiji Workshop with Dr. Laura Moretti in August; this workshop on the essential skills of reading premodern Japanese calligraphy is unique in the U.S. and was featured in the PennNewsToday (http://www.upenn.edu/pennnews/news/japan-rams-scholars-penn-cracking-code-early-modern-japanese-manuscripts).
Lothar Haselberger

Lothar Haselberger is about to conclude a book-length collection of essays by international scholars on the controversy surrounding Augustus’ colossal temple on the Campus Martius, the Horologium. A contribution to the Augustan bimillennial jubilee of 2014, this volume comes as a timely reminder that we are still at a loss to understand not just the Horologium itself but - together with the nearby Ara Pacis - a defining Gesamtkunstwerk of imperial propaganda situated right in the center of Augustus’ new marble city of Rome. Haselberger’s book on the Hellenistic ‘star architect’, Hermogenes, keeps expanding (to the raised eye-brows of his German publisher) and now includes two full centuries of Roman-imperial appropriation of Hermogenes’ work.

Making of Sectarian Space: Badi Jerba and the Shape of its Settlement” at the Annual MESA meetings in Denver and on a similar topic at the Islamic Studies Program’s ‘The International Institute, University of Michigan in March 2013.


In September, she organized a workshop, supported by the Center for Ancient Studies, “In the Line of Great Domes: The Mausoleum of Olijou in Sultaniyya, Iran (1306-1313)” The workshop explored the structural achievement and decorative programs of this commemorative complex.

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Bob Ousterhout spent a glorious sabbatical year 2012-13 as a Fellow at Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies in Washington DC. It was a trip down memory lane – he wrote his dissertation at the same institution some 30 years ago and occasionally suffered from flashbacks. While there, he finished a draft of a book about Byzantine settlements in Cappadocia. During the summer, Professor Ousterhout returned to Turkey, where he directed a third international site seminar in Cappadocia for Koç University, followed by a week of in situ fact-checking for the book.

In November Professor Ousterhout traveled to Athens, and opened an exhibit he curated at the Gennadius Library, “Piccadilly to the Indus valley and Central Asia to the Persian Gulf in the 3rd millennium BC. A number of articles appeared in print during the year concerning her work on this era of global interaction. As well, she is pleased to report that all six books of the Penn Museum International Research Seminars (which she ran from 2005-2008) all have appeared, including her co-edited volume with Gary Hatfield, Evolution of Mind and Culture.

During the fall, Professor Poggi gave papers on Maurizio Catelan and on Picasso’s scenic works (images of the stage and theater designs) at the University of Maryland. She also co-organized the Fifth Annual Anne d’Harnoncourt Symposium (with Anna Valley), “Reconsidering Paris in the 1920s: Fernand Léger in an Expanded Context,” which brought nine speakers to the PMA and to the Pan for a lively inter-media conference. It has been a wonderfully busy year, with many new research projects, collaborations, and conferences!

New geophysical investigations in the residential district, or Outer Town, revealed that it was completely encircled by a large wall, probably of mudbrick, bordered by a defensive ditch approximately 13 ft. wide. Such a large network of fortifications around the residential district was unexpected, and they must have rivaled the defensive ditches of late Bronze Age Troy.

Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw

Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw had a busy year serving as Undergraduate Chair for the department, traveling with students and alumni and pursuing her own research. During this time she gave several lectures, including one at the Barnes Foundation, where she discussed the work of West Chester native Horace Pippin (for which she did a promotional interview on WHYY’s Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane), another in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Arthur Ross Gallery, which focused on Picasso’s bulbilunging images; and a third at Tulane University in New Orleans. She was also pleased to publish an essay in an exhibition catalog on the contemporary sculptor Barbara Chase-Riboud for a show mounted at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in fall of 2013 and another article on the twentieth century sculptor Sargent Johnson in Transition, published by the DuBois Institute at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard. Professor Shaw is still hard at work revising her current book manuscript on Johnson and hopes to see that completed during the current academic year. In June, Shaw served as the faculty host for a Penn Alumni Travel cruise down the River Seine from Normandy to Paris, where travelers enjoyed breathtaking views of cathedrals and castles while sipping calvados and eating cheese. In January 2014, she will serve as host for a trip to Cuba and is practicing her Spanish and brushing up on her cigar smoking skills for the occasion.

Brian Rose

Brian Rose examining the recently excavated monumental terrace wall at Gordium (9th c. B.C.)

