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Dear all,

This past year will be remembered for the many challenges and crises it brought to our community, and to the entire world. The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted our lives in numerous, unforeseen ways; it caused NYU to end in-person teaching and access to libraries, offices, and research centers in mid-March. It also led to the postponement of our spring 2020 events and programs, as well as the cancellation of our excavations, many summer jobs, and internships. We all experienced a great sense of loss and disorientation as we found ourselves physically distanced from our friends, peers, colleagues, and family members, unable to make firm plans for the future, or to travel freely. Many of these changes to our normal routines led to a pervasive sense of anxiety and disappointment, as well as to serious financial hardship, especially for our students. Nonetheless our students and faculty were remarkably resilient and creative, and they found ways to continue their studies and to care for one another. We celebrated the achievements and hard work of our students in a virtual graduation in May.

Shortly thereafter, we witnessed the vicious murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, an event that sparked outrage against decades of police brutality against unarmed people of color. The sustained, multi-racial social protest movement that ensued has provoked many important conversations, and generated a new sense of urgency in demands for an end to police brutality and racial injustice. Cultural institutions, museums, and universities across our nation and abroad have begun the hard work of rethinking their missions and focusing on how to make their environments more inclusive and welcoming to all.

At the Institute, despite the current hiring freeze, we have renewed our commitment to recruiting a more diverse faculty, staff, and student body, and to raising funds for fellowship support for our MA students from underrepresented groups. We are grateful to Graeme Whitelaw for his generous gifts that have endowed the Harriet Griffin Fellowship. This fellowship, named in honor of Graeme Whitelaw’s wife, along with the Institute of Fine Arts Fellowships, have already enabled us to provide full or partial tuition fellowships to MA students. Other transformative gifts made during the past year, from Rachel and Jonathan Wilf for a Conservation Center Fellowship, and from the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation for PhD fellowships, provide much appreciated support. We are also immensely grateful for the gifts of two other alumnae; one will fund student research travel to Italy, and the other will support summer museum internships.

Although no school or institute can cover all art historical or conservation fields, we aspire to a curriculum that engages a multiplicity of traditions and media across the globe, one that highlights cultural and geographical exchanges, and new ways of conceiving curatorial work and public humanities. To this end, we have joined the new NYU Public Humanities Initiative that will launch in fall 2020 with support from the Mellon Foundation. The Marica and Jan Vilcek Curatorial Program, inaugurated two years ago, allows us to invite several curators each year to lead seminars in their areas of expertise. We are delighted to welcome Italian drawings scholar and curator Linda Wolk-Simon, who will teach our Introduction to Curatorial Practice seminar this fall. In the spring, we plan to offer a curatorial seminar on the art of Goya, co-taught by Professor Edward J. Sullivan and curator Mark McDonald of The Metropolitan Museum of Art; a seminar on medieval manuscripts taught by curator and IFA alumnus Roger Wieck of The Morgan Library and Museum; a seminar on a selection of women artists who won the Anonymous Was a Woman Award, taught by scholar and curator Nancy Princenthal in preparation for an exhibition to be held at NYU’s Grey Art Gallery; and a seminar on curating cross-cultural exhibitions co-taught by Professor Hsueh-man Shen and curator and Egyptologist Clare Fitzgerald of ISAW.

Our programming, all virtual, will continue to address important issues and a wide array of fields and topics in the coming year. This past summer, we hosted three webinars for the NYU Alumni Association by our faculty: Professor Finbarr Barry Flood, “Healing Dust and Printed Cures: Technologies of Protection in Medieval Islam”; Professor Edward J. Sullivan, “Landscapes of Construction and Extinction: Art and Ecology in the Americas”; and Professor Thomas E. Crow, “French Landscape at the Margins of Survival.” These online lectures each attracted over 300 attendees and received extremely positive reviews. Along with other webinars and events offered over the course of the spring and summer, they demonstrated the power of virtual media to expand our audiences to people across the country and around the world. Many of our alumni have let us know how much they have enjoyed these and other online lectures, many of which will be posted to our website. Much of our academic year programming and the next edition of the (virtual) Great Hall Exhibition is currently being planned by our students, so stay tuned for future announcements. We hope you will join us and stay connected to the Institute via our many webinars, lectures, book launches, student-curated online exhibitions, and other events throughout the year.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who responded to our call for emergency support for our students. Your generosity, along with that of our Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, Connoisseurs Circle members, and several students, allowed us to give stipends to over 60 MA and PhD students who faced serious financial hardship this past summer. Just recently, we also gave modest sums to ten of our doctoral students who are currently studying for their exams so that they could buy books at a time when many libraries remain closed. The Alumni Association played a key role in raising funds for the Director’s Discretionary Fund (all devoted to student support), and to helping us reach out to others in our network. Institute of Fine Arts students have expressed their profound gratitude for the outpouring of concern and financial assistance you offered them. I would like to acknowledge the work of Jenny Eskin, former President of the Institute’s Alumni Association Board, and of its officers, for their inspirational leadership during this period.

The challenges of this past spring and summer, and those that remain as we reopen for hybrid teaching and virtual programming this fall, have shown us the value of our community. Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni have remained committed to our collective welfare and safety, to our belief in the importance of our educational mission, and to the work we must do to ensure that we provide a research and learning environment that allows each of us, and all of us together, to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the world we live in. Thank you for sharing in this mission, for the support you provide, and for the sense of community you foster.

With warm regards to all,

Christine Poggi
Judy and Michael Steinhardt Director
The Best Way to Get Things Done
An Interview with Suzanne Deal Booth, MA in Art History and Conservation, 1984

Alumna Suzanne Deal Booth, a former IFA Trustee, is a philanthropist, art advisor, collector, and vintner, and generously supports the Suzanne Deal Booth Fellowship in conservation at the IFA. She co-founded the Friends of Heritage Preservation in 1998 and serves as the director of the organization—a small private group dedicated to protecting and preserving cultural and artistic heritage. She currently serves on the boards of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, The Menil Collection, the American Friends of the Centre Pompidou, Ballroom Marfa, The Contemporary Austin, and the Calder Foundation. In 2003, after she spent a year living in Rome with her young family, the Suzanne Deal Booth Rome Prize Fellowship for Historic Preservation and Conservation was created at the American Academy in Rome and has awarded annual fellowships ever since. Deal Booth’s current endeavors include establishing and cultivating Bella Oaks, an organic vineyard and olive orchard in Napa Valley, CA. Former Deal Booth Fellow Celeste Mahoney conducted and edited this interview.

You graduated cum laude with a degree in art history from Rice University. What was it that drew you to the Institute?

I had gone to the University of Texas at Austin for two years, and I had studied sociology. I decided to go to Europe, and it turned out to be a much longer trip than intended. I bought a two-month Eurail pass and it turned into a year abroad. I ended up buying a Volkswagen van, outfitting it, and traveling all through Europe and Asia Minor, and when I came back, I had decided I wanted to study art history. Everything I did in Europe had to do with culture, and it fed my imagination. So when I came back, I transferred to Rice University.

I told my dad I was going to get a part-time job. Somehow, through my interests and networking, I met Dominique de Menil and she offered me a job. I was twenty. It quickly led from working in the campus museum to a private study in her home, in the River Oaks area of Houston. My job was to enter information on these typewriters that had memory—we didn’t have computers—from her late husband John de Menil’s meticulous notes into a database.

I worked for Dominique for two years after I graduated. When I started thinking about going to graduate school, I was intrigued by conservation, by the idea of preserving history and works of art. I had gone on two archaeological expeditions while at Rice, in Italy and Israel. I really enjoyed putting things back together again, and the feeling of accomplishment when you take care of something valuable. When I was considering my options, I just thought NYU was the best. You have it all—some of the greatest museums in the world at your fingertips.

Where did you live while you attended the Institute?

When I was accepted at the Institute, I was still in touch with Dominique, and she told me I must absolutely stay with her.
Dominique de Menil's townhouse in NYC

She wasn’t in New York very much. My room at Dominique’s house, at 111 E 73rd Street, was in the basement, but it had windows that looked out onto a Max Ernst garden. I had a tiny little kitchenette, a bathroom, a big desk, and a bed. That was it, but I loved it. I lived there for two years. Because of the proximity to the Institute, I could have a cup of coffee and walk to school in twenty minutes. It sounds idyllic!

