

Welcome to the Spring 2018 issue of *AAR Magazine*.

This issue highlights recent work and collaborations by our Rome Prize winners and Italian Fellows. Because this year was the tenth anniversary of the Scharoun Ensemble Berlin in Rome, we reflect on how the concert series began. The spring issue also anticipates a solo show of new work by Yto Barrada, the Roy Lichtenstein Artist in Residence from last fall, which—along with the Patricia H. Labalme Friends of the Library Lecture by Mary Roberts in March and a conference on Islamic art and architecture in May—are the culminating events of *East and West*, the Academy's thematic series of events for 2017–18.

Finally, we are excited to announce the 2018–19 Rome Prize winners and Italian Fellows!

Vi diamo il benvenuto all'edizione primaverile 2018 dell'*AAR Magazine*.

Questo numero dà spazio alle opere e alle collaborazioni recenti dei vincitori del Rome Prize e dei nostri Italian Fellows. Poiché quest'anno ricorre il decimo anniversario dello Scharoun Ensemble Berlin a Roma, ripercorriamo la storia della serie di concerti. Inoltre il numero offre delle anticipazioni sulla nuova personale di Yto Barrada, Roy Lichtenstein Artist in Residence dello scorso autunno, che è parte, insieme alla Patricia H. Labalme Friends of the Library Lecture di Mary Roberts a marzo e alla conferenza sull'arte e l'architettura islamiche a maggio, degli eventi conclusivi sul tema *East and West / Oriente e Occidente*, dell'Academy per l'anno accademico 2017–18.

Ed infine, siamo particolarmente felici di annunciare i nomi dei vincitori del Rome Prize e degli Italian Fellows per l'anno accademico 2018–19!

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This past fall the Academy collaborated with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Chicago Architecture Biennial to present the conference "The World is Old, History is New." The panel was organized by classicist Mike Chin (2014 Fellow) and preservationist Tom Mayes (2014 Fellow) and included Rome Prize Fellows from multiple disciplines. Each presented a project related to history and the way the past is mined to create new work.

The discussion's interdisciplinary nature and critical appraisal of history are central to the American Academy in Rome, as is evident in the individual and collaborative projects developed by Fellows each year and presented in exhibitions such as this winter's Cinque Mostre (see pg. 16). AAR's unique community encourages conversation across disciplines and greater awareness of the critical issues in each. In addition to making discoveries in their own work, our scholars and artists develop an ability to speak outside their specialties and so return home as more effective advocates not only for their fields but for the arts and humanities collectively.

Rome is the critical element shared by all. At the Fall Gala in New York, playwright Tony Kushner, the 2017 honoree, noted how "in Rome's insane juxtaposition and superimposition and pentimento improvisations, revisions and inconclusive erasures of history," he found "a magnificent, living, external mirror" of his own "convoluted, involuted, fluid and ossified, paralyzed, paraleptical and endlessly distractibly digressive relationship to time." His recollections bring Rome's complexity and richness vividly to life and capture the essence of its experience at the Academy.

Lo scorso autunno, l'Academy ha collaborato con il National Trust for Historic Preservation e la Chicago Architecture Biennial alla presentazione del convegno "The World is Old, History is New." Il programma è stato organizzato da Mike Chin, studi classici (Fellow del 2014), e da Tom Mayes, conservazione e restauro dei beni storico-artistici (Fellow del 2014), e ha coinvolto alcuni Rome Prize Fellows di diverse discipline. Ognuno ha presentato un progetto attinente alla storia e al modo in cui essa viene sfruttata per la creazione di nuove opere.

La natura interdisciplinaria della discussione e l'esame critico della storia sono fondamentali per l'American Academy in Rome, come emerge dai progetti individuali e collaborativi sviluppati ogni anno dai Fellows e presentati in rassegne come Cinque *Mostre*, esposta lo scorso inverno (si veda p. 16). La comunità dell'AAR, unica nel suo genere, incoraggia il dialogo tra discipline diverse e una maggiore consapevolezza delle questioni cruciali di ognuna di esse. Oltre a fare nuove scoperte, studiosi e artisti sviluppano l'abilità di parlare al di fuori della propria specializzazione e, pertanto riescono a promuovere in modo più efficace non solo i rispettivi campi ma le arti e gli studi umanistici in generale.