Penn’s 2013 season at Gordium in central Turkey was divided between architectural conservation and new excavations on the citadel mound, and was led by Professor C. Brian Rose. A new trench was excavated at the entrance to a long road of Phrygian date, and the most significant discovery was an enormous new stepped stone glacis (or terrace wall), which stretched for a length of over 130 ft. Thirteen steps of the glacis were revealed although it probably continues down around 10-15 ft., meaning that the glacis and the wall it supported rose to a height of more than 30 ft. This feature, clearly part of the citadel’s fortification system, may have connected to a gate, and probably of Early Phrygian date. Remote sensing (magnetic prospection and electric resistivity) was also an important component of the summer’s fieldwork.
Larry Silver

Professor Silver has had a fairly typical year, productive and enjoyable. His new book, due in early 2014, is a joint venture, co-authored with Aneta Giorgievska-Shine, noted Rubens scholar-mythographer. The book is published by Ashgate as Rubens, Velázquez, and the King of Spain and considers the lasting contribution by both artists to the king’s country lodge, the Torre de la Parada.

Another milestone was Silver’s participation in the spectacular Vienna Albertina exhibition about Emperor Maximilian I with both a catalogue essay and several entries. Additional smaller articles will appear mostly in Festschriften of foreign colleagues (whose retirements might be suggesting a person something). One essay appeared in the Ashgate anthology Darwin and Theories of Aesthetics and Cultural History; another sketches exotic animal imagery during the early modern age of discoveries and collecting (Brill).

Kaja Silverman

Kaja Silverman spent the summer finishing up her most recent book, The Miracle of Anology (forthcoming, Stanford University Press), which offers a radical new account of the history of photography. She launched the third year of her Mellon Distinguished Achievement Award with a series of events organized around Norwegian artist Knut Åsåm, Mellon Artist in Residence in Penn this fall. His project, Edgelands, presented two new large-scale installations dealing with the social and psychic dimensions of urban space. The first, exhibited at Slought, featured his recently completed film, Egress. The second, a large-scale public artwork on the plaza near Meyer-son Hall and Fisher Fine Arts Library. The series of events also included a screening at International House of Åsåm’s earlier film and video work and a conversation at Slought between the artist, Silverman, and George Baker (UCLA). Åsåm’s resi-
dency culminated with a two-hour seminar, where students were able to engage directly with the artist and discuss recurring themes such as urban anomie and the psychic effects of economic development that appear in his work across a wide range of media, including photography, video, film, sculpture, and installation.

Last spring semester Silverman organized the second major conference to take place under the auspices of her Mellon Distinguished Achievement Award. “Intimate Collaborations” took up questions dealing with the strange and complex inti-
macies that emerge when relationships between artists take form through the process of art-making. The two-day event featured a number of presentations related to the Philadelphia Museum of Art’s exhibition, “Dancing Around the Bride: John Cage, Merce Cunningham, Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg, and Marcel Duchamp.” Other talks approached collaboration from different angles exploring topics such as Warhol’s stroboscopic cinema, Jess and Robert Duncan’s shared household, and Mary Kelly’s Post-Portum Document. The conference also included two performance lectures, the first by mezzo-
soprano Alicia Hall Moran, and the second by Penn graduate students, Danny Snelson, Madehna Friants, and Aki Alpert. This spring Silverman looks forward to hosting a visit to Penn’s campus by Achim Borchardt-Hume, head of exhibitions at the Tate Modern.

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Graduate Student NEWS

Anastasia Amrhein

With the support of the Latner Travel Fellowship, Anastasia Amrhein (ARTH) traveled to London and Paris to conduct preliminary research for her dissertation. Her project is focused on the role of religious imagery, ritual, and sacred space in the political operations of the Neo-Assyrian Empire (ninth—seventh century BC). During her travels, Anastasia studied Assyrian relief programs and sculptures in the Louvre and the British Museum and visited a number of palatial residences and gardens in England and France (including Versailles and Kensington Palace) in order to better understand the construc-
tion of imperial and public spaces. Additionally, Anastasia studied stone carving through the Education Alliance in New York, where she worked on a statue replicating Assyrian carv-
ting techniques and design.

Marica Antocucci

Marica Antocucci (ARTH) spent her summer in Europe con-
ducting research for her Master’s thesis and learning German. She received a Salvatori Research Award from the Penn Center for Italian Studies to travel to the Biennale Archives in Venice, Italy where she gathered information regarding the 1976 Biennale. Following her time at the Archives, she traveled to Dresden with the support of the Goldman Travel Fellowship and took an intensive German language course at the Goethe Institut.

Lacy Baradel

Lacy Baradel (ARTH) had a productive year of dissertation work. Thanks to travel assistance provided by the Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship in American Art, Lacy spent several days poring over the John Sloan Manuscript Collection at the Delaware Art Museum. She spent the summer in residence at the Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology as a Baird Society Resident Scholar where she examined the Smithsonian Institution Special Col-
lections’ world’s fair materials. Lacey presented a portion of her research on the reception of Thomas Hovenden’s 1893 Transportation and Industry sculpture of Spirit of Transporta-
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Roksana Filipowska

Roksana Filipowska (ARTH), a second-year PhD student, co-organized ‘Geist and the Machine,’ an interdisciplinary conference on German cinema and film theory, during Spring 2013. Over the summer, Roksana completed a French translation course and worked on “Susurrous Scholarship,” a research project that is part of Duke University’s SoundBox initiative.