It didn’t come without its restrictions. I couldn’t have guests. She had a pet parrot who used to throw things at me. But I was living with a great art collection, and I liked being this sort of shadowy student figure. She would always include me in dinners she held, and I met art historians, museum directors, writers, and artists.

What was the conservation program like at that time? What was it like being in the basement of the Duke House?

I thought it was funky! We didn’t have great classrooms to work out of, and the space had no windows, but the lab had everything that we needed. My year was a class of eight women, so we could all fit into a small space. Central Park is right outside the door, and some of my classes were at the Met. I worked as an office helper for the two then-directors, Norbert Baer and Larry Majewski. The two years just flew by. I also worked at the paintings conservation lab at the Met, with [head of the department] John Brealey, and loved that experience too.

You also met James Turrell. How were you introduced to him?

Through Dominique, I met another former protégé of hers, architect Glenn Heim. He invited me to a cocktail party at his loft on Church Street, where I met Helen Winkler, one of the cofounders of Dia [Art Foundation] along with Philippa de Menil and Heiner Friedrich. I also met Fred Hughes, who was the business partner of Andy Warhol, and I met James Turrell. I was talking to James, about his work, a Skyspace [Meeting] at MoMA PS1. While we were talking about this project, Helen comes up and says to James, “You should hire her!” And she’s the kind of woman where you do what she says. So he said, “Okay!”?

Well, he said, “what can you do? Can you handle heavy equipment?” And I said, “what, like, a tractor?” And he said, “no, can you handle a drill?” I said I could as long as I had protective equipment—my dad is a safety engineer. So he hired me almost immediately, and I would work on weekends, going out to Queens in my worst clothes. We’d be hauling 2x4s up the side of the building, and using drills, and tearing up concrete. It was crazy, and I loved it. Every day he would take his team to lunch, and that’s how I got to know him. He asked me to work on his big Whitney show too [James Turrell: Light and Space, 1980]. James has been someone that made sure I got a paycheck once, and so I’ve been very instrumental in helping him out with his projects at different museums. I’ve been to Roden Crater probably 10 or 12 times, and I’m still in touch with him. The good news is he’s realizing his dream in his lifetime. In recent years he’s had some huge donations. Like Kanye West—who knew? You couldn’t have predicted that, thirty years ago. It feels like I’ve known him a lifetime.

What was the New York art scene like then? What was your role in it?

It was happening in New York in the early 80s. All these clubs were beginning. I visited The Factory a few times. I’d bomb these parties with my friend and classmate Judy Fox, who’s now an artist in New York...at one party I met Andy Warhol, and I had him sign my arm. Why didn’t I have him sign a shirt, or something I could have saved? He took a Polaroid of me looking a little tired, with his signature on my arm, and gave it to me.

I met Rauschenberg and visited his studio. There were so many artists working with young people around my age, so I connected a lot to the scene, and absolutely loved it. It seemed like a lot of the people who were interested in conservation were also interested in contemporary art, and that brought in a lot of interesting visitors, even though we were in the basement.

It sounds like you were very busy!

When you’re busy, you’re very efficient at figuring out how to manage your time. I’ve always thought that having lots of interests was the best way to get things done.
The IFA as a Launching Pad for Seventy Years of Art-Historical Discovery
An Interview with Jack Wasserman, PhD 1963

Jack Wasserman is Emeritus Professor of Art History at Temple University, Philadelphia. In this interview, Dr. Wasserman discusses his interactions with IFA faculty from the late 1940s forward with his daughter, Shara Wasserman, herself an IFA alumna, receiving her MA in 1985, and currently Director of Exhibitions and on the Art History faculty at Temple University Rome (and the leader of the NYU Alumni Club in Italy). Wasserman is the author of Ottaviano Mascarino and His Drawings in the Accademia di San Luca (Rome, 1966), Leonardo da Vinci (Abrams, 1975), and Michelangelo’s Florence Pietà (Princeton University Press, 2003), and many articles on Renaissance art and architecture. He was elected Accademico Benemerito of the Accademia di San Luca in 1997.

What brought you to art history?
Well, it was all a matter of chance, as important moments in life often are. In my late teens, I was taking voice lessons and attending night classes at Brooklyn College. World War II interrupted my studies and I was drafted into the army in 1942. I served three years in the Pacific war zone, where I contracted hepatitis, was hospitalized, and then was sent home. I had a special educational GI Bill grant because of this disability. One of the requirements was to take an aptitude test, followed by an interview with a professor at Columbia University. He began the interview by asking me what I would like to do. I replied that I might study history. He responded, take it “sink or swim!” The first session was an intimidating experience. In attendance were advanced and brilliant students, including Phyllis Bober and Elsbeth Dusenbery. Lehmann came in and greeted us, and asked who would do a report on the mystery cults at Thebes (and, by the way, the entire literature was in German). Nobody volunteered. He turned to me and said, “Jack, you take it.” I gave the report, and at the conclusion he called me into his office. “I have sunk,” I thought. To my surprise, instead, he invited me to participate in his annual archeological excavation on the island of Samothrace. This was 1949.

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the one-on-one meetings in his office. We would discuss quality in works of art and the principles of connoisseurship. Just to hear this great art historian talk about sixteenth- and seventeenth-century painting was invigorating.

Then there was Richard Offner. I took his course on Giotto to Masaccio. We never got past Giotto. Offner sat when delivering his lectures with his hands clasped to his chin and spoke slowly and deliberately. It was almost as if he were seeing the painting for the first time and carefully finding the right words to express what he saw so deeply under the surface. Offner divided each year between teaching in New York and doing research in Florence. In time, I modeled my life on this pattern, teaching in Philadelphia with Rome as my research base.

I had the privilege of taking a riveting course with Erwin Panofsky (the most famous of the cadre of German refugees then at the IFA) on Flemish art. On a personal note, when I asked him to write a recommendation on my behalf for a Fulbright to complete my MA, he agreed to do it, but reluctantly, thinking it might hinder my chance of being awarded the scholarship because he was, as he put it, a persona non grata with the FBI. He was often involved in left-leaning cultural organizations. My application was successful, however.

I was lucky to have Richard Krautheimer (another German refugee) as a mentor in architectural history, a field I pursued for many years. In fact, my contact with Krautheimer changed my interests from the antique to fifteenth- and sixteenth-century architecture. Krautheimer was also my dissertation advisor.

My topic was to analyze the 240 drawings that Ottaviano Mascarino, a late sixteenth-century architect, had left to the Academy of St. Luke in Rome. Upon arriving in Rome in the summer of 1959, on a grant from the IFA, I went to the Accademia and received permission from the director to photograph all the drawings. But he alerted me to the imminent closing of the institution for the entire month of August. The drawings were placed on a table close to a window and I photographed them all in a week. After completing my dissertation, it was published in Rome under the auspices of the Accademia di San Luca.

Your long relationship with Italy involves an important romantic chance meeting.

Yes. One day I was sitting at a bar on the Corso, drinking coffee and reading a paper, when a person I knew casually named Dan Scarlett joined me and invited me to a party hosted by people from the American Consulate. The apartment was on Via Margutta. I was sitting on the terrace talking to several young ladies when an Italian woman in a full billowy skirt came onto the balcony and said, admiringly, “this is quite a dump.” I was hooked. I courted Ambra the next few days and soon proposed. She invited me to lunch with the family—her mother was dead, but present were her father and two brothers. Sergio, the older brother, but a year younger than Ambra, kept staring at me, perhaps concerned that I might be taking his sister away to America. We were married about three months later, on July 6, 1952.

Talk about your research. You have published on Mascarino and Michelangelo, you have worked on many different topics in Renaissance painting, including Leonardo, you have moved between painting and sculpture, and you have worked between time periods.