Roma è l'elemento chiave che tutti condividono. Al Gala dell'autunno a New York, il drammaturgo Tony Kushner, premiato del 2017, ha notato come "nelle assurde giustapposizioni e sovrapposizioni di Roma, nei pentimenti improvvisati, nelle revisioni e nelle cancellazioni sconclusionate della storia," egli abbia trovato "uno specchio esteriore magnifico, vivo," del proprio "rapporto contorto, involuto, fluido e fossilizzato, paralizzato, paralettico, continuamente e distraentemente digressivo con il tempo." I suoi ricordi portano in vita in maniera vivida la complessità e la ricchezza di Roma e catturano l'essenza dell'esperienza della città presso l'Academy.

Mark Robbins, President and CEO



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At Scharoun Ensemble Berlin, from left: Peter Riegelbauer, Majella Stockhausen, Ashley Fure, Suzanne Farrin, Mark Robbins, and Mary Margaret Jones and Martin Brody (AAR Trustees).



#avadakhtar #resident February 7, 2018 (see p. 12)



#mailboxes #delivery February 7, 2018



#blackvalue #sanfordbiggers #abigaildeville February 10, 2018 (see p. 4)



#antoniopappano #mckimgala #upcoming February 14, 2018



#cinquemostre2018 #prep February 14, 2018 (see p. 16)



#aar #cortile #extinguishedhistory February 17, 2018



Time No Line, a performance piece by JOHN KELLY (2007 Fellow), premiered at La MaMA in New York in February A contemporaneous exhibition of drawings and journal entries, titled Sideways into the Shadows, took place at Howl! Happening.

ANNALISA METTA, the inaugural ENEL Italian Fellow (2016) in Landscape Architecture, was promoted to associate professor at the Università degli Studi Roma Tre. Last year she coedited Compresenze. Corpi, azioni e spazi ibridi nella città contemporanea.

SHIMON ATTIE (2002 Fellow) has won a commission from More Art to create a site-specific work that will engage issues related to refugees and asylum seekers living in the New York region.

CALVIN TSAO (2010 Resident, AAR Trustee) of Tsao and McKown has completed the exhibition design for the ongoing Scenes from the Collection at the Jewish



Museum and for Art in the Open: Fifty Years of Public Art in New York at the Museum of the City of New York, on view until 13 May.

Petrarch: Everywhere a Wanderer, the latest book by **Christopher** CELENZA (1994 Fellow), dean of Georgetown College at Georgetown University, was recently published by Reaction Books as part of the Renaissance Lives series. SHANE BJORNLIE (2011 Fellow), associate professor of history at Claremont McKenna College, has been named organizer of the thirteenth biennial meeting of Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, an international conference featuring specialists in art, archaeology, literature, philology, history, and religious studies who are working on topics from the third to eighth century CE.

Fellow) completed at the Park Avenue Armory in New York, musicians, writers, and more, who performances, and conversations with audience members.

Participating artists in Black Value, an Academy-related exhibition at Fondazione Biagiotti Progetto Arte in Florence, are 2018 Rome Prize winners SANFORD BIGGERS, ABIGAIL DEVILLE, and BEVERLY MCIVER and four Fellows: KEVIN JEROME EVERSON (2002), LYLE ASHTON HARRIS (2001), SENAM OKUDZETO (2015). and NARI WARD (2012).

A work by Senam Okudzeto.



CARRIE MAE WEEMS (2016 a year-long residency which culminated with a convention of artists, philosophers, activists. engaged in readings,



KARL KIRCHWEY (1994 Fellow), professor of English and creative writing at Boston University, recently published Stumbling Blocks: Roman Poems. The book comprises verses he wrote during his time as the Academy's Heiskell Arts Director (2010–13).



The cover features a drawing by the cartoonist Patrick Oliphant (2013 Resident)



ALEX SCHWEDER and WARD SHELLEY (2006 Fellows) created The Newcomers. consisting of architectural installations and durational performances, for the 2017 edition of Performa. Their exhibition Your Turn at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Connecticut, organized by SEAN ANDERSON (2005 Fellow), is on view through April 22.

The premiere of ODC Dance Company's News of the World at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts featured music by DAVID LANG (1991 Fellow, 2017 Resident) and LAURIE ANDERSON (2006 Resident), with a painted mise-en-scène by DOUG ARGUE (1998 Fellow), ODC's founder and artistic director is BRENDA WAY (2009 Resident).

