Undergraduate Student Accomplishments

History of Art and Architecture Department

2015 – 2016

Graduating with Departmental Honors:

**Paige Anderson**

"The Design of Dissent: Protest and Urban Space in Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement"

Faculty Sponsor: Mrinalini Rajagopalan

**Nikita Marie Costantini**

“Upside-Down in London: Georg Baselitz and His Entrance into the International Art Scene”

Faculty Sponsor: Barbara McCloskey

**Michael Vincent Guttilla**

“Big Ideals/BIG Ideas: The Emerging Architectural Epoch as Seen in the Hill.”

Faculty Sponsor: Christopher Drew Armstrong

**Meghan Ann Hipple**

“Showing and Exposing: Re/encountering the Environment through American Painting, Photography and Television”

Faculty Sponsor: Dana Och

**Brianna Marie Humbert**

“The Feminist Secretary: Activism, Typewriting, and the Gendering of Labor in the Work of Sheryl Oring”

Faculty Sponsor: Gretchen Bender

**Summer Liu**

“Keep Calm and Carry On Gentrifying: Architecture’s Role in Shaping the Future Shortage.”

Faculty Sponsor: Mrinalini Rajagopalan

**Emily Jane Mirales**

“Building a ‘City of Reference: The United States Botanic Garden and Washington, D.C.’ ”

Faculty Sponsor: Anne Weis

**Melissa J. Quarto**

“Performing Incanismo: Cultural Tourism at Machu Picchu, Peru”

Faculty Sponsor: Jennifer Josten

**Grace Elizabeth Strong**

“Carlo Crivelli Matters: A View of the Renaissance from the ‘Periphery’ ”

Faculty Sponsor: Christopher Nygren

**Shengyu Wang**

“Should Art Labor Be Free?”

Faculty Sponsor: Terence Smith

**Blair Marie Wegescheide**

“The World Trade Center Site: A Spectrum of Function and     Emotion”

Faculty Sponsor: Gretchen Bender

Departmental Awards and Distinctions:

John F. Haskins Award for Academic Excellence in Art History:

Melissa J. Quarto

Innovation and Excellence in Research and Leadership:

Brianna Humbert and Meghan Hipple

Faculty Commendation Awards:

Emily Mirales and Grace Strong

Milton Fine Museum Profession Fellowship Recipients:

Mariah Flanagan, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Abigail Meloy, Society for Contemporary Craft

Sonnie Solomon, Carnegie Museum of Art, Department of Contemporary Art

Mellon Museum Profession Fellowship:

 Ashley Funyak, The Rivers of Steel Foundation

Fil Hearn Award for Study Abroad:

Abigail Sobotka-Briner for participation in the 6-credit “Architecture and the City in Central Europe” course with Drew Armstrong

Friends of Frick Fine Arts Undergraduate Research Awards:

 Brianna Humbert (travel to Washington DC to interview artist Sheryl Oring)

 Emily Mirales (travel to Washington, DC to conduct site and archival analysis – Library of

Congress and Botanical Garden)

 Melissa Quarto (Peru, Macchu Picchu)

 Natalia Wilk (Nowa Huta, Poland)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistantships:

History of Art and Architecture:

HAA 0010, Introduction to World Art, Fall 2015 (Bender):

Lydia Andeskie, Leslie Rose, Stephanie Strucaly

HAA 0030, Introduction to Modern Art, Fall 2015 (Josten):

Courtney Krauss, Caroline Fazzini, Alexandra Wolf

HAA 0101, Foundations of Art History, Fall 2015 (McCloskey):

Max Adzema, Tori Maatta

HAA 1020, Museum Studies Exhibition Seminar, Fall 2015 (McCall):

Emily Mirales, Melissa Quarto

HAA 0090, Intro to Contemporary Art, Spring 2016 (Smith):

Meghan Hipple

HAA 0302, Renaissance Art, Spring 2016 (Nygren):

Nikita Costantini

HAA 0520, Art and Politics in Modern Latin America, Spring 2016 (Josten):

Sam Bender

Architectural Studies:

HAA 0940: Approaches to the Built Environment, Fall 2015 (Rajagopalan):

Ilana Curtis, Jesse Descutner, Clair Luo, Sierra Smith, S. Jennifer Wang

HAA 1913: Architectural Studies Seminar, Fall 2015 (Petrak):

Linda Lee, James Rush, Kimberly Shoemaker, Jesse Wengrow

HAA 1914: Architecture + Digital Media 2, Fall 2015 (Dietrick):

