Undergraduate Student Accomplishments

History of Art and Architecture Department

2016 – 2017

Graduating with Departmental Honors:

**Lydia Andeskie**

"Rhetoric and Spectacle: What Historical Instances of Iconoclasm Can Tell US about The Islamic State”

Faculty Sponsor: Gretchen Bender

**Mariah Flanagan** (Anthropology Major, Museum Studies Minor)

“How We View Egypt: The Importance of Intertemporality in Museum Displays”

Faculty Sponsor: Erin Peters

**Elizabeth Hill**

“Child Labor Signified: Utility and Motion in Gustave Courbet's *The Stonebreakes*”

Faculty Sponsor: Josh Ellenbogen

**Lin Hou**

“The Triangle of Sustainability: a Comparative Study of temporary sustainable architecture in Beijing and Pittsburgh”

Faculty Sponsor: Mrinalini Rajagopalan

**Katherine Lipinski**

“From Coca Plant to Cocaine: Metamorphosis in *Hélio Oiticica: To Organize Delirium*”

Faculty Sponsor: Jennifer Josten

**Marie Manske**

“Nazi Rallies at Luna Park Stadium: Assessing the Visual Evidence”

Faculty Sponsor: Gretchen Bender and Jennifer Josten

**Angelica Marks**

“+43 Anti-Monument: a Critical Call to Reform through Popular Will”

Faculty Sponsor: Jennifer Josten

**Abigail Hope Meloy**

“Modalities of Visualizing the Divine: Image and Word in Lorenzo Lotto’s Trescore Frescoes, *Trinity*, and *Madonna of the Rosary*”

Faculty Sponsor: Christopher Nygren

**Max Stephan Poost**

“The Nine Mile Run Watershed: Tracing the Elements of Ecological Design”

Faculty Sponsor: Christopher Drew Armstrong

**Sonnie Solomon**

“Inside/Out: Reconsidering the Photographic Binary with LaToya Ruby Frazier's *The Notion of Family*”

Faculty Sponsor: Josh Ellenbogen

Departmental Awards and Distinctions:

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

Abigail Meloy and Sonnie Solomon

Innovation and Excellence in Research and Leadership:

Lin Hou

Faculty Commendation Awards:

Lydia Andeskie

Milton Fine Museum Profession Fellowship Recipients:

Monica Marchese, Heinz History Center

Leslie Rose, Andy Warhol Museum

Chukwuemeka Ukaga, the Society for Contemporary Craft

Mellon Museum Profession Fellowship:

Eliza Wick, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Fil Hearn Award for Study Abroad:

Anika Shah for her proposal to work and study in Berlin in summer 2017

Friends of Frick Fine Arts Undergraduate Research Awards:

* Lin Hou (to purchase materials to design her honors thesis project)
* Mariah Flanagan (to travel to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and consult archives and specialists on the Temple of Dendur)
* Angelica Marks (to travel to Mexico City to engage in field research for her honors thesis)
* Sonnie Solomon (to travel to Chicago to undertake research for her honors thesis project)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistantships:

History of Art and Architecture:

HAA 0010: Introduction to World Art, Fall 2016 (Beranek):

Caroline Fazzini, Elizabeth Hill, Alexandra Wolf

HAA 0030: Introduction to Modern Art, Fall 2016 (Josten):

Brigid Moser, Rachael Savage, Xiaoyuan Zhang

HAA 0070: European Visual Traditions, Fall 2016 (Nygren):

Lydia Andeskie, Paige Dioguardi

HAA 1020: Museum Studies Exhibition Seminar, Fall 2016 (Josten):

Mariah Flanagan, Ashley Funyak, Angelica Marks

HAA 0010: Introduction to World Art, Spring 2017 (Bender):

Elizabeth Hill, Christina Billias, Umer Quereshi

HAA 1030: Special Topics: Museum Studies, Spring 2017 (Peters):

Caroline Fazzini, Mariah Flanagan

HAA 0520: Art and Politics in Modern Latin America, Spring 2017 (Josten):

Sonnie Solomon

HAA 0425: Digital Humanity (Langmead):

Leslie Rose

Architectural Studies:

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

Gabby Doran, Lin Hou, Rebecca Koshner, Joshua Mitchum, Aby Sobotka-Briner, Kevin Yoon

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

Rebecca Dzuricky, Alan Fan, Elijah Martin, Waylon Richmond

HAA 1914: Architecture + Digital Media 2, Fall 2016 (Dietrick):

Karen Chen, Bryan Trew

HAA 0940: Approaches to the Built Environment, Spring 2017 (Clericuzio):

Esra Daghestani, Kori Eckstrom, Emily Ebersol, Colin Frazier, Joy Wang

HAA 1913: Architectural Studies Seminar, Spring 2017 (Petrak):