Last year JON MICHAEL SCHWARTING (1970 Fellow, 2013 Affiliated Fellow), an architect and professor at the New York Institute of Technology, published Rome: Urban Formation and Transformation.



From January to June 2018, NICOLA COURTRIGHT (1983 Fellow), professor of art history at Amherst College, will continue work on "Art and Queenly Authority: The Creation of Spaces for Marie de' Medici" as Ailsa Mellon Bruce Senior Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts in Washington, DC.

AWARDS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS

The winner of the 2018 Vilcek Prize in Architecture is **TEDDY CRUZ** (1992 Fellow).

Cruz is the professor of public culture and urbanism at the University of California, San Diego, where he also directs the UC San Diego Center on Global Justice. The jury included **TOD WILLIAMS** (1983 Fellow, current AAR Trustee) and CATHY HO (2009 Fellow)

United States Artists has selected two Rome Prize Fellows, ABIGAIL DEVILLE (2018) and THOMAS KELLEY (2014), and one AAR Resident, TANIA LEÓN (1998). to receive 2018 fellowships.

The Archaeological Institute of America has given the 2018 James R. Wiseman Book Award to the authors of The Roman Forum: A Reconstruction and Architectural Guide—the architect GILBERT J. **GORSKI** (1998 Affiliated Fellow) and JAMES E. PACKER (1964 Fellow), professor emeritus in the Department of Classics at Northwestern University.

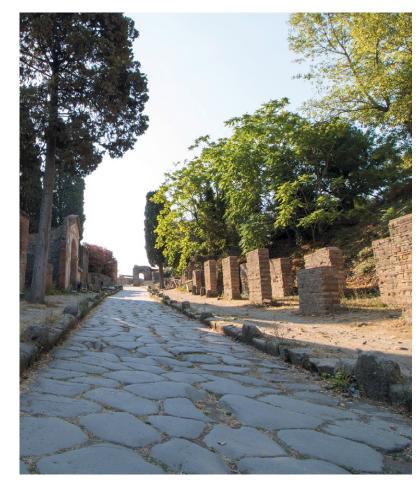
HUCK HODGE (2011 Fellow), associate professor and chair of composition at the University of Washington, has won the Charles Ives Living Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.



MICHELE SALZMAN (1987 Fellow, AAR Trustee), professor of history at the University of California, Riverside, was awarded a fall 2018 fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton.

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 LETTENEY

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

Marian and Andrew Heiskell Pre-Doctoral Rome Prize

to Democracy in Italy

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 BÊKA

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 I OVINO

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 History, Mount Holyoke College

CATHERINE KEANE

Professor, Department of Classics, Washington University in St. Louis

ELIZABETH MARLOWE. 2004 FELLOW

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

Assistant Professor, History and Theory of Architecture. School of Architecture. Princeton University

JEANNE GANG, FAIA, 2016 RESIDENT

Principal, Studio Gang, Chicago and New York

MIKYOUNG KIM, FASLA

Principal, Mikyoung Kim Design, Boston

SHEILA LEVRANT DE BRETTEVILLE

Caroline M. Street Professor, School of Art, Yale University; Principal, Sheila Studio, Hamden, CT

ELIZABETH K. MEYER

Merrill D. Peterson Professor of Landscape Architecture, School of Architecture, University of Virginia

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

LAURIE 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

(Jury Chair)

Leonard E. Boyle Professor of Manuscript Studies, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto

RICHARD GYUG

Professor Emeritus, Department of History, Fordham University

LUISA NARDINI

Associate Professor of Musicology. Butler School of Music, University of Texas at Austin

LINO PERTILE

Carl A. Pescosolido Research Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Harvard University

CONRAD RUDOLPH

Distinguished Professor, Department of the History of Art, University of California. Riverside

GIUSEPPE GERBINO

FREDRIKA JACOBS

KATHARINE PARK

VISUAL ARTS

LOUIS GRACHOS

Austin, Texas

DEBORAH KASS

Artist, Brooklyn

Artist. New York

Artist. New York

STEPHEN SHORE

GARY SIMMONS

Arts, Bard College

Artist, Los Angeles

Professor of Historical Musicology.

