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## EDUCATION

- 2020– **Ph.D., History of Art and Architecture and Film and Media Studies**  
**University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, USA  
Dissertation: “Electronic Superhighway: The Networks of Nam June Paik in the Global Village”  
Advisor: Josh Ellenbogen; Committee: Alex J. Taylor, Jennifer Josten, Mark Lynn Anderson, Barbara London (Curator Emerita, Museum of Modern Art)
- 2022 **M.A., History of Art and Architecture**  
**University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, USA  
Thesis: “The Institutionalization of Video Art at the Museum of Modern Art”  
Advisor: Josh Ellenbogen; Second Reader: Alex J. Taylor
- 2019 **B.A., Art History and Film and New Media Studies, minor in History**  
**New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD)**, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
    **NYU Florence**, Florence, Italy (Spring 2017)  
    **New York University**, New York, USA (Winter 2017)  
    **New York University**, New York, USA (Winter 2016)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023–24 Graduate Student Assistant, University Art Gallery, University of Pittsburgh
- 2023 Instructor, Film and Media Studies, University of Pittsburgh  
Adjunct Instructor, School of Art, Carnegie Mellon University
- 2022–23 Teaching Fellow, History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh
- 2021–22 Teaching Assistant, History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh
- 2018 Sculpture Studio Assistant, Art and Art History, NYUAD

## CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021–22 Curatorial assistant to Barbara London for podcast series “Barbara London Calling” 2.0, Independent Curators International (ICI), Kramlich Art Foundation
- 2020–21 Co-curator for the exhibition “Pattern Makers,” The Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, USA
- 2019–20 Curator, Contemporary Art Centre of Montenegro, Podgorica, Montenegro
- 2019 Curatorial research intern to Gražina Subelytė for the exhibition “Surrealism and Magic: Enchanted Modernity,” Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy

- 2018 Co-curator for the exhibition “Within/Without,” NYUAD, Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Curatorial research intern to Ron Magliozzi for the exhibitions “Modern Matinees: Iris Barry’s History of Film” and “Private Lives Public Spaces,” The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), Department of Film, New York, USA
- 2017 Collections research intern to Kim Moinette for the exhibition “Inventing Downtown: Artist-Run Galleries in New York City, 1952-1965,” NYUAD Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles and Book Chapters

- In process “Documentary Film and Cuba’s Censorship: Coffea Arábiga (1968).” In *Documentary Film in Latin America and the Caribbean: Perspectives and Practice*. Ed. Christopher L. Ballengee. London: Routledge. Accepted for publication.
- 2023 “The Institutionalization of Video Art at the Museum of Modern Art.” *Journal of Curatorial Studies* 12. 2 (forthcoming, December 2023) Peer-reviewed journal article.
- “Spotlight: Graduate Students Organization.” *JCMS: Journal of Cinema and Media Studies* 62, no. 3 (2023): 4–7. Co-authored with Joseph Roskos, Yulia Gilich, David Kocik, and Hamidreza Nassiri. Peer-reviewed journal article.  
<http://doi.org/10.1353/cj.2023.0022>

### Shorter Essays

- In process “Patronage of Video Art: The Relationship of the Rockefeller Foundation and Nam June Paik.” Sleepy Hollow: Rockefeller Archive Center. Research report. Accepted for publication.
- 2023 “Nam June Paik and Transnational Networks of Video Art.” Dortmund: Museum Ostwall. Commissioned online essay.  
<https://dortmunder-u.de/vuk-vukovic-nam-june-paik/>
- “Nam June Paik und transnationale Netzwerke der Videokunste.” Dortmund: Museum Ostwall. Commissioned online essay.  
<https://dortmunder-u.de/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Vukovic-Nam-June-Paik-und-Transnationale-Netzwerke-der-Videokunst.pdf>
- “Restoring Time in Media Art: The Cybernetic Sculpture of Wen-Ying Tsai.” Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh (Fall 2023). Constellations blog.  
<https://www.constellations.pitt.edu/content/restoring-time-media-art-cybernetic-sculpture-wen-ying-tsai>

2021 “Queer Eye for Lakota Art.” Scientific Sections: Anthropology and Archeology. Pittsburgh: Carnegie Museum of Natural History (Spring 2021). Museum blog. <https://carnegiemnh.org/queer-eye-for-lakota-art/>

### Reviews of Books and Exhibitions

In process “*Encounters in Video Art in Latin America*. Edited by Elena Shtromberg and Glenn Phillips.” *Journal of Film and Video*. Book review. Accepted for publication.

