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American Academy in Rome Announces New Rome Prize Winners and Italian Fellows

Artists and scholars given time and space to think and work in Rome

New York and Rome (April 12, 2018) – The American Academy in Rome has announced the winners of the 2018–19 Rome Prize and Italian Fellowships. These highly competitive fellowships support advanced independent work and research in the arts and humanities. This year, 29 Rome Prizes were awarded to 29 artists and scholars, who will each receive a stipend, workspace, and room and board for a period of five months to two years at the Academy's eleven-acre campus in Rome. The Rome Prize and Italian Fellowship winners were presented on April 12, 2018, during the Arthur and Janet C. Ross Rome Prize Ceremony in the Frederick P. Rose Auditorium at Cooper Union in New York.

After an introduction by Mark Robbins, the Academy's President and CEO and a 1997 Fellow, the winners of the 2018–19 Rome Prize and Italian Fellowships were presented by Mary Margaret Jones, Chair of the Board of Trustees and a 1998 Fellow. The ceremony also featured a dialogue between Robbins and the visual artist Ann Hamilton, a 2017 Resident, about process, productivity, and the way in which artists work, particularly in a community like the Academy. The discussion was part of the programming series *Conversations/Conversazioni: From the American Academy in Rome*, sponsored by the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation.

Rome Prize winners are selected annually by independent juries of distinguished artists and scholars through a national competition. The eleven disciplines supported by the Academy are: Literature, Music Composition, Visual Arts, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Design, and Historic Preservation and Conservation, as well as Ancient Studies, Medieval Studies, Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, and Modern Italian Studies. Nationwide, 928 applications were received from 44 US states and Washington, DC. The ages of the winners range from 27 to 56.

In addition to the Rome Prize winners, the Academy announced eight winners of seven Italian Fellowships, through which Italian artists and scholars live and work in the Academy community, pursuing their own projects in a collaborative, interdisciplinary environment with their American counterparts. The Italian Fellows are also selected through a national jury process.

A full list of the 2018–19 Rome Prize and Italian Fellows, as well as the names and institutional affiliations of the jurors, is attached.

American Academy in Rome

Founded in 1894, the American Academy in Rome is the oldest American overseas center for independent study and advanced research in the arts and humanities. It is the only privately funded not-for-profit institution among the national academies. In addition to the Rome Prize and Italian Fellowships, the Academy invites a select group of Residents, Affiliated Fellows, and Visiting Artists and Scholars to work together within this exceptional community in Rome. To learn more about the American Academy in Rome, please visit aarome.org.

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INTRODUCING:

The 2018–2019 Rome Prize winners and Italian Fellows

Meet the American Academy in Rome's newest group of scholars, artists, writers, and composers, representing some of the most talented minds in the United States and Italy.



▲ Allison L. C. Emmerson's project suggests that Roman tombs were not simply passive memorials, but active spaces that both facilitated and furthered the social, religious, and economic life of the city.

ANCIENT STUDIES

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Pre-Doctoral
Rome Prize*

LIANA BRENT

PhD Candidate, Department of Classics,
Cornell University
*Corporeal Connections: Tomb
Disturbance, Reuse, and Violation in
Roman Italy*

Emeline Hill Richardson
Post-Doctoral Rome Prize

ALLISON L. C. EMMERSON

Assistant Professor, Department of
Classical Studies, Tulane University
*Urbanism on the Margins: Life and Death
in the Roman Suburb*

Andrew Heiskell Post-Doctoral
Rome Prize

ERIC J. KONDRATIEFF

Associate Professor, History Department,
Western Kentucky University
*Tribunes of the Plebs in the Roman
Republic (493–431 BCE)*

Paul Mellon/Dorothy and Lewis B.
Cullman Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize

MARK LETTENY

PhD Candidate, Department
of Religion, Princeton University
*A New Order of Books in the
Theodosian Age*

Lily Auchincloss/Samuel H. Kress
Foundation/Helen M. Woodruff–
Archaeological Institute of America
Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize**

VICTORIA C. MOSES

PhD Candidate, School of
Anthropology, University of Arizona
*The Zooarchaeology of Early Rome:
Meat Distribution and Urbanization
(8th–6th Centuries BCE)*