Professor Emerita, Department of Art

Department of Music, Columbia University

History, Virginia Commonwealth University

Samuel Zemurray Jr. and Doris Zemurray

the History of Science, Harvard University

Stone Radcliffe Research Professor of

Ernest and Sarah Butler Executive

SARAH OPPENHEIMER, 2011 FELLOW

Artist and Susan Weber Professor in the

R. H. QUAYTMAN. 1992 FELLOW

Director and CEO, The Contemporary

MODERN ITALIAN STUDIES

PAOLA GAMBAROTA. 2016 AFFILIATED FELLOW

(Jury Chair)

Associate Professor, Department of Italian, Rutgers University

JOSHUA ARTHURS, 2016 FELLOW

Associate Professor, Department of History, West Virginia University

D. MEDINA LASANSKY

Michael A. McCarthy Associate Professor of Architectural Theory, Department 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 BERMEL, 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 Arts, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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

* year two of a two-year fellowship ** year one of a two-year fellowship

FROM THE ARCHIVES: IN RESIDENCE:



ABOVE Giorgio Napolitano, then the president of Italy, arriving for the first concert in 2009.

BELOW
The first season featured compositions
by 2009 Fellows Keeril Makan (center)
and Kurt Rhode (right). Dan Visconti (left)
became a Fellow in 2014.





LEFT
Former Arts
Director Martin
Brody (2002
Resident) (left)
with Anne
Carney and John
Ochsendorf, AAR
Director, at the
2018 concert.

Ten Years of Scharoun Ensemble Berlin

The relationship between AAR and Scharoun Ensemble Berlin began fortuitously. Peter Riegelbauer, bassist in the Berlin Philharmonic and the ensemble's cofounder, had been given an enthusiastic report about the Villa Aurelia. Curious to see if the Villa might become a venue for short-term residencies, Peter and his wife, the pianist Majella Stockhausen, came for a visit in spring 2008. The Academy immediately seemed ideal. It offered a retreat from Scharoun's heavy schedule with the Berlin Philharmonic, an exquisite location for intense rehearsal and focused performances of chamber music, a uniquely stimulating community of artists and scholars, and a sophisticated urban audience eager for its presence.

For AAR, the prospect of the Scharoun residency was equally promising, an answer to a perennial challenge for our performing arts programming: how to contribute something unique to Roman culture while producing a direct and lasting benefit to our Fellows—especially to our musical composers. A residency would also affirm our commitment to international collaborations of the highest quality. Over the last ten years, the program has succeeded: Scharoun Ensemble annually performs new work by Rome Prize winners and Italian Fellows, and their collaborations have led to enduring professional relationships.

The first concerts were especially auspicious. Only weeks before the performances, in March 2009, the Academy lost a revered Italian Trustee, Vittorio Ripa di Meana. Ripa di Meana was a force: cofounder of *La Repubblica*, vice president of the Rome Opera House (1994–96), and a leading figure in Italian politics and finance. He was also a dear friend of our Scharoun colleagues, Peter and Majella, through her father, Karlheinz Stockhausen, a giant of postwar music. Dedicating the inaugural Scharoun concerts at AAR to Ripa di Meana's memory was deeply meaningful for both AAR and Scharoun—and for the Italian state: Giorgio Napolitano, president of the Republic from 2006 to 2015, attended the opening concert in honor of his dear friend.



Each year, distinguished artists and scholars from around the world are invited to the Academy as Residents.

During their stay, Residents live and work as part of the community, serving informally as a resource for the Fellows and participating in special Academywide events—concerts, exhibitions, lectures, readings, and instructional walks in Rome. Meet some of our Residents for this spring.

Teresita
Fernández, Night
Writing (Hero
and Leander),
2011, colored and
shaped paper
pulp with ink
jet assembled
with mirror.

ABOVE



LEFT
Annabelle Selldorf
designed David
Zwirner's gallery
on West 20th
Street in
New York.

BELOW
Joey Slotnick
(center) and
the company of
Lincoln Center's
production
of JUNK.

ANNABELLE SELLDORF

William A. Bernoudy Architect in Residence, 12–25 February and 16–30 April 2018

Founded in 1988, Selldorf Architects focuses on reimaging the interiors of institutional, cultural, and residential spaces in minimal, elegant ways. The firm was responsible for projects at Neue Galerie New York, the Clark Art Institute, and numerous Chelsea art galleries. Annabelle recently earned a commission from the High Museum of Art in Atlanta to reconceptualize galleries for the permanent collection. In 2012 she completed the restoration of a former boarding school, on the Venice island of San Giorgio Maggiore, to create Le Stanze del Vetro, a glass museum and exhibition

space dedicated to modern and contemporary glassmaking.