At first, my career had been oriented toward architecture. One day, out of the blue, I received a letter from the editor of Abrams asking me write a book on Leonardo da Vinci. I knew little of his life and art, but I took the opportunity and the book was published in 1975. This experience led me to specialize on Leonardo. But much later, I began to write on various other painters, including Raphael and Pontormo, and on sculpture, including Michelangelo’s Florence Pietà.

Maybe now all these interesting things you have been telling us about have come together: your work on architecture, and on painting—in a church, in a chapel, in situ—led you perhaps to move on to your current San Lorenzo project. In other words, would you say that what you are doing now is a synthesis of a lifetime of scholarship?

Well, I have recently returned to architectural history. A few years back, I attended a conference at the Villa I Tatti in Florence on the church of San Lorenzo. In one of the lectures, a slide of a detail of the church captured my interest and stimulated me to pursue it further. I wrote an article about it and I sent the manuscript to Marvin Trachtenberg, who liked it. It was published in a volume with the lectures delivered at the Villa I Tatti conference. I am currently preparing a second article on the church of San Lorenzo, for which, again, I have Dr. Trachtenberg to thank. We have been engaged in frequent email discussions on the architecture of the church and on that of the Duomo. I am fortunate to have had some seventy years of fruitful intellectual engagement, for which I am grateful to the IFA and its faculty.
Zainab Bahrani Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Distinguished alumna, Zainab Bahrani, who earned her MA and PhD in a joint program in Ancient Near Eastern and Greek Art and Archaeology, was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in May 2020. She joins more than 250 newly-elected members of the Academy, one of the nation’s most prestigious honorary societies. The Academy, which dates back to the founding of the country, recognizes and celebrates the excellence of its members and serves as an independent research center convening leaders from across disciplines, professions, and perspectives to address significant challenges, as noted in its mission statement.

A prolific writer and researcher, Dr. Bahrani’s outstanding career covers several disciplines. Born and raised in Baghdad, Zainab completed her undergraduate degree in Art History and Archaeology at Indiana University at Bloomington. She continued her studies at the Institute of Fine Arts because, as she noted, it was one of few graduate schools that taught ancient Near Eastern art and archaeology alongside such fields as ancient Greek, Roman, Aegean and Egyptian art. She is currently the Edith Porada Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology in the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University, teaching a wide array of undergraduate and graduate seminars and lecture courses in Near Eastern art history and theory. Her engaging manner in the classroom earned her the Lenfest Distinguished Columbia Faculty Prize for excellence in teaching in 2008. She previously taught at the University of Vienna and the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and she served as curator in the Department of Ancient Near Eastern Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art from 1989 to 1992. Her research has been supported by awards and fellowships from the American Schools of Oriental Research, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Getty, Kevorkian, Mellon and Guggenheim Foundations.
Over the decades, Zainab has integrated her various roles as scholar, teacher, curator, archaeologist, preservationist, activist, and prolific writer into her career, readily moving across geographic regions from the East Coast of America to the Mid-East. She has authored or edited twelve books, several of them recognized with major prizes. Among the topics she has addressed are the body and gender in ancient Near Eastern art, modern and ancient theories of representation, and archaeological preservation and politics in Iraq and the wider region in the light of recent widespread destruction.


In addition to these books, and numerous scholarly essays in Zainab’s area of specialization, are her articles for a broader public, which have appeared in The Guardian, the Wall Street Journal, Natural History, and The Nation, and have drawn awareness to the appalling destruction of the cultural heritage of Iraq during the Gulf Wars of 1990 and 2003 and by ISIS, a subject of deep continuing concern. In the summer of 2004, she traveled to Baghdad as Senior Advisor to Iraq’s Ministry of Culture, producing a survey of the war damage to the archaeological site of her natal city and working on the rehabilitation of the Iraqi Museum that had been looted during the US invasion. In 2012, she envisioned and founded Columbia University’s ongoing project, Mapping Mesopotamian Monuments, a topographical survey of all of the standing monuments and architecture—ancient and modern—in the region from Iraqi Kurdistan and southeastern Turkey to southern Iraq. This database of digital images, compiled in collaboration with colleagues and students, documents the extraordinary richness of the landscape of Mesopotamia and provides a much-needed record for future preservation.

At the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she was recently featured in the exhibition The World Between Empires: Art and Identity in the Ancient Middle East, in an on-screen discussion with other archaeologists of the massive destruction to the cultural heritage over the past few decades.

In 2019, Zainab Bahrani was selected by the Cook Committee of the IFA Alumni Association as the speaker for the Walter W.S. Cook Lecture, delivered annually by a distinguished alumna or alumnus. With her most recent honor, she joins an eminent group of IFA alumni and faculty members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. (Please see the list below compiled by Rebecca Rushfeld.) Of her election, Zainab remarked, “I am delighted by this great distinction and acknowledgement of my work. It is at moments like these when I stop to reflect on the time that I spent as a student at the IFA, because what I have been able to accomplish in my career is to a great extent built upon what I learned there. I am happy because this honor will permit me to bring more attention to the importance of the art and archaeology of the Near East in the years to come.”

Susan Grace Galassi and Katherine Schwab, Co-chairs of the Cook Committee

IFA Alumni and Faculty Members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences


Alumni and Faculty: Marvin Trachtenberg (2012), Linda Nochlin (1992), and Robert Rosenblum (1984)
In Memoriam

Iris Love  Trailblazing Archaeologist, 1933-2020

Iris Love, an adventuresome and energetic archaeologist and the discoverer, in 1969, of the Temple of Aphrodite at Knidos in present-day Turkey, passed away on April 17, at the age of 86, after contracting Covid-19. Love’s life is a testament to her passion for discovery and trailblazing spirit.

Born in 1933, Iris Love’s childhood memories include anecdotes which hint at her budding passion for excavations. Love described regularly digging in the back of her family’s property in Goshen, New York, in an attempt to discover evidence of Native American settlements. In a 1971 interview with New York Times reporter Elisabeth Stevens, Love stated, “I hunted for artifacts, and when I was 9 or 10, I found what I thought was an Indian burial mound. Of course, it wasn’t, but it was my first excavation.” Eventually, her interest would transform from looking for artifacts from Native cultures to a search for Ancient Greek and Roman material. This shift stemmed in part from the influence of the family governess (Love grew up in a well-to-do family), a classicist who introduced Love to Greek and Roman mythology and taught her Greek and Latin when she was still a child.

As a young adult, while completing graduate work at the Institute of Fine Arts, where she received her MA, Love worked with her former Smith College professor, Phyllis Williams Lehmann, on excavating the Sanctuary of the Gods at Samothrace from 1955 to 1963. Today, the excavations at Samothrace continue to allow IFA students to gain similarly formative fieldwork and onsite research experience.

In addition to participating in excavations, at the Institute of Fine Arts, Love contributed to its student-run journal of the time, Marsyas: Studies in the History of Art. Love’s provocative and attention-gaining article, entitled, “A Stylistic Discussion Concerning the Authenticity of the Three Etruscan Warrior sculptures prominently displayed in the Met’s galleries. Love, in advance of the publication of the article, warned the Metropolitan Museum of her research. The Metropolitan Museum, according to Love, quickly published a notice of their own, failing to acknowledge Love’s research.

Despite having never gained a PhD—she completed everything but the dissertation—Iris Love was able to secure a teaching position and funding for a major archaeological excavation at Knidos through Long Island University. From 1967 to 1977, she was at the helm of this excavation, which would yield what has been described as one of the greatest archaeological discoveries of the mid-twentieth century, of the famed Temple of Aphrodite at Knidos (and for which Praxiteles’ artistic masterpiece, the Aphrodite of Knidos, was made), delightfully fitting for an archaeologist with her surname. All of this was accomplished in a field in which her gender, age, and lack of a PhD were regularly used to call into question her expertise and presence.

Love would eventually cease work as an archaeologist to focus her attention elsewhere, including on New York’s lively social scene. She was the longtime partner of gossip columnist Liz Smith and was mentioned in Andy Warhol’s Diaries on several occasions and Mick Jagger was said to have visited her excavation at Knidos. In addition, Love would become well-known for her love of dogs (she often named her dogs after characters in Greek mythology) and eventual professional breeding of Dachshunds, hosting an annual Dachshund party at the Tavern on the Green in Central Park and competing successfully in several Westminster Kennel Club shows.