Maddi Johnson, Sean O’Connor

HAA 1912: Architecture and Digital Media 1, Spring 2017 (Kunak):

Justin Shaffer

Undergraduate Research Assistantships:

* Angelica Marks and Courtney Krauss, Carrie Furnace Graffiti Project with Nicole Scalissi
* Darcy Foster, Sana Mahmood, Nicole Taylor, and Imani Williford, and Sarah Grossman: Teenie Harris Project with Gretchen Bender
* Dheeraj Jalluri, Visual Media Workshop with Alison Langmead

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

G. Alec Stewart Award, University Honors College

Raka Sarkar

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

Abigail Meloy

Eliza Wick

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences 2017 Summer Undergraduate Research Award

Mariah Flanagan (declined)

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

* Caroline Fazzini (Kate Joranson, Kiera Jones and Gretchen Bender)
* Raka Sarkar, Christie Scully (Museum Studies Minor), Maureen Jones (Museum Studies Minor) to research the Black Panther Newspapers, and the work of Emory Douglas (Jennifer Needham of Hillman Library Special Collections, Kiara Jones, Gretchen Bender)

Brackenridge Fellowship Program, University Honors College:

* Caroline Fazzini, Summer 2017 (declined)
* Mariah Flanagan, Summer 2017 (Erin Peters)
* Dheeraj Jalluri (Neuroscience major and VMW Undergraduate Research Assistant), Spring 2017 (Alison Langmead)
* Raka Sarkar, Fall 2016 (Karen Gerhart)

University Honors College Research Fellowships in Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (Tentative: awards still being finalized)

Emily Ebersol

Matthew Hauth

Wanyan Ma

Kevin Yoon

Outside Awards and Distinctions:

**Ilana Curtis** (Arch Studies 2018) won a generous ACC Fellows in Creativity and Innovation Grant which will enable her to extend her studies in Berlin, Germany into the summer of 2017 where she will engage in field research and site analysis for a project dedicated to Berlin Siedlungen (housing developments) from the 1920s. This will result in the design of a special limited-edition architectural publication on the various sites and will form the basis of her B.Phil research. The project is supervised by Gretchen Bender and Mina Rajagopalan.

**Lauren Taylor** (HAA alum) has won a 2-year Andrew Mellon pre-doctoral fellowship from CASVA to undertake her dissertation research in Dakar, Senegal. She is writing a monograph on an international art festival that took place there in 1966, “Premier Festival Mondial des Arts Negres.” She is undertaking this work at ULCA. She writes “I am hoping to provide a more complex model by which to think through nationalist arts in independence-era Africa, which are still often discussed as rather straightforward, top-down propaganda.”

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

**Chaz Barry** (Arch St. 2017) was accepted to and will attend the M.Arch program at Carnegie Mellon University.

**Lauren Burgess** (HAA alum) was accepted into the Master Program in Art + Education Community Practice at New York University. She declined the position and is relocating to Philadelphia from New Orleans where she was teaching public school.

**Natalie DiBucci** (Arch St. 2017) was accepted into the M.Arch programs at the Illinois Institute of Technology and Kent State University.

**Kendall Dunn** (HAA 2019) received an internship at the Edward Hopper House Art Center in Nyack, New York for the summer 2017.

**Caroline Fazzini** (HAA 2019) was accepted into and will attend the Summer Internship Program at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

**Mariah Flanagan** (Mus. St. 2017) was also accepted into the City Year program in Columbus, Ohio, which she will attend after she graduates in August.

**Qiqi Feng** (HAA 2017) was accepted to the MFA program in Computer Art at Syracuse University, and the Master of Entertainment Technology program at Carnegie Mellon University, which she will attend.

**Sarah Gahr** (HAA alum) is now working in the auctions department of artnet in New York, specializing in photography.

**Emily Page Gill** (Arch St 2017) was accepted into and will attend the Master of Interior Architecture Program at Chatham University.

**Natalie Gomez** (Museum Studies) was accepted into the summer internship program at the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.

**Elizabeth Hill** (HAA 2017) was accepted into the Master of Education program at the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh where she will be pursuing certification in Social Studies and Special Education.

**Lin Hou** (Arch St 2017) will attend the M.Arch program at Columbia University. She was also accepted into the M.Arch programs at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of California at Berkeley.

**Brianna Humbert** (HAA alum) was accepted into the Master of Art History programs at The American University, and the University of Denver, both of which provided partial fellowships. She will attend the University of Boulder, which provided her with a full tuition scholarship and a graduate teaching assistantship position.

**Kelsey Kresse** (HAA alum) was accepted into the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

**Maddi Johnson** (Arch St. 2017) will attend the M.Arch program at Carnegie Mellon University. She was also accepted into the M.Arch programs at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of British Columbia.