Annabelle is using her stays at the Academy to conduct research on Vatican City, in particular, the evolution of the plan for the Vatican Museums. "Many years ago, I spent one year in Florence getting my master's from Syracuse University. During my stay I went to Rome from time to time but never with enough time to see all there is to understand this complex city." She will also travel to the Palazzo Reale in Milan to visit Italiana, an exhibition of Italian fashion from 1971 to 2001 whose design she oversaw. The show, on view through 6 May, celebrates sixty years of the Camera Nazionale della Moda Italiana.

AYAD AKHTAR

Writer in Residence, 22 January–19 February 2018

The journalist Bill Moyers declared Ayad Akhtar, an "actor, novelist, screenwriter and playwright, with an ever-soliciting eye for the wickedness and wonders of the world," to be the voice of our times. Akhtar's debut novel American Dervish (2012) was widely praised, and his play *Disgraced* won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 2013. His most recent dramatic effort. JUNK, ended a three-month run at Lincoln Center's Vivian Beaumont Theater in January, and was honored with the 2018 Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History. What's next for this ambitious Pakistani American writer? A clean slate. "I will be working on new material, both fiction and dramatic," he said. Akhtar's lecture at the Academy in February addressed "thematic axes of recent work having to do with finance and its practical and ideological dominance today. I wrote about this preliminarily in JUNK ... and I will likely continue to explore this theme, though not exclusively, in future work."



NICO MUHLY

Paul Fromm Composer in Residence, 26 February – 9 April 2018

Nico Muhly is a New York-based composer who straddles the classical and pop music worlds, arranging voice and music for artists such as Antony and the Johnsons and Björk, for example, while composing his own music and operas, including a collaboration with the librettist Craig Lucas. Most recently Nico scored music for Marnie, performed last November at the English National Opera in London. The production, featuring a libretto by Nicholas Wright, was based on Winston Graham's novel of the same name—which also inspired Alfred Hitchcock's film. Marnie comes to the Metropolitan Opera in New York in October 2018.

"My plans are to write a large work for solo organ," Nico said, "and plant the seeds for a cycle of three concerti—for bassoon, violin, and two pianos, respectively—which I'll be writing for the next two years." Nico lived

at the Academy at age 13 when his mother, the painter Bunny Harvey, was a visiting artist for six months. (She was also a two-year Fellow in 1974-76.) "Perversely," he said, "I'll be living in the same apartment." For his public presentation at the Academy in March, he joins a fellow Resident, Corinna da Fonseca-Wollheim. According to Nico, the two will "use Edward Saïd's Culture and Imperialism as a springboard to talk about simultaneous readings of musical texts," especially Western composers who flirt with or borrow from music that originated elsewhere in the world.

BELOW A composition in progress by Nico Muhly.



CORINNA DA FONSECA-WOLLHEIM

Rea S. Hederman Critic in Residence, 26 February–26 March 2018

Corinna Da Fonseca-Wollheim is best known for her writing on classical music for the *New York Times*. Not many know that she earned a PhD in early modern Italian literature before becoming a critic. "At Sussex University I delved into the story behind the publication of the first feminist treatise in Italian, Moderata Fonte's *Il Merito delle Donne*," Corinna said. "At Cambridge I dove into the life and writings of the wonderfully feisty Jewish poet Sara Copio Sullam."

Corinna plans to explore Rome's museums, churches, and cafes while finishing some essays and a book review. "I am also looking forward to giving time and space to some creative writing, including a family memoir and a chamber play," she said. "The family memoir tells the love story of my paternal grandparents and the dark turn it took when the Nazis came to power. Literature, especially by Goethe, plays a big part in this, and I plan to retrace some of the great poet's steps in Rome." Corinna anticipates a residency that reflects her graduate student days, "not only because that was the last time I immersed myself in Italian history and culture, but also because after fourteen years of motherhood this will be a fleeting taste of the childless Dolce Vita!"





IRMA BOOM

Colin Rowe Designer in Residence, 8 January–26 February

Irma Boom, a graphic designer based in the Netherlands, is known as "The Queen of Books." She combines what are usually three distinct roles—designer, editor, and art director—into a single person, inventing ingenious ways of achieving desired effects. Fifty of her books belong to the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Her own library, located above her studio in Amsterdam, includes many books—in particular those from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and from the 1960s and 1970s.