Arthur Ross Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize

SEAN TANDY

PhD Candidate, Department of Classical
Studies, Indiana University
*Carmina Qui Quondam: Poetry, Identity,
and Ideology in Ostrogothic Italy*

ARCHITECTURE

Founders Rome Prize

ERIN BESLER

Lecturer, Department of Architecture
and Urban Design, University of
California, Los Angeles; Partner,
Besler & Sons
The Problem with the Corner Problem

Frances Barker Tracy/Arnold W. Brunner/
Katherine Edwards Gordon Rome Prize
MARCEL SANCHEZ PRIETO
Partner, CRO studio, San Diego and
Tijuana; Professor, School of Architecture,
Woodbury University
Architectural Divides



▲ Born in Mexico, Marcel Sanchez Prieto uses design as an instrument to transform urban, social, and environmental challenges, ranging from urban design and architecture to building material explorations. In Rome, Marcel will explore architectural divides in the form of the portal, courtyard, and stair.

DESIGN

Cynthia Hazen Polsky and Leon Polsky
Rome Prize
DYLAN FRACARETA
Design Director, Museum of
Contemporary Art, Chicago
The Trials

Mark Hampton Rome Prize
AMY FRANCESCHINI
Artist, San Francisco
Trust Me, Not if You Are Faint at Heart

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

Booth Family Rome Prize
JOANNIE BOTTKOL
Conservator, Historic Architecture,
Conservation, and Engineering Center,
Northeast Region, National Park Service
*An Exploration of the Preservation
of Roman Fascist Monuments*

Charles K. Williams II Rome Prize
LORI WONG
Project Specialist, Building and Sites
Department, Getty Conservation Institute
Replicated Experiences

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Garden Club of America Rome Prize
ZANETA HONG
Assistant Professor in Landscape
Architecture, University of Virginia
Material Traceability

Prince Charitable Trusts/
Kate Lancaster Brewster Rome Prize
MICHAEL JAMES SALTARELLA
Associate, Michael Van Valkenburgh
Associates, Cambridge, MA
*Deviant Landscapes: Irregularity and
the Formal Garden*

LITERATURE

John Guare Writer's Fund
Rome Prize, a gift of
Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman
KIRSTIN VALDEZ QUADE
Assistant Professor, Program in Creative
Writing, Lewis Center for the Arts,
Princeton University
Nails: A Novel

Joseph Brodsky Rome Prize,
a gift of the Drue Heinz Trust
BENNETT SIMS
Visiting Assistant Professor, Iowa Writers'
Workshop, University of Iowa
Untitled Novel

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

Donald and Maria Cox/
Samuel H. Kress Foundation
Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize*
ANNA MAJESKI
PhD Candidate, Institute of Fine Arts,
New York University
*Visualizing the Cosmos from
Fourteenth-Century Padua:
From Francesco da Barberino to
Giusto de' Menabuoi*

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize
AUSTIN POWELL
PhD Candidate, Department of History,
Catholic University of America
*Charisma, Community, and Authority:
Dominican Epistolary Practice in Italy,
1300–1500*

Millicent Mercer Johnsen
Post-Doctoral Rome Prize
JOHN F. ROMANO
Associate Professor, Department of
History, Benedictine College
*Tolerance of Liturgical Diversity in
Medieval Europe*

MODERN ITALIAN STUDIES

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/
National Endowment for the Humanities
Post-Doctoral Rome Prize
FRANCO BALDASSO
Assistant Professor of Italian and
Director of the Italian Studies Program,
Division of Languages and Literature,
Bard College
*Against Redemption: Literary Dissent
during the Transition from Fascism
to Democracy in Italy*

Marian and Andrew Heiskell
Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize
JIM CARTER
PhD Candidate, Department of
Romance Languages and Literatures,
University of Michigan
*Communities of Labor: Adriano Olivetti
and the Redemption of Modernity*

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Post-Doctoral Rome Prize
ALESSANDRA CIUCCI
Assistant Professor, Department
of Music, Columbia University
*Resonances of the Rural across the
Mediterranean: Music, Sound, and
Migrant Moroccan Men in Italy*