Larisa Grollemond

Larisa Grollemond (ARTH), a fourth-year PhD student, successfully completed her doctoral candidacy exams last May. She is currently working on her dissertation, which examines the patronage of royal French women in the late fifteenth century and status of the illuminated manuscript at the end of the medieval period. Larisa served as a workshop leader for Penn TA training with the Center for Teaching and Learning over the summer of 2013. During the 2013-14 academic year, supported by the Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship from summer of 2013. During the 2013-14 academic year, Larisa served as a workshop leader for Penn TA training with the Center for Teaching and Learning. She is currently working on her dissertation on 16th-century French art, with a focus on the multiple meanings of home in contemporary video, performance, and photography. She is also helping to organize a series of screenings of Afrofuturist films in conjunction with “The Shadows Took Shape,” an exhibition at the Studio Museum in Harlem.

Stephanie Hagan

Stephanie Hagan (ARTH) has begun research on two early tapestry series by Peter Paul Rubens. These works, The Life of Constantine and Decius Mus, will be the subject of her Master’s paper, “Rubens’ 17th-century view of the Roman past.” In August, Stephanie served as a TA trainer in the annual program run by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Stephanie’s first publications, which treat finds from 1920s excavations at Beth Shean in Israel, will appear in 2013.

Quintana Heathman

Quintana Heathman (ARTH) spent her summer immersed in the world of Edo-period illustrated books. She participated in two workshops focused on premodern Japanese scripts: one at University of Chicago (where she also presented the paper “Picturing Edo: Utagawa Toyoharu’s Edo mivoku hachi- gosei” and Edo City Identity, c. 1770s”), and the other here at Penn with Dr. Laura Moretti of Cambridge University. She also traveled to Tokyo, visiting collections of illustrated books such as the Tokyo Chōbō Library, the Waseda University Library, and the National Institute of Japanese Literature. Earlier this year she co-curated an exhibition of Japanese woodblock prints at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, “Luxury on Paper: The Art of Surimono,” which will be on view until December 2013.

Heather Hughes

As the Carl Zigrosser Fellow at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Heather Hughes (ARTH) is cataloguing German, Dutch, and Flemish prints in the Department of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs. She has also entered the writing phase of her dissertation on 17th-century costume prints. In October, she presented research from her first chapter about “Fashioning Identities: Types, Customs, and Dress in a Global Context” as a symposium at Hunter College. She is currently preparing an essay on personifications of the Four Continents for an upcoming volume of the Brill series Intersections, which draws on research she conducted last year in the Netherlands as a Fulbright grantee.

Charlotte Ickes

Charlotte Ickes (ARTH) spent this past academic year in New York at the Whitney Museum Independent Study Program (ISP) and finishing a draft of the first chapter of her dissertation. During the current academic year, Charlotte presented papers at the Interdisciplinary Graduate Study Conference at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, the Fourth Annual Feminist Art History Conference at American University, the Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies 40th Anniversary Conference at Penn, and will present at the 2014 College Art Association Annual Conference in Chicago. Charlotte is also helping to organize a series of screenings of Afrofuturist films in conjunction with “The Shadows Took Shape,” an exhibition at the Studio Museum in Harlem.

Jeannie Kenmotsu

Jeannie Kenmotsu (ARTH) is cataloguing Japanese 19th-century Japanese prints. In early summer she spent two productive weeks intensively studying premodern Japanese calligraphy at the University of Chicago, where she also presented a paper on Suzuki Harunobu’s erotic prints. In addition to writing, Jeannie is currently busy with preparations for co-leading a spring 2014 curatorial seminar, which will culminate in an exhibition of prints from the Philadelphia Museum of Art for the following year. With support from the Penn Humanities Forum, she will also travel to the University of Victoria in June 2014 to attend the Digital Humanities Summer Institute.

Alexander Kauffman

In 2013, Alexander Kauffman (ARTH) began research for his dissertation concerning avant-garde art in the United States during the Second World War. A fourth-year PhD student, Alex is currently pursuing his research in residence at the Philadelphia Museum of Art with the support of a year-long fellowship from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. He curated a film and speaker series at the PMA in January 2013 in conjunction with the exhibition Dancing Around the Bride: Cage, Cunningham, Johns, Rauschenberg, and Duchamp. In November, Alex served as the graduate assistant for the Fifth Annual Andy d’Harnoncourt Symposium, “Reconsidering Paris in the 1920s: Fernand Léger in an Expanded Context,” organized by the History of Art Department and the PMA. Alex is also traveling for research throughout the 2013-14 academic year: a summer trip to the Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and Norton Simon Museum was generously supported by a grant from the Goldman Travel Fund.