During her time at the Academy, Irma staged an exhi-

bition of recent and past work, titled XS to XXL, in her studio. She also spoke with Hou Hanru, artistic director of MAXXI. the national museum of twenty-first-century arts, in February about her collaborations with artists and architects, which include Olafur Eliasson, Sheila Hicks, and Rem Koolhaas. In the age of the iPad and Kindle, Irma continues to make beautifully designed traditional books that are compelling arguments for carefully constructed printed media in our digital times.

LEFT

Irma Boom turned her studio into a temporary exhibition space.

TERESITA FERNÁNDEZ

Deenie Yudell Resident in the Visual Arts, 14 May–16 July 2018

Teresita Fernández (1999 Affiliated Fellow) is coming off a busy 2017, having staged two solo exhibitions with her gallery, Lehmann Maupin, at its New York and Hong Kong spaces. She was also the featured speaker at last year's Rome Prize ceremony.

While in Rome this spring,
Teresita will produce a "visual
calendar, or a book of days, as
a time-keeping project that
marks my time and research in
Rome." As for a project, "I am
especially interested in exploring
multiple, stratified, and subterranean sites in Rome underneath
visible landmarks. I will also be
researching materiality inherent
in Roman tradition including
concrete, travertine, and mosaic."

For her public presentation at the Academy in May, Teresita will present a survey of her work, "which is characterized by an interest in perception and the psychology of looking. I will discuss my immersive, experiential, public artworks, often inspired by a rethinking of the meaning of landscape and place, diverse historical and cultural references, and conceptual way-finding."

CONVERSATIONS/CONVERSAZIONI:

East & West

This spring, AAR continued its signature series of events, Conversations/Conversazioni: From the American Academy in Rome, which convenes leading scholars, artists, designers, writers, and composers for frank, wide-ranging discussions on a variety of topics in the arts and humanities.

The season included events in Rome and New York, covering such topics as memories of life in Alexandria, Egypt; the quandaries that composers face when borrowing from other cultures; and the energetic exchange between artist and designer while creating a book. Some of this year's events were part of AAR's year-long exploration of the theme East and West, which considered the relationships between the United States, Europe, and the Islamic world.

The Helen Frankenthaler Foundation is the 2017–2018 season sponsor.

"FLUIDITY" IN ARCHITECTURE
ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN

Nasser Rabbat & Nader Tehrani

January 11 in Rome

In this conversation, architecture scholar Nasser Rabbat and designer Nader Tehrani discussed "fluidity" as a paradigm for understanding the built environment of the Mediterranean world.



THE ALEXANDRIA QUARTET

André Aciman Craig Dyke

André Aciman, Craig Dykers, & Joseph Viscomi

January 24 in New York

Writer André Aciman, architect Craig Dykers, and historian Joseph Viscomi discussed their shared connections to the city of Alexandria, Egypt.



BOOM ON BOOKS

Irma Boom & Hou Hanru

February 20 in Rome

In this event, a collaboration with MAXXI, the Dutch graphic designer Irma Boom talked with Hou Hanru, artistic director of MAXXI, about her publishing projects with artists and architects.



CONTRAPUNTALISM

Corinna da Fonseca-Wollheim & Nico Muhly

March 6 in Rome

Critic Corinna da Fonseca-Wollheim and composer Nico Muhly debated the advantages and predicaments that composers face as they negotiate cultural appropriation.