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

Elliott Carter Rome Prize
MICHELLE LOU
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Music,
Dartmouth College
Hybrid Performance System

Luciano Berio Rome Prize
JESSIE MARINO
Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sound,
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
*Live Performance Project: "The Vanity
of Small Differences"*

RENAISSANCE AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES

Anthony M. Clark/
Samuel H. Kress Foundation
Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize
TALIA DI MANNO
PhD Candidate, Department of History,
University of California, Berkeley
*Christian Archaeology in Rome:
The Early Church Reborn and New
Empiricism of the Sacred, 1592–1644*



▲ Talia Di Manno's dissertation argues that a set of under-studied discoveries linked to the Barberini in the 1620s and 30s marked a crucial moment in Rome when the empirical sciences merged with the apologetic and political aims of papal families to align themselves with places associated with the early church.

Phyllis W. G. Gordan/
National Endowment for the Humanities
Post-Doctoral Rome Prize
DENIS J.-J. ROBICHAUD
Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal
Studies, University of Notre Dame
Marsilio Ficino Editions Project

VISUAL ARTS

Joseph H. Hazen Rome Prize
MICHAEL RAY CHARLES
Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen
Distinguished Professor of Painting,
School of Art, University of Houston
Images of the Blacks and Crocodiles

Abigail Cohen Rome Prize
SZE TSUNG NICOLÁS LEONG
Photographer, Los Angeles
... Urbis et Orbis Idem

Jules Guerin/Harold M. English/
Miss Edith Bloom Fund Rome Prize
HELEN O'LEARY
Professor of Art, School of Visual Arts,
Pennsylvania State University
Safe House

Nancy B. Negley Rome Prize
KARYN OLIVIER
Associate Professor and Program
Head for Sculpture, Tyler School of Art,
Temple University
Histories Converse

Jesse Howard Jr./
Henry W. and Marian T. Mitchell
Rome Prize
BASIL TWIST
Artistic Director, Dream Music Puppetry
Program, HERE Arts Center, New York
Eros Anima

ITALIAN FELLOWS

Enel Foundation Italian Fellow in
Architecture, Urban Design, and
Landscape Architecture

ILA BÉKA
Artist and Architectural Filmmaker,
Rome and Paris
Piazza Venezia

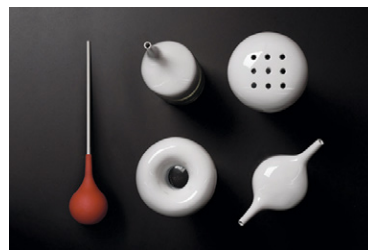
Italian Fellow in Modern Studies
CARMEN BELMONTE
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Bibliotheca
Hertziana, Max-Planck-Institut für
Kunstgeschichte, Rome
*Preserving a Controversial Heritage:
The Afterlife of Fascist Art and
Architecture in Contemporary Italy*

Cy Twombly Italian Fellow in Visual Arts
INVERNOMUTO
(**Simone Bertuzzi and Simone Trabucchi**)
Artists, Milan
Black Med

Fondazione Sviluppo e Crescita CRT
Italian Fellow in Visual Arts
RENATO LEOTTA
Artist, Turin
The Space between Earth and Sky

Italian Fellow in Medieval Studies
FRANCESCO LOVINO
Centre for Early Medieval Studies,
Masaryk University, Brno
*Byzantine Imagery and the Modern
Beholder: The 1905 Esposizione di arte
italo-bizantina at Grottaferrata*

Italian Fellow in Literature
VIRGINIA VIRILLI
Writer, Rome
The Flamboyants



▲ Francesco Zorzi's project, *Macula*, is about vision and perception, tracing the interconnections between the eyes and the brain. *Macula* provides a tactile and visual tour into the world of phantom visions and visual hallucinations, bringing awareness to age-related macular degeneration and Charles Bonnet Syndrome.