Love will be remembered for her passion and exuberance for excavation and her persistence and dedication in a field which so often attempted to exclude her. Love’s excavations and research contributed significantly to transforming the historically male-dominated and insular field of archaeology.

Miquael Williams, current MA student, class of ’21, and IFA Alumni Newsletter editorial assistant
Leatrice Mendelsohn, who died January 31, 2020 at the age of 83, attended the High School of Music and Art, Vassar College, and the Institute of Fine Arts, where she earned her PhD. Her book, *Paragoni: Benedetto Varchi’s Due Lezioni and Cinquecento Art Theory* (UMI Research Press, 1982), which was based on her 1978 dissertation, advised by H.W. Janson, remains a standard resource in the field. Dr. Mendelsohn also undertook extensive research on Bronzino, resulting in several publications, including “The Devil in the Details: Ornament as Emblem and Adage in Two Male Portraits by Bronzino,” in Agnolo Bronzino: The Muse of Florence, ed. Liana De Girolami Cheney (2014). She taught at McMaster University, Union College, SUNY New Paltz, and other institutions. In recent years, she also worked as an independent art appraiser and consultant.

Professor Colin T. Eisler offers these insights on the significance of Dr. Mendelsohn’s scholarship: “Lea’s dissertation and publications illuminated unusually challenging areas in Italian Renaissance art theory. She was a pioneer in dealing with the difficult topic of the Paragone—comparisons of the varying virtues of painting, sculpture and architecture. This academic subject was one of obsessive interest to the great masters of the High Renaissance although we today might find it a strange, dry source of fascination. Lea did full justice to so arcane yet important a topos, clarified by her brilliance, patience and resourcefulness. All Renaissance scholars are deeply indebted to her for bringing to life what could otherwise be a brittle and tedious field, reviving Paragone’s profound importance for such masters as Michelangelo and Leonardo.”

Nadia Tscherny, a beloved friend of the Institute of Fine Arts, and of many other communities, died on December 21, 2019 at the age of 66 of pancreatic cancer. Adored by colleagues, friends, and family, Nadia is aptly memorialized in a New York Times obituary notice for her “strength of character, intelligence, wit and love of family and friends.” The obituary gives this overview of her professional life:

She taught art history at New York University and the University of Wisconsin, and served in curatorial positions at the Frick Collection, the Yale Center for British Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. An accomplished writer and academic, Nadia published numerous articles in scholarly journals devoted to her field of 18th century British portraiture. She was also deeply interested in the history of design. Before earning her doctorate, Nadia attended Vassar College, where she graduated with honors in art history and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society.

Nadia was an active member of the IFA community, both as a student and after graduating in 1986 with a PhD dissertation on late eighteenth-century British portraits and the origins of romanticism. Generous in spirit, she served on the Board of Directors of the IFA Alumni Association during the 1990s. In 2006, she delivered a lively and incisive talk on the cat in art at a symposium at NYU to honor Professor Robert Rosenblum, who had been her advisor; this was a playful and affectionate riff on his own work about the dog in art (Nadia’s favored pets were cats; Robert’s, dogs).

The following remembrances are edited from remarks given at a memorial service held for Nadia on February 29, 2020 at the IFA.

The Institute of Fine Arts is the place where I, like many others, became friends with Nadia Tscherny when we were graduate students so long ago. I met Nadia around 1981, almost forty years ago. As I recall, we first met while sitting at the ratty tables that used to fill one side of the Great Hall. This was long before things got spiffed up, and the décor was less Belle Epoque and more Soviet, with furniture that was rundown and reused, but we old-timers are sentimental about it, because this was a place where lifelong friendships began. Most of the time, relationships are built gradually, but my friendship with Nadia was instantaneous. We immediately liked each other, and we always had a good time together. That was true as we sat at the ratty tables in the Great Hall those many years ago, and it was true over the last year of her life, when I would hang out with her during her chemo.
It was really fun to be with Nadia and be with the people she loved. Across nearly four decades, that world included her sister Carla, and it included her parents George and Sonya who live in a wonderful townhouse on 72nd Street that is an elegant laboratory of modern design, whimsical curiosities, and Mitteleuropean hospitality that helps explain, perhaps, why home meant so much to Nadia. I met her smart and practical boyfriend Geoffrey, who became her loving husband, and, as the years went by, I got to know her wonderful daughters Emma and Caroline.

I miss so many things about Nadia. I miss how smart she was. Over the years, I attended some of her lectures, and I remember, in particular, learning from her about a Hogarth painting in the Frick Collection. It’s a portrait of Mary Edwards who, in eighteenth-century Britain, bravely repudiated her aristocratic (by which I mean spendthrift) husband Lord Hamilton, preferring to have her children declared illegitimate rather than let her husband control her money. It’s not a typical portrait, nor is Mary Edwards a typical eighteenth-century woman. But of course not. Nadia always dug up the unexpected.

In my sadness following her death, I wanted to spend more time with Nadia somehow, so I began reading things that she had written—admittedly, thirty years or so later than I should have! I discovered that she wrote brilliant scholarly articles about art historical topics such as British portraits, but also a short, quirky publication about the wonderful collecting habits of her father George Tscherny. She was a beautiful writer, without a trace of the jargon or scholarly pretension that make so much of art history such a chore to read. Her writing is crystalline, and, like Martha Graham’s definition of great dance, it has clarity and inevitability. It was wonderful to discover this simple statement she made about the British eighteenth-century portraits that she loved so much: “What ultimately unites the greatest portraits of this period is that they capture not a likeness, but our imagination.” Nadia captured our imagination, too.

As high-strung redheads, Nadia and I immediately experienced a natural affinity when we met at the IFA in 1975. Throughout the years, and despite living on different continents, we stayed very close friends. Our many shared experiences and interests cemented a long-lasting friendship—our beginnings as native New Yorkers, an intellectual passion for scholarship and art history, and later on, the ups and downs of marriage and motherhood.

Nadia was a warm-hearted, funny and highly entertaining friend with a razor-sharp mind, and her life-book was filled with an array of quirky adventures. While in London doing research, she had the singular experience of being escorted into Brooks’s, a men-only club in Mayfair, by the soigné aristocrat Sir Richard BrinsleyFord, who directed her towards Sir Joshua Reynolds’ group portrait of the Dilettanti Society. Naturally, this forbidden feminine intrusion by a feisty New York City redhead instantly woke up the dozing old members who loudly insisted that she be ejected from the premises immediately. We both thought this episode hilarious and, even now, I cannot think about it without hearing Nadia’s laugh—that vivacious, unrestrained and joyful cackle that emanated from her petite frame and her big heart.

Life with Nadia was always unexpected and lots of fun, but my sweetest and most salient memory is seeing her tenderly giving a bottle to the infant Emma on the steps of the IFA on a balmy summer’s day.

Nearing the end, Nadia told me that she felt it was ok to leave Emma and Caroline now, because she had seen them through to being happy and settled in their own lives. I remember her brave, open and loving spirit with the words of Rainer Maria Rilke:

- Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror
- Just keep on going
- No feeling is final
- Don’t lose sight of me

Irene Cioffi Whitfield, PhD ’92
Jungian Analytical Psychologist; Independent Scholar

My strongest memories of Nadia are of her intensity, her brilliant mind, and her infectious laughter. She somehow combined a sort of naive questioning of everything—cocking her head as she asked questions—with an incredibly sharp pursuit of truth and a bright smile as she came to understand some new idea or fact. We met at the Institute soon after I arrived in 1977. She was a sophisticated New Yorker, in my eyes, so much more comfortable in the city than so many of us rubes. But at the same time, she had a certain New York-style innocence about the rest of the country, with no idea of what it would be like to NOT come from NYC. In others, it might have been snobbish, but in her, it was absolutely charming. I loved being with her, and I am sorry that I missed so many years between our early friendship and our re-connection of late. She was unique, smart, fashionable and lots of fun: my ideal of what the Institute of Fine Arts should offer. She also was generous to me and helped me to get a critical internship that set me off on my career path.