Marina Isgro

Marina Isgro (ARTH), a fourth-year PhD student, is living in Italy on a Fulbright Grant to conduct research for her dissertation on kinetism in 1960s Europe. In Spring 2013, she was named a Dean’s Scholar and received a School of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students. Marina recently presented at a Graduate Symposium on Women in American Art at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts early 20th-century American women portrait photographers; and in April at the Graduate Symposium at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Robert Rauschenberg’s Cardboards series. The Guggenheim Museum’s catalogue for its upcoming exhibition on Italian Futurism will include her essay “ ‘A Futurism of Place’: Futurist Travel and the European Avant-Garde, 1910-1914.”

Marina Isgro with a Yayoi Kusama pumpkin on the island of Naoshima
Penn awarded Emily Neumeier (ARTH) the Penfield Fellowship to conduct fieldwork for her dissertation, which explores the architecture of Ottoman provincial elites in the Balkans during the Age of Revolution. Emily traveled to northwest Greece, Albania and Venice, with archival work in London and Athens. She also participated in the 2-week workshop “Visualizing Venice,” organized by Duke University, to learn how to incorporate digital visualization technology (Google Earth, GIS, etc.) into her work.

Emily Neumeier

Emily delivered a paper on the paleography of a 12th-century Qur’an at the workshop “Toward a Biography of a Manuscript,” convened at the Penn Museum by Renata Holod and Yael Yezid. In October, she attended the annual Middle East Studies Association conference, where she presented on the patronage networks of an 18th-century family in Central Anatolia. For the 2013-14 academic year, Emily will primarily reside in Istanbul, supported by a Fulbright-Hays grant from the US Department of Education.

Emily Neumeier at Mount Nemrut in front of the temple-funerary complex of Antiochus I of Commagene (c. 160-138 BCE) in southeastern Turkey

Nathaniel Pratts

Nathaniel Pratts (ARTH) is the Samuel A. Kress Interpretive Fellow at the Frick Collection, where he will create programming on Dutch and Netherlandish painting in the collection as well as to complete his dissertation. Nathaniel has recently had two articles on taxidermy and photography accepted for publication; one in Discourse: Journal for Theoretical Studies in Media and Culture and the other in The Journal of the Philosophy of Photography.

Marijana Rayl

Marijana Rayl (ARTH), a second-year PhD student, served as a Spotlight Lecturer at Philadelphia’s Institute of Contemporary Art. Throughout the academic year, she conducted tours and lead public talks on artists Jeremy Deller, Brain Weil, and Karla Black, and subjects such as subculture as a point of inspiration and identification within 20th century photographic practice. During the summer she took Pixar’s German language course, completed an independent study on early film theory with advisor Karen Beckman, and visited museum collections in England and France.

Laura Tillery

Laura Tillery (ARTH), a third-year PhD student, spent her summer in Germany. With support from the History of Art Student Travel Fund, she traveled to Lübeck, Lüneburg, Rostock, Stralsund, and Wismar for her dissertation project on civic identity and mercantile patronage in German Hanse Cities, c. 1450-1550. Laura was also awarded a DAMD-Intensivsprachkursstipendium to study German at the InterDaF e.V. am Herder-Institut der Universität Leipzig.

Carolyn Trench

Carolyn Trench continued research for her dissertation, “Performativity’s Moment: Vogue, Queer Video Production, and Theoretical Discourse.” She has completed a third chapter draft, on Paris IS Burning, entitled “Paris Has Burned: Excavating Paris’ Theoretical Ruins.” In February, she presented an excerpt of her chapter entitled “Listen Up to the Grand Diva Rap: Marlon Riggs’ Inclusive Didactic Address,” at the College Art Association annual conference, at the panel Color Adjustment: Revisiting Identity Politics of the 1990s, sponsored by the Queer Caucus for Art. In July, Carolyn taught “American Art, 1865 to the Present” in partnership with the Barnes Foundation. The course met at the Barnes and made frequent visits to the Barnes galleries, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. This year, Carolyn is teaching “Art, Artists, and Identity: The Art of the Harlem Renaissance,” through the Critical Writing Program at Penn.

Emily Warner

Emily Warner (ARTH) is a 2013-14 Predoctoral Fellow in residence at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. There she is pursuing research for her dissertation, “Painting the Abstract Environment: The Abstract Mural in New York, 1935-1960,” which studies abstract murals in a range of public and private environments in New York in the decades around World War II. She conducted initial research for the project in Spring 2013 with the help of a departmental travel grant, visiting archives and murals in Boston, New York, Washington DC, Chicago, Bloomington, IN, and Los Angeles, where she participated in a Scholars Day at the Getty Research Institute on Jackson Pollock’s 1943 mural...