2022 “Serbo-Croatian.” *Foreign Language Index*, no. 2. Society of Contemporary Art Historians (Winter 2022). 20–21. Exhibition review. <https://scahweb.org/Foreign-Language-Index>

“*Feeling the Spirit in the Dark*, Shikeith, Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 2020–March 2021.” *SECAC* (Spring 2021). Exhibition review. <https://secacart.org/page/FeelingtheSpirit>

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 Instructor, Film and Media Studies, University of Pittsburgh  
ENGFLM 1390/FMST 1275: Contemporary Film (Summer 2023)

Adjunct Instructor, School of Art, Carnegie Mellon University  
ART 60-206: Critical Theory in Art IV (Spring 2023)

Teaching Fellow, History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh  
HAA 0090: Introduction to Contemporary Art (Spring 2023), Dr. Jennifer Josten

2022 Teaching Fellow, History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh  
HAA 0010: Introduction to World Art (Fall 2022), Dr. Andrea Maxwell

Teaching Assistant, History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh  
HAA 0010: Introduction to World Art (Spring 2022), Dr. Josh Ellenbogen

2021 Teaching Assistant, History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh  
HAA 0018: Death in the Ancient World (Fall 2021), Dr. Melissa Eppihimer

2018 Sculpture Studio Assistant, Art and Art History, NYUAD  
VISAR-UH 1012: Foundations of 3D (Spring 2018), Dr. Sandra Peters

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2023 Arts & Sciences Summer Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh  
Research Stipend, Rockefeller Archive Center

2022 Dietrich Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

- 2021 Dietrich Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2020–21 Arts & Sciences Graduate Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- Chevening Scholarship, The Courtauld Institute of Art, United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (declined)
- 2018–19 Arts and Humanities Capstone Research Funding Award, NYUAD

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- (2024) “Electronic Superhighway: The Satellite Networks of Nam June Paik in the Global Village.” *Art that Re-imagines Community and the Commons in the Vacuum of Outer Space*, College Art Association Annual Conference, Chicago, USA, February 15, 2024.
- 2023 “Unraveling Highways of Inequity: Nam June Paik and Electronic Superhighway: Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii (1995).” *American Art*, SECAC Annual Conference, Richmond, USA, October 13, 2023.
- “Deconstructing Americana: Nam June Paik and Electronic Superhighway.” *Fugitive Media: Aesthetics and Escape*, Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present (ASAP/14) Annual Conference, Seattle, USA, September 30, 2023.
- “Nam June Paik and Transnational Networks of Video Art.” *Fluxus Global*, Symposium: The Crazies are on the Loose – Fluxus Global/Diverse, Museum Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany, June 22, 2023.
- “The Institutionalization of Video Art in Southern California.” *Extra-Filmic Discourses and the Processes of Institutionalization*, Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference, Denver, USA, April 13, 2023.
- “Global Groove: Nam June Paik and Global Television.” *Connections in Media*, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies Virtual Annual Connections Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, April 13, 2023.
- 2022 “Understanding the Nation: Nam June Paik’s Electronic Superhighway: Continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii (1995).” Annual American Studies Symposium, Centre for American Studies, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, May 19, 2022.
- “Posthumous Recognition of Nadežda Petrović: The Artist, War Hero, or Both?” *Legacy: Women and War*, College Art Association Annual Conference, Chicago, USA, February 19, 2022.
- 2021 “Institutionalization of Video Art: Barbara London’s Curatorial Practice and Rockefeller Foundation Grants at the Museum of Modern Art (1975–1978).” Birkbeck Institute for the Moving Image, London, UK, September 24, 2021.

## CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2023 “Challenging Institutions.” Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present (ASAP/14) Annual Conference, Seattle, USA, September 30, 2023. Chair.
- “What Do We Want? Graduate Student Organization and Contemporary Academic Labor Movement.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference, Denver, USA, April 13, 2023. Co-organized with Joseph Roskos and Yulia Gilichinskaya.
- “Extra-Filmic Discourses and the Processes of Institutionalization.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference, Denver, USA, April 13, 2023. Chair.
- 2022 “Making It Work: Histories of Media-Industry Labor.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, USA, April 2, 2022. Chair.

## SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 2023 “Future Nostalgia and Present Utopia: Reimagining Futurism in Film and New Media.” Film and Media Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Pittsburgh, September 23–24, 2023. Co-organized with Syeda Momina Masood and Eva Ivanilova.
- “Encounters in Video Art in Latin America.” Society of Contemporary Art Historians, March 7, 2023. Co-organized with Glenn Phillips, Elena Shtromberg, and Paloma Checa-Gismero.
- 2022 “Archives as New Artifacts: Ukraine Screens Its Own Cinema (1929–2020).” *New East Cinema Symposium*, University of Pittsburgh, May 12–15, 2022. Co-organized with Nancy Condee and Vladimir Padunov.
- “Virtual Matters: Rethinking Image and Reality in Art History.” History of Art and Architecture Graduate Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, March 25, 2022. Co-organized with Ellen Larson, Diana Flatto, and Janina Lopez.
- “Curating Biennials: The Politics of Mediation.” Society of Contemporary Art Historians, February 1, 2022. Co-organized with Paloma Checa-Gismero, Renata Cervetto, Elia Alba, and Lauren Mackler.

## OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Encounters in Video Art in Latin America.” Society of Contemporary Art Historians Online Reading Group: Recent Scholarship in Contemporary Art History, March 20, 2023. Moderator.
- 2022 “Wen-Ying Tsai.” *Object Lesson*, University Art Gallery, University of Pittsburgh, November 1, 2022. Co-presented with Alex J. Taylor.

“Reading in Community: Toward a Global Methodology in Art History.” History of Art and Architecture Colloquium, University of Pittsburgh, September 21, 2022. Co-presented with Jennifer Josten.

Guest lecturer on Nam June Paik and history of video art. “Critical Theory in Art III (1960–1980),” undergraduate course taught by professor Cash (Melissa) Ragona. Carnegie Mellon University, September 7, 2022.

“Video/Art: The First Fifty Years.” Temporalities Constellation Colloquium, History of Art and Architecture, Asian Studies Center, Film and Media Studies, University of Pittsburgh, March 18, 2022. Moderator.

2021 “The State of the Arts: A Conversation with NYUAD Alumni.” *Conversations with Global Leaders*, NYUAD, March 31, 2021. Discussant.

2020 “Brigitte Lacombe: Cinema | Portraits.” *Exhibition Behind Closed Doors*. Contemporary Art Centre of Montenegro, March 30, 2020. Presenter.

### **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINES AND COMMUNITY**

2022–23 Voting Member, International Committee for University Museums and Collections, International Council of Museums

2021–24 Graduate Representative, Society of Contemporary Art Historians

2020–21 Secretary, International Council of Museums, Cetinje, Montenegro

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

2023–24 University Art Gallery Representative, History of Art and Architecture Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

2022–23 Business Manager, History of Art and Architecture GSO

Peer Mentor, Graduate Global Ties, The Office of the Provost, Graduate Studies and Division of Student Affairs

Business Manager, Film and Media Studies GSO

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, History of Art and Architecture

Representative, Committee for Diversity and Inclusion, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences GSO

2022 Orientation Leader, New Graduate Student Orientation, History of Art and Architecture, August 2022.

Peer Facilitator, Hispanic Languages and Literatures GSO, February 2022.

Screener, "Screenshot: Asia," Asian Studies Center Film Series, Summer 2022.

2021–22 Architectural Studies, Undergraduate Subcommittee, History of Art and  
Architecture GSO

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Contemporary Art Historians (SCAH)  
College Art Association (CAA)  
Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS)  
International Council of Museums (ICOM)

### **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (fluent)  
English (fluent)  
Italian (fluent)  
Spanish, French (reading knowledge)