Susan Freudenheim, MA ’79
Executive Director, Jewish World Watch, Los Angeles
Others benefited similarly from Nadia’s acts of generosity. She also got me an important position. When Everett Fahy, then Director of the Frick Collection, called Colin Eisler asking for a recommendation for a curatorial assistant position at The Frick, Nadia, then Colin’s assistant, immediately whispered my name to Colin, who in turn gave it to Everett. Thus I went to The Frick, a most marvellous experience that I owe entirely to Nadia, whose kindness was fully repaid when she was later hired for the same job.

In homage to Nadia, I stopped by the new British Galleries at the Met on the day of the IFA memorial service, and I thought about our past. Thinking back to the time and place that brought us all together—the Institute in the 1970s—I see a glossy-haired redhead lounging on a banquette in the Oak Room during one of our many lunchbreaks. There was something so vivid about that sunlit moment that the memory has stayed with me all these years, of Nadia conversing and laughing with ease.

It’s hard to recapture the intensity of our days at the Institute—the incessant studying, the side-by-side memorization of slides, and of course shared jokes about the teaching styles and accents of our favorite professors. That intensity fostered a friendship that seemed to need no explanation. And if you were a friend, you met Nadia’s family, her warm and gracious parents George and Sonia in their beautiful New York townhouse, her sister Carla, and of course another glossy-haired and handsome person, Geof Parnass, her then boyfriend and later husband. When Geof occasionally dropped by the Institute, we analyzed him, quickly determining that he was the one.

A thread running through it all was Nadia’s laughter, a beguiling mixture of giggle and gay chortle. I remember standing with Nadia decades ago, watching her very young daughter Caroline from the doorway of her room as she did something delightfully odd and whimsical and how it reduced Nadia to an adoring and helpless laugh, almost stifled so as not to disturb the charming antics of her little daughter.

This delight in people never deserted Nadia, nor did her unquenchable curiosity about places and things. I loved that Geof and Nadia took off for Scandinavia as soon as she was done with one set of chemotherapy treatments to see things she had not seen before. Every moment was to be lived.

Last summer, in the garden of their house in Ridgewood, Nadia spoke of Geof’s ongoing and wonderful support, of how much joy she took in Emma and Caroline, of how glad she was of their choice of husbands, and of how happy Emma’s regular visits made her, although the reason for them was never discussed.

Stoic and unsentimental, Nadia remained the indefatigable and consummate conversationalist she had always been: quizzing, disagreeing, enthusiastically sharing an interest, and, of course, laughing. It is this laughter that I most hear as I think of my dear and vivid friend.

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Executive Director and Chair, Yoga for NY.org, NY State Association for Students, Teachers and Studios

Institute of Fine Arts Alumni Association Mission Statement
The mission of the Alumni Association of the Institute of Fine Arts is to foster a strong sense of community among the alumni through social and scholarly events and through the publication of the Newsletter; to support student research through travel grants with funds raised by the Association; and to preserve the history of the Institute through recording oral histories and the collecting of archival documents.
Dora Wiebenson, Innovative, Influential, and Prolific Architectural Historian, 1926-2019

Dora Wiebenson, who died on August 20, 2019 at the age of 93, was a major pioneer as both a scholar and a woman in the field of architectural history. She graduated from Vassar College in 1946 with a BA and went on to graduate study in architecture at Harvard University, receiving a MArch in 1951. Professor Wiebenson continued her studies at the Institute of Fine Arts, where she edited the student-run scholarly journal Marysas. She received her MA in 1958 and completed her PhD in 1964 under the direction of Walter Friedlander.

Dora's training as both an architect and an architectural historian, as well perhaps as the fact that her father was a builder, gave her exceptional insight into architectural design and an extraordinary eye for visual analysis. Before beginning her career as a full-time academic at Columbia University in 1966, Professor Wiebenson was employed in a number of leading architecture firms in New York City, including that of Marcel Breuer. After two years as a lecturer at Columbia, she joined the faculty of the University of Maryland in 1968, becoming in 1972 one of the first female full professors in her field. In 1977 Dora joined the Department (then division) of Architectural History at the University of Virginia. At UVA, she was the first woman to head a department and the first to become a full professor at the School of Architecture. A deeply committed teacher, she led efforts to establish the PhD program in Architectural History at UVA, where she also established a legacy of female leadership. Four of the School's deans have now been women and half of the tenured faculty are now female. She also shaped the field at large as head of the Society of Architectural Historians from 1974-77. For this organization, she in addition wrote extensive reports on the graduate study of architectural history in schools of architecture (1977) and departments of art history (1979).

Professor Wiebenson would probably best like to be remembered for the remarkable impact she had as a teacher and scholar. Her survey of modern architecture at the University of Virginia was particularly renowned. UVA alumna Marie Frank, currently a professor at UMass Lowell, recalls:

Her wealth of knowledge and rigorous exposition of a building's design elements in the Modern survey provided the solid foundation that so many of us have drawn upon in our own work. In her seminars she encouraged us to pick topics that again, in retrospect, always connected to key ideas or theories that helped us shape a narrative for the 19th and 20th centuries. And finally, I think that behind all the images, and lists, and articles, and books she wanted us to master was the essential lesson that architecture mattered. I have no doubt that my own teaching and scholarship owe a debt to her.

Professor Wiebenson's most influential scholarly work is undoubtedly her landmark study of French landscape architecture, The Picturesque Garden in France (1978). Distinguished landscape architect and UVA faculty member, Professor Elizabeth K. Meyer, acknowledges this volume as having a profound impact on her own scholarly work and teaching. She writes:

Her careful scholarship, grounded in the awareness of the circulation of ideas and theories from one region to another, disassembled the simplistic historical trope that nations had garden styles. Dora introduced us to the ways that ideas transform when they travel, how they are translated into new spatial types and practices commensurate to new geographies with particular social tensions and political debates. We understood that this translation impacted the reception as well as creation of the designed landscape; landscape experiences and meanings varied from place to place.

I have reread The Picturesque Garden in France several times over the past forty years... I owe Dora for her introduction to the picturesque garden in France and to new ways of approaching supposedly fixed historical narratives.

Dora retired from UVA as professor emerita in 1992, continuing to be a major influence on the field until she retired from research and writing at the age of 90. She founded the scholarly society of the Historians of Eighteenth-Century Art and Architecture, which honors this notable initiative with the Dora Wiebenson Prize, awarded each year at its annual meeting to the outstanding graduate paper presented during the previous year at a scholarly conference or as a sponsored lecture. In her retirement, she became a pioneering figure in the study of Central and Eastern European architecture, launching the scholarly journal Centropa in 2001 and co-editing the seminal volume The Architecture of Historic Hungary with József Sisa, published by MIT Press in 1998.

Among the over fifteen volumes on architectural history Dora Wiebenson wrote, co-wrote or edited, several are landmarks in their field. These include her monograph on Tony Garnier (1969), based on her IFA MA thesis, and her study of Greek Revival architecture (1969), developed from her dissertation. Through her teaching, scholarship and service, she had a profound impact on the field of architectural history in the United States.

Lisa Reilly, PhD '90
Professor, Department of Architectural History Joint Graduate Program in Art & Architectural History University of Virginia
Carolyn C. Wilson Newmark passed away on May 24, 2020 after a valiant struggle with cancer. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College, graduating with high honors (1968), Carolyn went on to obtain a MA (1970), a Diploma of Museum Training and Connoisseurship (1971), and a PhD (1977) at the Institute of Fine Arts. Her dissertation, “Bellini’s Pesaro Altarpiece: A Study in Context and Meaning,” was written under the direction of Professor Colin Eisler. Research for this study initiated a lifelong interest in Venetian art, resulting in numerous publications and a number of awards and fellowships.

Carolyn began her professional life as Assistant Curator of Sculpture at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. While there she published, in 1983, *Renaissance Small Bronze Sculpture and Associated Decorative Arts at the National Gallery of Art*. Later she served as Research Curator for Renaissance Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, where she published *Italian Paintings, XI-XVI Centuries, in the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston* in 1996. For this publication, she won the Roland H. Bainton Book Prize for Art History and Music (The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference) and the Vasari Award for the outstanding publication of 1996 by a Texas-based art historian (Library, Dallas Museum of Art) and also was a finalist for the College Art Association’s Alfred H. Barr, Jr. Award for a distinguished museum catalogue.