Theodore Van Loan

In 2013, Theodore Van Loan (ARTH) traveled extensively conducting research for his dissertation entitled, “Seeing the Umayyads Seeing: Charting Early Islamic Attitudes Toward Visual Perception.” Early in the year he was based in Jerusalem, making numerous trips to sites and museums in Israel and the West Bank.

Theodore Van Loan aboard the Painted Lady at Tiberias

He spent the late spring and the first half of summer in Istanbul, Berlin, Paris, London, and Athens. This fall he is in Philadelphia completing his dissertation. In December he gave a lecture at the Cooper Union in New York, and in February, he will present at the Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyya in Kuwait City.

Jill Vaum

This summer Jill Vaum (ARTH) assisted Professor Shaw and Will Schmenniter (ARTH) in the Penn Academy summer course “Art in the City” providing a sneak peek of living and learning at Penn to exceptional high school students. Working with Professor Shaw, Jill began work as an editorial assistant on a forthcoming FMA catalogue and exhibition highlighting the museum’s holdings of work by African American artists. Her summer also included research assistance to Graduate Dean Eve Troutt-Powell of the History Department on her forthcoming book on representations of slavery in the Middle East.

Emily Warner (ARTH) is a 2013-14 Predoctoral Fellow in residence at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. There she is pursuing research for her dissertation, “Painting the Abstract Environment: The Abstract Mural in New York, 1935-1960,” which studies abstract murals in a range of public and private environments in New York in the decades around World War II. She conducted initial research for the project in Spring 2013 with the help of a departmental travel grant, visiting archives and murals in Boston, New York, Washington DC, Chicago, Bloomington, IN, and Los Angeles, where she participated in a Scholars Day at the Getty Research Institute on Jackson Pollock’s 1943 mural...
In February 2013, artist Spencer Finch came to campus for two previewed fascinating, diverse projects.

In November, Professor Lyle Massey, who teaches Art History at the University of California, Irvine, gave two lectures on con- secutive days. Her first talk, “The Hand that Knows: Epistemology and Picturing in Early Modern Anatomy,” examined changes in the conventions of anatomical illustrations of the 17th and 18th centuries. The first annual spring seminar on “The Architecture of Oblivion: Andrea Pozzo’s Sant’ Ignazio Fantasy” extended her well-known work on linear perspective and anamorphosis to consider Pozzo’s dazzling ceiling frescoes.

This is the last year of my term as Director of the Visual Studies Program. Next year Professor Gary Hatfield from Philosophy will take over. I have enjoyed tremendously working with the Visual Studies students and faculty to keep the program vital and growing. Megan Velong, the talented and energetic Program Coordinator for Visual Studies, has been a full partner in all aspects of the program’s operations and growth. Her collaboration has made my job an absolute pleasure.

We hope to see you at the exhibition of completed senior thesis projects at the Fox Art Gallery in Cohen Hall in late April and May.

Photographs by Lyle Massey and Brian Rose.
Lauren Robie, the Howard and Sharon Rich Scholarship recipient

2013 DEGREES AWARDED

History of Art Undergraduates 2013:
- Ian Bussard, Jessica Chung, Emily Doli, Thomas Echo, Natalia Fuller, David Galperin, Jacob Greenberg, Joshua Herren, Emily Kim, Ellen Levitt, Anais Ortiz, Sarah Richter, Miranda Saylor, Shelby Searles, Tik-ki Yu

Visual Studies Undergraduates 2013:

Cinema Studies Undergraduates 2013:
- Monica Aguire, Meredith Baker, Jenny Berger, Diedre Bullard, Kelly Diamond, Marissa Gouverne, Natalie Gravier, Jaycee Gruszecki, Michael Krauss, Rachel Lauder, Angelica McGuinness, Sam Parstemack, Andrew Quinn, Jacqueline Reef, Christopher Russell, Jacob Stock, Thomas Echo, Melissa Unfrer, Malcolm Washington, Nadine Zylberberg

Cinema Studies Graduate Certificates:
- Maryann Erigha, Phillip Maciak, Brooke McCorkle, Alessandra Mirra, Elisa Modolo

History of Art

2013 Masters Papers:
- Stephanie Hagan, “Rubens’s Nova Roma: Recovering Heroes from an Antique Past” (Advisor: L. Silver)
- Alyssa Murphy, “Manuel Panselinos and the Quest for Artistic Personality in Byzantium” (Advisor: R. Ousterhout)

History of Art 2013 Doctoral Dissertations Defended:

The Rich Scholarship

Lauren Robie is a Senior majoring in Visual Studies, concentrating in Art Practice and Technology, and minoring in Art History. Since May of 2011, she has interned with the Association for Public Art (aPA), the nation’s first private, non-profit organization dedicated to integrating public art and urban planning. In addition to working as the marketing and graphic design intern, she has acted as a public art ambassador for their Sculpture Saturdays family workshops, Site Seeing: Rediscover Public Art this Spring! public art awareness programs, and most recently, Open Air, an interactive light installation by Raphael Lozano-Hemmer commissioned by the aPA.