Lin Hou, Frank Reichard

HAA 0940: Approaches to the Built Environment, Spring 2016 (Rajagopalan):

Megan McGaffigan, Elijah Martin, Audrey Miller, Jordana Rosenfeld, Natalia Wilk

HAA 1913: Architectural Studies Seminar, Spring 2016 (Petrak):

Bryan Trew

HAA 1912: Architecture and Digital Media 1, Spring 2016 (Kunak):

Emily Galfond

Undergraduate Research Assistantships:

Dheeraj Jalluri, Visual Media Workshop with Alison Langmead

Chukwuemeka Ukaga, CMOA African Collection Project, with Gretchen Bender

Imani Williford, CMOA African Collection Project, with Gretchen Bender

First Experiences in Research Projects:

CMOA African Collection Project, with Gretchen Bender:

 Emily Ebersol, Yuto Iwaizumi, and Prachi Patel

Visual Media Workshop, with Alison Langmead:

Christopher Babu and Maureen Borden

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences & University Honors College Awards and Distinctions:

G. Alec Stewart Award, University Honors College

Stefan Poost

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences New York City Field School, Spring Break:

Gabriel Skamla (Drew Armstrong)

Abigail Meloy (Barbara McCloskey)

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences London Field School, May:

Annika Napier-Smith (Chris Nygren)

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences & ULS Archival Scholars Research Fellowship:

Leslie Rose (Kate Joranson & Gretchen Bender)

Brackenridge Fellowship Program, University Honors College:

Ilana Curtis, Spring 2016 (Mina Rajagopalan)

Lydia Andeskie, Summer 2016 (Gretchen Bender)

University Honors College Humanities and Social Science Graduate Seminar Research Fellowship

Grace Strong

University Honors College Research Fellowships in Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Imani Williford (mentored by Nicole Scalissi), Ahona Sarkar (mentored by Sarah Sumpter),

Elizabeth Hill (mentored by Krystle Stricklin)

Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies Undergraduate Student Symposium, April 2016:

 Brianna Humbert

Outside Awards and Distinctions:

**Karen Lue** (HAA 2015) received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach English in Taiwan for 2015-2016.

**Abigail Meloy** (HAA 2017) was accepted into the Summer Internship Program at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia.

**Annika Napier-Smith** (HAA, 2018) was accepted into the Summer Internship Program at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She will be working in the Communications department with mass media outreach.

Current Students and Recent Graduates - Continuing Education, Competitive Internships, Service Year, Employment Plans, Placement and other News:

**Leah Comiskey** (HAA 2013) was accepted into the MA program in Museum Education at the University for the Arts in Philadelphia with a fellowship.

**Cyrille Froncek** (HAA 2016) was hired by American Eagle Outfitters as an assistant buyer. She will relocate to New York City.

**Sarah Gahr** (HAA 2015) was hired as a gallery assistant at Yossi Milo Gallery in New York City (Chelsea).

**Austin Gehman** (Arch Studies, 2015) was accepted into M.Arch programs at the University of Cincinnati and the Rhode Island School of Design. He will attend the former.

**Kristina Harris** (HAA 2013) was hired as a Library Assistant at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s East Liberty branch.

**Alexis Henry** (HAA 2016) was accepted into and will attend the MA in Museum Studies program at University College London.

**Chris Hunter** (Arch Studies, 2015) was accepted into M.Arch programs at Washington University in St. Louis, Tulane University, Parsons School of Design, Illinois Institute of Technology, and the Pratt Institute.

**Kathryn Karl** (Arch Studies 2015) was hired by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh.

**Grace Kelly** (HAA 2015) was hired as an editorial assistant for the special publications department of the Rhode Island Monthly Magazine.

**Joanna Kemp** (HAA 2014) was accepted into the Americorps program and will be placed in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Yuanjun (Summer) Liu** (Arch St. 2016) was accepted into the M.Arch programs at UCLA, the Pratt Institute, University of Southern California, and Washington University in St. Louis.

**Sarah Medwig** (HAA 2013) was accepted into the Masters of Historic Preservation programs at the University of Texas, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Kentucky, the latter with a graduate assistantship.  She was also appointed as the Director of the Woodville Plantation — Neville House in Bridgeville, PA.

**Emily Mirales** (HAA 2016) was hired by the Frick Art and Historical Soceity.

**Sarah Mooiweer** (HAA 2016) was hired as the Marketing Director of the Pittsburgh Downtown Community Development Corporation.