Along with Carolyn’s ongoing interest in Venetian painting, which resulted in several publications, probably her greatest passion was the subject of the veneration of Saint Joseph during the Renaissance, which led to essays about its portrayal in colonial Bolivian art and in the work of Georges de La Tour, Parmigianino, Jan Gossaert, Lorenzo Lotto, Titian, and others, as well as to her 2001 book, *Saint Joseph in Italian Renaissance Art and Society: New Directions and Interpretations*. To pursue research on this and other topics, she received several prestigious grants and fellowships, including from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Renaissance Society of America, the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, the Fondazione Roberto Longhi, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Getty Grants Program, and the Robert Vaughan Foundation. In addition to her scholarship and museum work, Carolyn taught Renaissance art history at the University of Maryland, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Houston, and elsewhere.

Carolyn and I were classmates at the IFA and during those years she happened to be living around the corner from me in Morningside Heights near Columbia University. Often my husband would pick us both up by car to drive from the IFA on East 78th Street to the Upper West Side, taking Carolyn to her apartment building on 119th Street off Amsterdam Avenue, and then drop me off at 118th Street before searching for a parking spot. The car rides provided opportunities to chat about our courses, professors, and hopes for the future. We kept in touch over the years and almost always had at least a lunch or dinner at scholarly meetings or conferences. She was a lovely person and will be very much missed.

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Stony Brook University
The Year in Pictures: Alumni at the Institute

The Annual Walter W.S. Cook Lecture, October 29, 2019
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Speaker Zainab Bahrani, with Cook Lecture Co-Chairs Susan Galassi and Katherine Schwab
Kathy introducing Zainab’s talk

Alumni Weekend, October 26, 2019
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William Ambler, Kathryn Calley Galitz, Nadine Orenstein, Chris Poggi, and, Alicia Lubowski-Jahn in the Oak Room
Chris Poggi

Summer 2020 Zoom Lecture on “Landscapes of Construction and Extinction” in the Americas

Edward J. Sullivan, Alumnus and Current IFA Helen Gould Shepard Professor and Deputy Director
Matthew Adams
Senior Research Scholar; Director, Abydos Project
Social Media:
web, abydos.org; blog, abydos.org/blog; Instagram, @digabydos; Facebook, Abydos Archaeology
Publications:
“Abydos in Late Antiquity: A View from the Shunet el-Zebib” (2020); “The Origins of Sacredness at Abydos” (2019).
Current Research: Dr. Adams continued to oversee a range of research, conservation, and outreach initiatives as part of the longstanding IFA fieldwork program at Abydos. These include the systematic investigation of a series of monumental cultic complexes built by Egypt’s first kings, ca. 3000–2700 BCE. A related initiative since 2018 is the exploration of Egypt’s—and the world’s—oldest known industrial-scale brewery, built to produce the huge volume of beer used in rituals conducted in the nearby early royal monuments. Isolated at Abydos during the COVID-19 pandemic after the regular excavations had ended, Dr. Adams had the opportunity to collaborate with Egyptian team members—and fellow standees—in the archaeological exploration of the unpopulated desert west of the site. The group identified caves modified in late antiquity to serve as Christian monastic hermitages, desert camps of the Prolemaic and Roman periods, extensive evidence of paleolithic activity, and a mysterious series of rock-cut chambers high in the cliff of the side of a canyon. All these places warrant extensive further investigation and, along with the results of the excavations, will illustrate how, even after more than 160 years of scholarly exploration, a major site like Abydos continues to generate completely new and even transformative findings.
Additional News: In 2019, distinguished author Peter Hessler published The Buried: An Archaeology of the Egyptian Revolution, which features Dr. Adams and the Abydos Project extensively, particularly with reference to the response to looting at the site during the uprising of 2011 and its aftermath; Dr. Adams and the Abydos project were featured in a National Geographic Channel documentary, “Egypt’s Lost Wonders,” filmed on-site at Abydos and exploring fourteen mysterious boat graves—each containing the burial of a complete 20–25 meter long wooden boat—discovered accompanying the 3000-year-old funerary temple of one of Egypt’s early kings; since 2019, the Abydos Project has developed a significant presence on the web, through its website (abydos.org), which includes the project blog (abydos.org/blog); in addition to written pieces, the blog includes an ongoing video series filmed on-site at Abydos and presenting a variety of perspectives on the project’s work and the experience of doing archaeology in Egypt; in tandem with the website and blog, the project also shares substantial content via Instagram, @digabydos, and Facebook, “Abydos Archaeology.”
Jonathan Brown
Carroll and Milton Petrie Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts
Jean-Louis Cohen
Sheldon H. Solow Professor in the History of Architecture
Faculty Updates CONTINUED


Current Research: The catalogue raisonné of Frank Gehry’s drawings; Architecture in Vichy France; Paris Moderne, 1914-1945.

Thomas Crow
Rosalie Solow Professor


Current Research: Artists in the California counterculture; the Ancient American Southwest.


In connection with this publication, on July 11 an online symposium was held, organized by the publisher and Surplus Space, in collaboration with Fudan University in Shanghai, entitled “The Rise, Fall, and ‘Return of the Sixties.’” The event attracted an impressive audience of over 4,500. The co-translators of the book are Tianyang Deng, a current PhD student under Professor Crow at the IFA, and Wei Jiang, a former visiting scholar at the IFA, now a lecturer at Huadong Ligong University in Shanghai.

Margaret Holben Ellis
Chair of the Conservation Center; Eugene ‘Thaw’ Professor of Paper Conservation; Conservation Consultant, Villa La Pietra


Honors and Awards: President, American Institute for Conservation (AIC), 2017-present.


Additional News: Member, Association for North American Graduate Programs in Art Conservation (ANAPIC); invited ‘Museums in America’ grant review panelist, Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS); invited publication prize juror, Association of Print Scholars (APS); Advisory Council member, International Foundation for Art Research (IFAR); invited member, Conservation Committee, The Morgan Library & Museum; Getty Foundation/Cornell University grant for student work on “Coding Leonardo’s Papers,” 2019; Samuel H. Kress Foundation Program in Paintings Conservation grant, 2019.

Colin Eisler
Robert Lehman Professor


Current Research: Review of a Dutch publication on a Neapolitan topic, forthcoming in Renaissance Quarterly (2021); Roger van der Weyden reconstruction; Roger Fry the stage designer; American nineteenth-century superimposed photographs; Colonel Higginson’s character as contributing to his art collecting.

Additional News: Teaching on Zoom proved a challenging novelty, yielding a welcome new sense of intimacy and freedom of exchange without students’ fear of “being wrong” or of revealing “ignorance.” These negative characteristics, too readily inhibiting learning in the usual face-to-face classroom ambiance, are happily absent from Zoom.

Finbarr Barry Flood
William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of the Humanities; founder and director of the research center Silsila: Center for Material Histories, NYU

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Honors and Awards: Full Professor of Classical Archaeology, University of Milan.

Current Research: Greek Temple Decoration; Selinunte; Ancient Sicily; Modern Reception of Classical Art.

Prita Meier
Associate Professor
Publications: “Beyond Multiple Modernities: East African Port Cities as the Space Between” (2020); “Subjects and Subjugation: Swahili Coast Studio Photography in Global Circulation” (2019); “The Surface of Things: A History of Photography from the Swahili Coast” (2019); “Toward an Itinerant Art History: The Swahili Coast of Eastern Africa” (2018); co-editor, World on the Horizon: Swahili Arts across the Indian Ocean (2017); “Provocations from the Coast: Toward a Networked History of Swahili Coast Arts” (2017); Curators’ Notes: Swahili Arts across the Indian Ocean” (2017); “Unmoored: On Oceanic Objects in Coastal Eastern Africa, 1700-1900” (2017); “The Swahili House: A Historical Ethnography of Modernity” (2017).