During Spring 2013, Lauren studied urban design at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad in Copenhagen. There, she began research for her Visual Studies senior thesis, which explores the public space and architecture of urban environments. Once back in the United States for the summer, she worked at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan, where she taught art classes on painting and installation centered around nature.

Finally, Lauren was featured this spring on HBO’s YoungArts Master Class with painter James Rosenquist. As a 2010 YoungArts finalist in visual arts, she was given the opportunity to paint with Rosenquist in his studio in Arpika, Florida and to visit and discuss his work at the Museum of Modern Art.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Campbell-McCoubre Fellowship
- Megan Boomer, Ruth Erickson, Patricia Kim, Breton Langendorfer, Brooks Rich, Juliet Spirling, Laura Tillery

Latner Fellowship
- Anastasia Amrhein, Iggy Cortez, Stephanie Hagan, Quintana Heathman

Goldman Rabinowitz Fellowship
- Marica Antonucci, Alex Kaufman

Cecil Striker Fellowship
- Elin Pinar

Thune Fellowship
- Samuel Schettman, Mark Pantano

David M. Robb Thesis Prize
- Ian Bussard: “Public Enemies: Jenny Holzer and Sharon Hayes”

VLST Charles Willson Peale Thesis Prize
- Avisors: Matt Neff (FNAR), Gabe Martinez (FNAR), and Gary Hatfield (PHIL)

Inna Kofman: “Concepts of Perception: Vision and olfaction through the ages”
- Avisors: Michael Leja (ARTH), Tricia Treacy (FNAR)

Cinema Studies Awards
- Best Honors Thesis: Diedre Bullard
- Best Essay: Gary Kafer
- Best Screenplay: Timothy Delaney, Jaycee Gruszecki
- Best Student Activity: Dylan Hansen-Fliedner, Jason Jodick

Karen Beckman addressing graduating students of the Class of 2013 as the Commencement Speaker for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

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ARTh / VLSt Undergraduate Awards

Fullbright Fellowship
Dorry Guerra

US State Department Critical Language Scholarship
Elliott Brooks

Pincus-Magaziner Family Undergraduate Research Grant
Ian Bussard

Andrew W. Mellon Undergraduate Research Fellowship
Joshua Herren (2012–13), Yae Jin Ha, Sam Schnittman, James Sawyer

Thouron Prize
Joshua Herren

Provost Undergraduate Research Mentorship Fellow
Laurissa Papillon

College Alumni Society Undergraduate Research Grant
Erin Beck, Davis Butner, Dorry Guerra, Ian Bussard, Irina Markina, Joshua Herren

The Howard and Sharon Rich Scholarship
Lauren Robie

Penn History of Art Curatorial Fellowship
Yae Jin Ha

Hoesly Digital Literacy Fellow
Elliott Brooks

History of Art Department Penn Museum Internships
Ying Pan, Joseph Isaac, Monica Fenton

Philadelphia Museum of Art Summer Curatorial Internship in American Art
Ariel Cohen

PAFA Curatorial Fellowship
Ariel Cohen

Mary L. and Matthew S. Santirocro College Alumni Society Undergraduate Research Grant
James Sawyer

Penn Undergraduate Climate Action Award
Mark Pantano

Clarendon Scholarship
James Sawyer

Phi Beta Kappa
James Sawyer, Lane Rubin, Mark Pantano, Irina Markina, Ellen Levitt, Ian Bussard, Dorry Guerra, Inna Kolman, Gary Kafer

ARTh / AAMW Graduate Awards

Henry Luce Foundation/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship in American Art
Lacey Baradell

Helena Rubenstein Fellow, Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program
Charlotte Ickes

SAS Dissertation Research Fellowship
Miranda Routh

Fullbright Fellowship
Marina Isgro, Heather Hughes

University of Pennsylvania Penfield Fellowship
Sarah Beckman, Larissa Grollemon

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Sarah Beckmann, Sophie Crawford-Brown, Lara Fabian, North Gohlen, Samuel Holzman, Sarah Lins, Kathryn Morgan, Dina Nocera, Jordan Pickett, Amanda Reiterman, Anna Sita, Lucas Stephens, Kurtis Tanaka

SAS Dean’s Scholar
Marina Isgro

SAS Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students
Marina Isgro

Philadelphia Museum of Art Carl Zigrosser Fellowship
Heather Hughes

Penn Humanities Forum
Jeannie Kemmotsu

Penn Center for Italian Studies
Salvatori Research Award
Marica Antonucci

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)
Quintana Heathman

Alumni NEWS

Tamara Sears

Tamara Sears (PhD 2004) is Assistant Professor of Art History at Yale University. Sears spent the fall of 2012 in India on a Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Fellowship conducting fieldwork towards a new book that maps mobility, urbanism, and the transmission of cultural practices through temple architecture, geography, and landscape around the turn of the first millennium A.D. Her first book, Worldly Gurus and Spiritual Kings: Architecture and Asceticism in Medieval India, forthcoming through Yale University Press in the spring of 2014, is the first full-length study of Hindu monastic architecture.