**Ayotunde Ogunmoyero** (Arch St. 2016) was accepted into the M.Arch programs at SUNY Buffalo, University of Pennsylvania, and Penn State University.

**Katie Pirilla** (HAA 2012) is assistant to the Director of the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

**Amanda Power** (Arch St. 2015) was accepted to the M.Arch programs at the University of Oregon, Washington University at St. Louis, University of Southern California, and Tulane University (where she was awarded a Merit Scholarship and Graduate and Research Fellowship).

**Ben Quint-Glick** (Arch Studies, 2013) will attend the M.Arch program at the Parsons School of Design with a Provost’s Scholarship. He was also accepted into M.Arch programs at RISD, UCLA, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Toronto.

**Stephanie Selya** (HAA 2015) was hired as a Development Assistant at the Andy Warhol Museum.

**Tyler Shine** (HAA 2013) was appointed to the two-year Constance E. Clayton Curatorial Fellowship at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. He will be working in the Prints, Drawings, and Photographs department.

**Kimberly Shoemaker** (Arch St. 2016) was accepted into M.Arch programs at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington at St. Louis, University of Colorado, University of British Columbia, and Northeastern University.

**Matthew Sova** (HAA 2015) was accepted into the MA in Art History programs at Williams College, Tufts and the University of Toronto.

**Dylan Stein** (Arch St. 2015) was accepted into the M.Arch programs at the University of Cincinnati, University of Maryland, University of Pennsylvania, and Virginia Tech.

**Blair Wegescheide** (Arch Studies, 2016) was accepted into the Masters in International Development program at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Christopher Wimbrow** (Arch Studies, 2016) was accepted into the Parsons School of Design, Washington University in St. Louis (with a scholarship) and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (with a scholarship).

Undergraduate Internships, 2015-2016[[1]](#footnote-1)

HAA Majors, Preservation and Museum Studies Minors:

Max Adzema, Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation

Lydia Andeskie, Carnegie Museum of Art, Department of Decorative Arts

Costas Connors, Northside Leadership Conference

Nikita Costantini, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts

Jesse Descutner, Steel Valley Council of Governments

Caroline Fazzini, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Mariah Flanagan, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Ashley Funyak, Society for Contemporary Craft

Courtney Krauss, *Contemporaneity* journal

Monica Marchese, Albright-Knox Museum, Buffalo, NY

Angelica Marks, *Contemporaneity* journal

Abigail Meloy, Carnegie Museum of Art, Departments of Fine and Decorative Arts

Shannon McClenning, ULS Archives Services Center

Richard Moore, Soldiers & Sailors Museum

Sarah Pomfret, University Art Gallery

Riley Riley, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Education Department

Ahona Sarkar, Andy Warhol Museum

Christie Scully, The Rivers of Steel Foundation

Isabella Sigado, Frick Art and Historical Center

Victoria Sterling, *Contemporaneity* journal

Caris Windhausen, ULS

Jinghan Xu, James Simon Sculpture Studios

Architectural Studies Majors:

Georgia Brum, Fisher ARCHitecture

Ilana Curtis, Point Line Projects

Simone D’Rosa, Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation

Emily Galfond, SmartCitySolutions & Electric Mobility SL

Kimberly Goldstein, Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation

Michael Guttilla, Triple Crown Solar Structures

Alayna Jordan, Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation

Jeewon Lee, Harry Levine, Architect

Linda Lee, City of Pittsburgh, Department of City Planning, Bicycle/Ped. Office

Weiling Luo, Valode & Pistre Architectes, Beijing, China

Sean O’Connor, Brenenborg Brown Group

Stefan Poost, Design Center Pittsburgh

Amanda Power, Brenenborg Brown Group

James Rush, Brenenborg Brown Group

Kimberly Shoemaker, Celli-Flynn Brennan Architects and Planners

Gabriel Skamla, Brenenborg Brown Group

Sierra Smith, Shaeffer & Madama, Inc./Architects, Wheeling, WV

Jordan Stanga, City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning

Dylan Stein, Glenn Greene Stained Glass Studio, Inc.

Jesse Wengrow, MM Architect, New York, NY

Chris Wimbrow, Fisher ARCHitecture

1. All Students listed are those that registered for HAA 1903 or HAA 1900, securing internship credit through the department. Several more majors undertake internships each year without securing academic credit. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)