Tiffany & Co. Italian Fellow in Design
FRANCESCO ZORZI
Visual Designer and Illustrator,
Amsterdam
Macula

ROME PRIZE JURORS

ANCIENT STUDIES

KIRK FREUDENBURG, 2002 FELLOW
(Jury Chair)
Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Professor
of Classics, Department of Classics,
Yale University

BETTINA BERGMANN, 1982 FELLOW
Helene Phillips Herzig '49 Professor of Art
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Professor, Department of Classics,
Washington University in St. Louis

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Associate Professor of Art and
Art History, Gretchen Hoadley Burke '81
Endowed Chair in Regional Studies,
Colgate University

ELIZABETH A. MEYER
T. Cary Johnson Jr. Professor, Department
of History, University of Virginia

DESIGN

ALICE RAWSTHORN (Jury Chair)
Design Critic and Writer, London

LUCIA ALLAIS
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of Architecture, School of Architecture,
Princeton University

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MIKYOUNG KIM, FASLA
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SHEILA LEVRANT DE BRETTEVILLE
Caroline M. Street Professor, School of Art,
Yale University; Principal, Sheila Studio,
Hamden, CT

ELIZABETH K. MEYER
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Landscape Architecture, School of
Architecture, University of Virginia

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

LURIE OSSMAN, PhD (Jury Chair)
Senior Fellow, The Antiquities Coalition,
Washington, DC

THEODORE PRUDON, FAIA

Professor of Historic Preservation,
Graduate School of Architecture,
Planning, and Preservation,
Columbia University

BARBARA A. RAMSAY

Chief Conservator, John and Mable
Ringling Museum of Art

LITERATURE

FRANCINE PROSE, 2006 RESIDENT

(Jury Chair)
Distinguished Writer in Residence,
Bard College

JAMES GALVIN

Professor of Poetry, Iowa Writers'
Workshop, University of Iowa

ROBERT POLITO

Professor of Writing, Creative Writing
Program, The New School

DANZY SENNA

Associate Professor of English,
College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences,
University of Southern California

LYSLEY TENORIO, 2016 FELLOW

Professor, Department of English and
MFA Program in Creative Writing,
Saint Mary's College of California

MEDIEVAL STUDIES

M. MICHÈLE MULCHAHEY, 2003 FELLOW

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Butler School of Music, University of
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Distinguished Professor, Department
of the History of Art, University of
California, Riverside

MODERN ITALIAN STUDIES

PAOLA GAMBAROTA, 2016 AFFILIATED FELLOW

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of Architecture, Cornell University

HILARY PORISS, 2007 FELLOW

Associate Dean and Associate
Professor, Department of Music,
College of Arts, Media, and Design,
Northeastern University

DAVID WARD

Professor, Department of Italian Studies,
Wellesley College

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

DEREK BERMEI, 2002 FELLOW (Jury Chair)

Composer, Brooklyn

LISA BIELAWA, 2010 FELLOW

Composer and Vocalist, New York

TED HEARNE

Assistant Professor, Thornton School of
Music, University of Southern California

KEERIL MAKAN, 2009 FELLOW

Michael (1949) and Sonja Koerner
Music Composition Professor, Music
and Theater Arts, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology

NINA C. YOUNG, 2016 FELLOW

Assistant Professor, Department of the
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RENAISSANCE AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES

KENNETH GOUWENS, 2003 FELLOW (Jury Chair)

Associate Professor, Department
of History, University of Connecticut

LEONARD BARKAN, 2010 RESIDENT

Class of 1943 University Professor,
Department of Comparative Literature,
Princeton University

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Professor of Historical Musicology,
Department of Music, Columbia University

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Professor Emerita, Department of Art
History, Virginia Commonwealth University

KATHARINE PARK

Samuel Zemurray Jr. and Doris Zemurray
Stone Radcliffe Research Professor of
the History of Science, Harvard University

VISUAL ARTS

LOUIS GRACHOS

Ernest and Sarah Butler Executive
Director and CEO, The Contemporary
Austin, Texas

DEBORAH KASS

Artist, Brooklyn

SARAH OPPENHEIMER, 2011 FELLOW

Artist, New York

R. H. QUAYTMAN, 1992 FELLOW

Artist, New York

STEPHEN SHORE

Artist and Susan Weber Professor in the
Arts, Bard College

GARY SIMMONS

Artist, Los Angeles

* year two of a two-year fellowship

** year one of a two-year fellowship