Kathleen James-Chakraborty

Kathleen James-Chakraborty’s (PhD 1990) new book Architecture since 1400 will be published in early 2014 by the University of Minnesota Press. Kathleen is Professor of Art History at University College Dublin and Chair of the Board of the Irish Architecture Foundation. She also serves on the board of the Chester Beatty Library. She will be organizing the 2016 meeting of the European Architectural History Network, which will be held in Dublin and encourages current and former Penn students and faculty to attend.

Nick Sawicki

Nick Sawicki (PhD 2007) continues to teach in the Department of Art, Architecture and Design at Lehigh University, where he directs the undergraduate art history program and was recently awarded Lehight’s Early Career Award for Distinguished Teaching. He has recently contributed an essay on Czech modern and avant-garde magazines to the third volume of The Oxford Critical and Cultural History of Modernist Magazines (2013). Another recent publication, “The Critic as Patron and Mediator: Max Brod, Modern Art, and Jewish Identity in Early-20th-Century Prague,” appeared in Images: A Journal of Jewish Art and Visual Culture (2012), and several other publishing projects are forthcoming over the next year. Nick is happy to share the news that he and his wife Kalyna have also recently welcomed another daughter, Liana, into their family.

Maria P. Gindhart

Maria P. Gindhart (PhD 2002) is Associate Professor of Art History at Georgia State University, where she is currently serving as the Associate Director of the Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Gindhart is a program co-chair of the 2014 conference of the Nineteenth Century Studies Association on the topic of “Urbanism and Urbanity.” She is working on a book on art in the menagerie of the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, a subject on which she has presented at the Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, the 20th- and 21st-Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium, and conferences of the French Colonial Historical Society, the Western Society for French History, and the North American Victorian Studies Association.

Ellery Foutch

Ellery Foutch (PhD 2011) is currently serving as the Terra Foundation for American Art Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at The Courtauld Institute of Art. She was recently able to see Alexa Greist (PhD ’12) when she came to London for a research trip, and would be happy to meet up with any Penn folks who might be living in or traveling through London.

Meredith Gamer

Meredith Gamer (B.A. 2004) is a doctoral candidate in art history at Yale University. Gamer’s dissertation, “Criminal and Martyr: Art and Religion in Britain’s Early Modern Eighteenth Century,” explores the relationships among art, religion, and capital punishment rituals in eighteenth-century Britain. She received a 2013 Newcombe Fellowship, the nation’s largest and most prestigious award for Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences whose dissertations address questions of ethical and/or religious values.

Susan Smith

Susan Smith (PhD 1978) Professor in the department of Visual Arts at John Muir College since 1987 and Provost since 2006, has announced her retirement. During her tenure, Provost Smith established the Muir Environmental Fellows awards, each year honoring selected UC San Diego faculty, staff, and alumni whose work has contributed significantly to the cause of sustainablility and environmental preservation. She also established the Stewart Society, named for Muir’s founding provost John Stewart, the senior honors society that recognizes the academic achievements of Muir College students who come to UC San Diego as transfer students.
## Colloquium Series

### Fall 2013

**September**

6. Jamie Saneei, PhD Candidate, "Sculpture and Civic Identity in Medieval Lucca: Art in the Communal Era"

13. Robert Ousterhout, "The Honorable Stigmatization of Jerusalem Pilgrims from St. Paul to Justin Bieber"


27. Renata Holod, "Seeing in Isfahan: Expanding Gaze for an Early Modern Capital"

**October**

4. Lothar Haselberger, "Evidence and Argument: Horologium and Pantheon"

25. Michael Meister, "Under the Elephant’s Path"

**November**

1. Michael Leja, "Illuminating the Bible for a Mass Audience"

8. Steven Conn, Ohio State University, "An 'Objective' Look at American Museums"

**December**

6. David Kim, "Textiles, Carpets, and Compositional Theories in Renaissance Painting"

### Spring 2014

**January**

17. Emily Neumeier, PhD Candidate, "A Theater of Fortune and Triumph: Ali Pasha of Ioannina and the Architectural Transformation of an Ottoman Province (1788-1822)"

24. Christine Poggi, "Stage at the Edge of the Sea: Picasso and Classical Theology"


**February**

7. André Dombrowski, "Monet/Painting/Time"


**March**

26. Will Schmenner, PhD Candidate, "How to Hit the Ground: Motion and Measurement in Moving Pictures before the Great Crash"

**April**

4. Maria Loh, University College London, "Che, Borges, and Carracci: The Dead Man, the Blind Man, and the Ghost in the Portrait"