**Carolyn Just** (HAA alum) was accepted into the Master Program in Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs at The American University in Washington, DC.

**Katherine Lipinski** (HAA 2017) was accepted into the City Year program in Chicago.

**Megan McGaffigan** (Arch St. 2017) will attend the M.Arch program at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also accepted to the M.Arch programs at Carnegie Mellon University, the Pratt Institute, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Illinois Institute of Technology, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Bridgette Mekkelsen** (Arch St. 2017) was accepted to and will attend the M.Arch program at Carnegie Mellon University.

**James Rush** (Arch St. 2017) will attend the M.Arch program at Penn State University. He was also accepted into the M.Arch program at the University of Cincinnati.

**Tyler Shine** (HAA alum) was accepted into Ph.D. programs at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania.

**Sonnie Solomon** (HAA 2017) was accepted into summer internship programs at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Barnes Foundation and the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. She was also appointed to and has accepted the Judy Cheteyan fellowship at the Society for Contemporary Craft, where she will work on their upcoming exhibition “Shelter” and accompanying projects pertaining to home and homelessness in the Pittsburgh community.

**Matthew Sova** (HAA alum) was accepted into the Ph.D. in History of Art programs at the University of Delaware, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Johns Hopkins University. He will attend the latter.

**Bryan Trew** (Arch St. 2017) will attend the M.Arch program at Carnegie Mellon University.

**Jonathon Weber** (HAA 2015) has been enrolled in the Master of Art Management program at Carnegie Mellon University. He has received an internship with the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery for the summer.

**Marie Williams** (HAA alum) was accepted into the Master of Library Science program at the University of Washington.

**Imani Williford** (HAA 2018) was accepted into the Intensive Summer Curatorial Research Project in Indigenous Arts at the University of Virginia that is directed by Henry Skerritt. She was also accepted into the summer internship programs at the Smithsonian Museum of American Art and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She will participate in the UVA program.

**Caris Windhausen**(Museum Studies, 2016) was accepted into the Master of Museum Anthropology program at Columbia University, and the Master of Museum Studies programs at the University of Denver and University of British Columbia. She will attend the latter.

Undergraduate Internships, 2016-2017[[1]](#footnote-1)

HAA Majors, Preservation and Museum Studies Minors:

Andrew Brumbaugh, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum

Emmaline Cushey, Mattress Factory

Reagan Harper, Carnegie Science Center

Maureen Jones, ULS Special Collections

Jared Klatskin, Andy Warhol Museum

Katherine Lipinski, Carnegie Museum of Art

Bridget Lynch, Botany Hall, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Marie Manske, UAG/Nationality Rooms

Harley Moon, UAG

Emily Morris, ULS Special Collections

Crissy O'Brien, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum

Darien Pepple, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Hayley Pontia, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Leslie Rose, Botany Hall, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Raka Sarkar, University Art Gallery

Patricia Smith, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Marina Wei, Mattress Factory

Eliza Wick, Botany Hall, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Molly Wight, Carnegie Museum of Art - Hall of Architecture

Alexandra Wolf, Carnegie Museum of Art

Lauren Woolwine, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Xiaoyuan Zhang, Frick Art & Historical Center

Architectural Studies Majors:

Chaz Barry, Front Studio Architects

David Buck, Robson Architectural Services-New Florence, PA

Natalie Dibucci, Gerald Morosco Architects

Emily Ebersol, Point Line Projects

Kori Eckstrom, Pittsburgh Dept of City Planning

Emily Gill, Brenenborg Brown Group

Sarah Grossman, Springboard Design

Lin Hou, Fisher ARCHitecture

Maddi Johnson, Fisher ARCHitecture

Rebecca Koshner, Center for Creative Ecology, Israel

Elijah Martin, Front Studio Architects

Lora Matway, Construction Junction

Megan McGaffigan, Brenenborg Brown Group

Greg McIntyre, Eat’n Park Hospitality Group-Design and Construction

Bridgette Mekkelsen, Walsh Construction

Audrey Miller, Schlaegle Design Build Associates, Inc.

Waylon Richmond, Fisher ARCHitecture

Anika Shah, Ellis Williams Architects

Katie Steines, Environmental Transformation-Glenshaw, PA

Bryan Trew, Brenenborg

Ben Tushar, WD Partners-Ohio

Colin Van ‘t Veld, Fisher ARCHitecture

Natalie Wilk, Front Studio Architects

Kevin Yoon, Pittsburgh Dept. of City Planning

1. All Students listed are those that registered for HAA 1905 or HAA 1900, securing internship credit through the department. Several more majors undertake internships each year without securing academic credit. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)