Current Research: Professor Meier’s current research focuses on the material technologies and image cultures of travel and transportation. She is completing a manuscript on Swahili coast photography, provisionally titled Sea of Things: A History of Photography from the Swahili Coast (under contract with Princeton University Press), which frames the photograph not as a static image, but as a material artifact constituted by mobility, and explores the everyday uses of photographs. Relatedly, she has begun to research the pre-colonial era and the cultural connections between the Swahili coast and mainland Africa in a project tentatively titled Ivory in Motion: Shared Object Cultures in Central Africa and the Swahili Coast, which will reveal the ways the Swahili coast is part of a larger African history of ivory arts. Professor Meier is also part of an interdisciplinary research project called Highway Africa, which focuses on Africa’s postcolonial engineering megaprojects; the group’s aim is to reorient the study of infrastructure from the geopolitical to the cultural by asking questions about the kinds of modes of being and seeing such material interventions engender.

Alexander Nagel
Professor


Honors and Awards: Collaborative NEH grant for Amerasia: An Inquiry into Imaginative Geography, 2016-19 (see http://ifaresearch.org/amerasia/#).

Current Research: The role of images and objects in the formation of European viewworlds, 1300-1700.

Rosalia Pumo
Field Director, Coordinator and Consulting Archaeologist, IFA Excavations at Selinunte; adjunct professor of Italian Language for Art Historians


Hannelore Roemich
Professor


Patricia Rubin
Professor Emerita


Recent Honors and Awards: Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz/Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Visiting Scholar and chair of the MPG KhI Scientific Advisory Committee, 2017-20;
Robert Slifkin
Associate Professor of Fine Arts


Edward Sullivan
Helen Gould Shepard Professor in the History of Art and Deputy Director
PhD 1979


Thelma K. Thomas
Associate Professor
MA 1982, PhD 1990

Publications: “The Honorific Mantle as Furnishing for the Household Memory Theater in Late Antiquity: A Case Study from the Monastery of Apa Apollo at Bawit” (2019); “Portraits of Apa Jeremias at His Monastery in Memphis (Saqqara) as Prophet, Holy Man, and Philosopher” (2019); “Monumental Remnants: Gail Rothschild Interprets Late Antique Textiles” (2018); “Perspectives on the Wide World of Luxury: Late Antique Silk Finds from Syria and Egypt” (2017).


Additional News: Dr. Thomas has just completed her first year as Director of Graduate Studies at the Institute; she has contributed an account of her work in this position to the Institute’s 2019-2020 Annual.
Alumni Updates

Editor’s note: This year the listing of alumni updates is organized alphabetically by last name, without the traditional division by decade. We think this new arrangement will make it easier to locate friends and colleagues. Your feedback is welcome.

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Latest Position: Professor of Art History, RIT
Upcoming Projects: Rachel Harrison; Cimabue.
Additional News: Contributing Editor, Sculpture, since August 2017.

Ronni Baer
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Latest Position: Allen R. Adler, Class of 1967, Distinguished Curator and Lecturer, Princeton University Art Museum
Recent Honors and Awards: Board of Advisors, Center for the Advanced Study in the Visual Arts (CASVA), 2018-2019; Institute of Fine Arts Distinguished Alumna and Commencement Speaker, 2018; Knight in the Order of Orange-Nassau from King Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands, 2017.
Additional News: After nearly twenty years as senior curator of European painting at the MFA in Boston, Dr. Baer began her present position at the Princeton University Art Museum in May 2019.

William Barcham
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Latest Position: Professor of the History of Art, Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY
Publications: Co-author with Catherine Puglisi, Art and Faith in the Venetian World: Venerating Christ as the Man of Sorrows (2019); “Jacopo da Montagnana, the ‘Man of Sorrows’ and the Bellini,” Artibus et Historiae (2019); Tiepolo’s Pictorial Imagination, Drawings for Palazzo Clerici (2017).
Upcoming Projects: Doge Alvise IV Mocenigo of Venice as Collector; the Drawings of Gian Antonio Guardi.

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Latest Position: Adjunct Professor of Fine Arts, IFA, NYU
Publications: Review, “Chiara Tarditi, Bronze Vessels from the Acropolis: Style and Decoration in Athenian Production Between the Sixth and Fifth Centuries BC,” Gnomon (2019); Abstract, “Thoughts on the Artistic


Additional News: Since August 2018, Visiting Scholar, Institute of Fine Arts, NYU.

Miriam Margarita Basilio Gaztambide
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Latest Position: Associate Professor of Art History and Museum Studies, New York University


Upcoming Projects: An exhibition at NYU’s Kimmel Windows that I curated with undergraduate students (currently postponed until next year): “Fighting Fascism: Visual Culture of the Spanish Civil War From New York University’s Tamiment Library Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives.”

Additional News: Miriam Basilio’s first artist’s book, Retratos Hablados/Spoken Portraits, was published (2020).

Joshua Bell
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Patricia G. Berman
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Latest Position: Theodora L. and Stanley H. Feldberg Professor, Wellesley College


Additional News: Dr. Berman’s exhibition “The Experimental Self: Edvard Munch’s Photography” opened in 2020 at the Munch Museum in Oslo and also as a parallel online...
Upcoming Projects: Infrastructure Aesthetics.

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Recent Honors and Awards: Georgia O'Keeffe, Living Modern (2017).


Recent Honors and Awards: Nineteenth-Century Studies Association (NCSA) President’s Award “for sustained service to the association and significant contributions to nineteenth-century studies,” 2017.

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Upcoming Projects: Year-long curatorial project for Southern New Hampshire University, 2021-2022.
Additional News: Curated “Contemporary Responses to Modernism: A New England Perspective” at the University of Southern Maine, Fall 2019, and “Modernism and Its Legacy” at Southern New Hampshire University, 2018; current online exhibition, “Barbara Swan: Literary Figures,” in connection with the publication of The Equivalents by Maggie Doherty.

Holly Flora
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Latest Position: Professor of Art History and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University
Recent Awards and Honors: Awarded the Premio San Francisco from the Pontifical University of Saint Anthony (Antonianum) in Rome for the book Cimabue and the Franciscans (Brepols/Harvey Miller, 2018). The prize is given to the best book published in Franciscan studies between 2017 and 2019 and carries a 6000 euro award.

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Additional News: Vice-president, Association for Latin American Art (ALAA).

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Installation view of “Modernism and Its Legacy,” Southern New Hampshire University
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Latest Position: Associate Professor, University of Maryland

Publications: Decoration and Display in Rome’s Imperial Thermae: Messages of Power and their Popular Reception at the Baths of Caracalla (2018).

Additional News: Promotion to Associate Professor with tenure, University of Maryland.

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Recent Projects: Assistant Objects Conservator, Art Conservation Group


Promotion to Associate Professor, Site-Specific Art at The New School (2019); co-editor, Art Museums of Latin America: Structuring Representation (2018); and co-author with Karen Stamm, “Seeing Clearly: Casting Epoxy Fills for Glass Objects Using Transparent Molds,” in Objects Specialty Group Postprints from AIC 47th Annual Meeting (2019).

Additional News: After graduation, Rebecca Gridley worked for two years in the Objects Conservation Department at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and was responsible for the treatment of sixteenth- through nineteenth-century Decorative Arts objects for the recently reopened British Galleries. This past Fall, Gridley joined Art Conservation Group, a private practice studio owned by IFA alumna Leslie Ransick Gat that specializes in objects conservation.

Marc Hajjar
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Latest Position: Business Manager, Americas at Phillips Auctioneers

Additional News: Recently appointed as a Board Member of the John F. Peto Studio Museum in Island Heights, New Jersey.

Rachel Heidenry
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Julia P. Herzberg
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Recent Projects: Assistant Objects Conservator, Art Conservation Group


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Alumni Updates

Tajiri and the Art of Cobra,” Amherst, 2018.

Recent Honors and Awards:
UMASS College of Humanities and Fine Arts Outstanding Teaching Award, 2020.

Upcoming Projects: New research toward a book on drawing, race, and politics in contemporary art.

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Additional News: Lihong Liu joined the faculty in the History of Art Department at the University of Michigan in Fall 2020.