25. Charlotte Ickes, PhD Candidate, "Radical Spectacle"

**Fall 2013**

### Spring 2013

**January**


**February**

5. Visual Studies Artist Lecture: Spencer Finch

22-23. Workshop — "Toward a 'Biography' of a Manuscript: A copy of the Qur'an from 12th c. Iran"

28. Color Workshop in the History of Art, organized by André Dombrowski

**March**

13. Agnes Varda @ Penn

14. Total Installation, Public Project: Ilya and Emilia Kabakov in Conversation

15. The "Geist and the Machine" Conference

15-16. Chris Marker: A Symposium | "Things That Quicken the Heart"

19. Cecile Fromont, "Foreign Cloth, Local Habits: Clothing, Regalia, and the Art of Conversion in the Early Modern Kingdom of Kongo"

20. Swati Chattopadhyay

**April**

19-20. "Reconsidering Asian Material Texts Workshop"

25. Visual Studies Senior Exhibition Opening @ Fox Gallery

**May**


## 2013 Sponsored Events

### Fall 2013

**October**

14-20. Knut Åsdam artist in residence

16. Knut Åsdam and Homay King in dialogue

18. Knut Åsdam, George Baker and Kaja Silverman in dialogue

19. The Center for Ancient Studies Annual Symposium 2013, "Ancient Drugs: Pharmacology Across the Ancient World"

26. ARTH and VLST Undergraduate Advisory Board trip to MoMA: Soundings: A Contemporary Score

### November

8. Symposium: Auguste Rodin: The Human Experience

12. Year of Sound: Carlos Basualdo in conversation with Gwendaolyn DuBois Shaw at Slought Foundation


**December**

6. David Kim, "Textiles, Carpets, and Compositional Theories in Renaissance Painting"
Malcolm Campbell

Dr. Malcolm Campbell, faculty member in the History of Art Department of the School of Arts & Sciences from 1961 until his retirement in 1996, died on January 27, at his home in Portland, Maine at the age of 78.

Born on May 12, 1934, Dr. Campbell studied at Princeton University where he earned his BA (magna cum laude 1956) and MFA (1959) as well as his PhD. His 1962 dissertation in the Department of Art and Archaeology was devoted to the baroque painter and architect Pietro da Cortona. He joined the History of Art Department at Penn as an instructor in 1961 and was promoted successively, attaining the rank of full professor in 1978. At the time of his retirement, he was the Class of 1965 Professor.

During his 35 years of teaching he trained more than 30 graduate students, many of whom now hold faculty and curatorial positions in leading universities and museums in the United States and Europe. In addition to serving as the department chair, Dr. Campbell was a dedicated leader of the School of Arts & Sciences, holding the positions of Assistant Dean and Vice Dean of the College and Associate Dean for the humanities (1985-1988). He was also Interim Dean for the School of Fine Arts (now LPS); daughter, Cathy; son, Christopher and his wife, Lisa; and son, Colin and his wife, Gail; and grandchildren, Ruby and Hart.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the John McCoubrey Malcolm Campbell Student Travel Fund, History of Art Department, University of Pennsylvania, 3405 Woodland Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6208.

Nancy Miller

Nancy Miller, Ph.D. 1999, passed away in Minneapolis on August 26, 2013. She had been Director of Undergraduate Studies and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the College of Design at the University of Minnesota, where she had previously earned her BA and M.Arch.


She won the Outstanding Professor Award of the Mortarboard Senior Honor Society at the University of Minnesota in 2000. In addition to teaching, she was Associate Director of the university’s Center for World Heritage Studies and a Research Fellow in its Design Center for American Urban Landscape. An active preservationist, she contributed frequently to Architecture Minnesota magazine.

Those who knew Nancy remember her fondly: tall but gentle; extremely smart but also down-to-earth; quiet but adroit in the showmanship of teaching; serious but with a mischievous streak.

Dr. Campbell published many articles and reviews, and his Pietro da Cortona at the Pitti Palace (Princeton University Press, 1977) is one of the foundational works of modern Baroque scholarship. He served as book review editor of The Art Bulletin and was an active member of the international committee for the Pietro da Cortona exhibition which opened in 1997 in Rome and of the organizing team for “The Splendor of 18th-Century Rome” exhibition in 2000 at the PMA in Philadelphia.

He curated several exhibitions in Penn’s Arthur Ross Gallery, including “The Eye of Piranesi: Views of Ancient and Modern Rome in the Late Eighteenth Century” in 1988. During his long and productive career, he received many awards and fellowships, including a Fulbright Fellowship for research in Italy, a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.

Dr. Campbell is survived by his wife, Joan Campbell, who for 19 years was an Assistant Dean in the College of General Studies (now LPS); daughter, Cathy; son, Christopher and his wife, Lisa; and son, Colin and his wife, Gail; and grandchildren, Ruby and Hart.

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