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Recent Honors and Awards: Mellon Foundation grant for research into freemasonry in Georgia, 2018-21.

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**Upcoming Projects:** A book on Baroque stylistic reinventions.

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**Publications:** *The Invention of Norman Visual Culture: Art, Politics, and Dynastic Ambition* (2020); co-editor, with Kevin D. Murphy, *Skyscraper Gothic: Medieval Style and Modernist Buildings* (2017).  
**Recent Honors and Awards:** Jefferson Scholars Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2018.  
**Upcoming Projects:** Lisa Reilly is currently collaborating on a Corpus Vitrearum volume with Mary Shepard on the stained glass of the late medieval parish church of St. Michael le Belfrey.

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**Latest Position:** Associate Professor and Department Chair, Art History and Fine Arts, American University of Paris  
**Publications:** *Imagining the Miraculous: Miraculous Images of the Virgin Mary in French Illuminated Manuscripts, ca. 1250–ca. 1450* (2019).

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**Publications:** “Exhibir la abstracción latinoamericana: lo bueno, lo malo y lo no tan bonito” (2020); “Caribbean Popular, Caribbean Contemporary: Current Artistic Practices of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago” (2020); “Rubem Valentim and Ibrahim El-Salahi: Strategies of Hybridization and Abstraction in the Global South” (2019); “El Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá y la contención política: tensiones entre la definición de lo político en el arte y la (des) articulación de la movilización social” (2018); “The Issue of the ‘Double Outlier’: Artistic Practices of the Caribbean Archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia, and Santa Catalina, 1967 – 1998” (2018); “Caribbean
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Upcoming Projects: Technical Consultant for a new State Heritage Museum in Shanghai.

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Latest Position: Professor of Fine Arts, Brandeis University; Acting Director, Mandel Center for the Humanities, Spring 2020
Upcoming Projects: “O’Keefe, Philanthropy, and The Stieglitz Collection at Fisk University; The Promise of Cultural Integration”; “Turner’s Slave Ship: Abolitionist Icon.”
Additional News: Professor Scott is teaching “Politics on a Pedestal,” a historical survey of monuments and memorials and the power of symbols, at home and abroad, in Fall 2020.

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Upcoming Projects: Fashion dictionary.

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Upcoming Projects: “O’Keefe, Philanthropy, and The Stieglitz Collection at Fisk University; The Promise of Cultural Integration”; “Turner’s Slave Ship: Abolitionist Icon.”


**Recent Honors and Awards:** CAA Award for Distinguished Teaching of Art History, 2020; RIfkind Scholars Award, CCNY, 2019.


**Donna Stein**

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**Upcoming Projects:** “Gilah Yelin Hirsch: Archaeology of Metaphor,” Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, 2022.

**Joyce Hill Stoner**


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**Latest Position:** Rosenberg Professor of Material Culture, University of Delaware


**Recent Honors and Awards:** Sheldon and Caroline Keck Teaching Award, American Institute for Conservation, 2020.

**Additional News:** Leader of a Zoom seminar on practical paintings conservation: lectures and discussions with Winterthur/UD alumnai and current students, two days a week since the coronavirus shutdown began in March.

**Adrian Sudhalter**

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**Latest Position:** Research Curator, Merrill C. Berman Collection, Rye, New York


**Recent Honors and Awards:** Distinguished Scholar, Leonard A. Lauder Center for Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2018-19.

**Anna Swinbourne**

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**Susanna Temkin**

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**Publications:** “Siempre en la calle” (2020); “When the Cedar Bar Met the School of the
South: Reconsidering Bonevardi” (2019); “Freddy Rodríguez’s La fiebre del oro” (2019). 

**Additional News:** Dr. Temkin joined El Museo del Barrio as Curator in 2018, having previously interned at the institution while a student at the Institute. In 2019, she curated the Museum’s 50th anniversary exhibition, “Culture and the People: El Museo del Barrio, 1969-2019.”

**Lindsey Tyne**  
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**Latest Position:** Associate Paper Conservator, Morgan Library & Museum  
**Publications:** “Gouache, Ink, Toner, or Is It Dirty Water? The Drawing Materials of Al Taylor,” in *The Drawings of Al Taylor* (2020).  

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**Latest Position:** Associate Professor, Pre-Hispanic and Spanish Colonial Art, Department of Art History, UTSA  
**Recent Honors and Awards:** National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2020-21; John Carter Brown Library Fellowship, Fall 2020.  

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**Latest Position:** Curator of Exhibitions, American Federation of Arts  
**Publications:** *Bisa Butler: Portraits* (2020); *Sparkling Amazons: Abstract Expressionist Women of the 9th St. Show* (2019).  

**John Willenbecher**  
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**Upcoming Projects:** After the Institute, I became an artist; upcoming projects are continuing a series of paintings on fiberboard in grisaille.  
**Additional News:** A virtual show of some recent paintings by John Willenbecher was sent out during the Covid-19 quarantine.

**Evan D. Williams**  
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**Publications:** “Der Blaue Reiter” (2020); “Interview: Jacoub Reyes” (2019).  

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Latest Position: Äußerplanmäßiger Professor, University of Heidelberg
Publications: Late Antique Yemen and Late Antique Yemen, Supplement (2019); co-editor, with G. Gernez, Early Iron Age Metal-working Workshop in the Empty Quarter, al-Zahira Province, Sultanate of Oman (2018); co-editor, with W.Y. al-Tikriti, Water and Life in Arabia, conference proceedings (2017); co-editor, with M. Gaudiello, Mifsas Baḥri: A Late Aksumite Frontier Community in the Mountains of Tigray. Survey, Excavation and Analysis, 2013–16 (2017).
Upcoming Projects: Co-author, The Early Iron Age Metal Hoard from al-Ḥwḍ (Sultanate of Oman); excavation, early Iron Age tombs in al-Ḥwḍ, Sultanate of Oman.
Additional News: Owing to the war in the Yemen, in 2010 I stopped excavation there and returned to work in Oman.

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Additional News: Board Member, The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia

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Latest Position: Founder and President, Arts + Business Partners, a consulting boutique with a focus on fine art photography marketplace and corporate sponsorship
Lectures: Alice Zimet lectures regularly on the art of collecting fine art photography as well as how photographers can access the commercial marketplace, with a focus on their marketing and communication skills; recent lecture venues include major auction houses (Phillips, Heritage), museums (International Center of Photography, Harvard Art Museums, The Jewish Museum), corporations (UBS), festivals (Palm Springs Photo Festival), schools (School of Visual Arts, New York University, Maine Media Workshops + College), and other non-profits (Center for Photography at Woodstock).
Additional News: Current chair, Acquisitions Committee, International Center of Photography; chair, Photography Curatorial Committee, Harvard Art Museums; board member, Magnum Foundation; faculty, ICP School.
Degrees Confirmed in 2019-2020

Doctor of Philosophy

Emily Bauman
“Performance and Video Work of Bruce Nauman, Paul McCarthy and Mike Kelley”
Advisor: Thomas Crow

Brian Bentley
“Pop Artists of Underdevelopment: 1960s Brazilian New Objectivity”
Advisor: Edward J. Sullivan

Alexander Bigman
“Specters of Fascism in Post-Conceptual Art, 1974–1984”
Advisor: Robert S. Lubar

Emily Bauman
“Performance and Video Work of Bruce Nauman, Paul McCarthy and Mike Kelley”
Advisor: Thomas Crow

Ami Brett
Advisor: Thomas Crow

Grace Chuang
“Bernard (II) Vanrisamburgh, Master Cabinetmaker in Eighteenth-Century Paris”
Advisor: Thomas Crow

Benjamin Carlos Clifford
“Painting After Modernism: Rethinking Historical Change”
Advisor: Robert Slifkin

Jordan Famularo
“Gems and the Media of Italian Art, ca. 1450-ca. 1550”
Advisor: Alexander Nagel

Rachel Boate
“Embodied Abstraction: The Crisis of Representation in 1930s France”
Advisor: Robert S. Lubar

Julia Pelta Feldman
“Charles Simonds and the 1970s”
Advisor: Thomas Crow

Elizabeth Frasco
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