ARTHUR AND JANET C. ROSS ROME PRIZE CEREMONY

Ann Hamilton & Mark Robbins

April 12 in New York

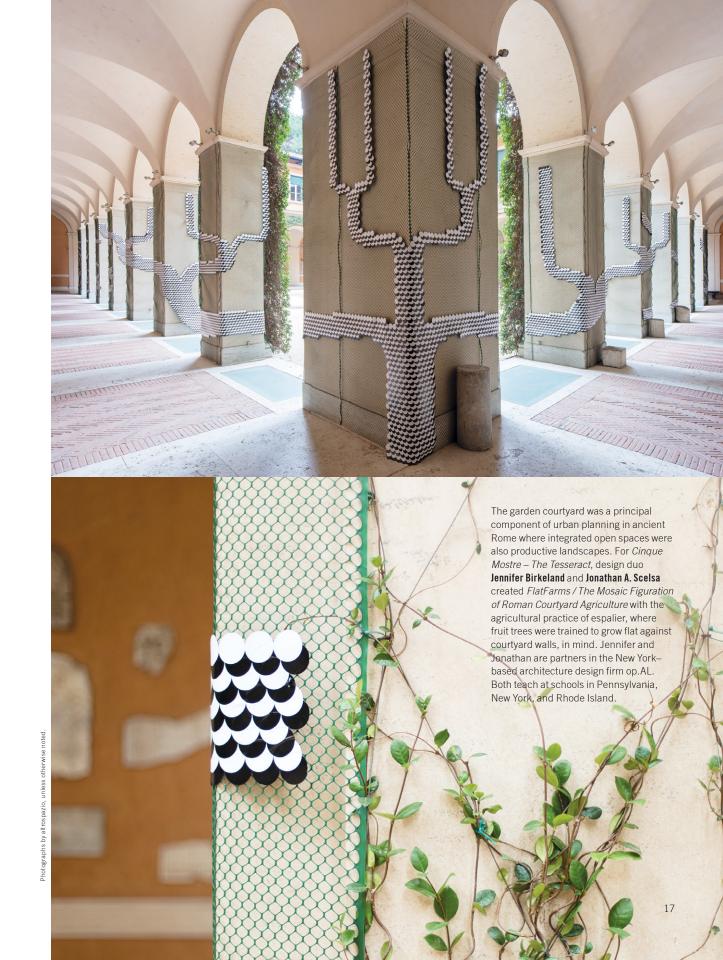
Speaking with Mark Robbins, AAR president and CEO, the artist Ann Hamilton will reflect on the time she spent in Rome last year as a Resident at the Academy.



INSIDE AAR

Inside AAR highlights several of the innovative and expansive projects our individual Rome Prize and Italian Fellows have developed over the year.

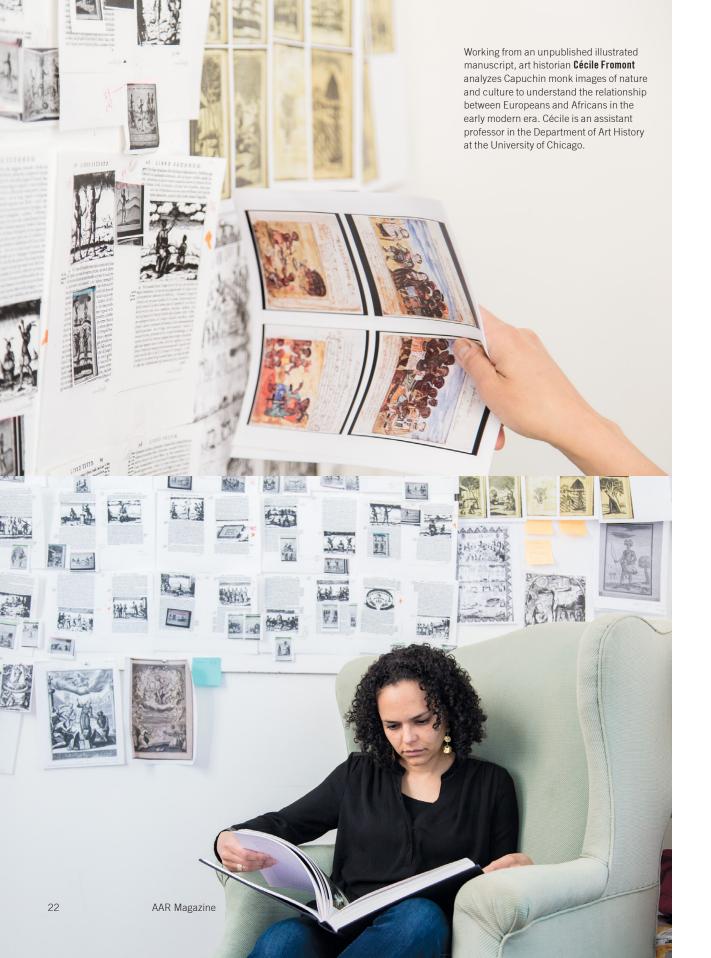
In addition, we offer glimpses of the 2018 edition of *Cinque Mostre*, our annual winter exhibition. Organized by Italian curator Ilaria Gianni and subtitled *The Tesseract*, the show emphasizes collaborations between our Fellows and the wider Italian community, several of which are documented here.









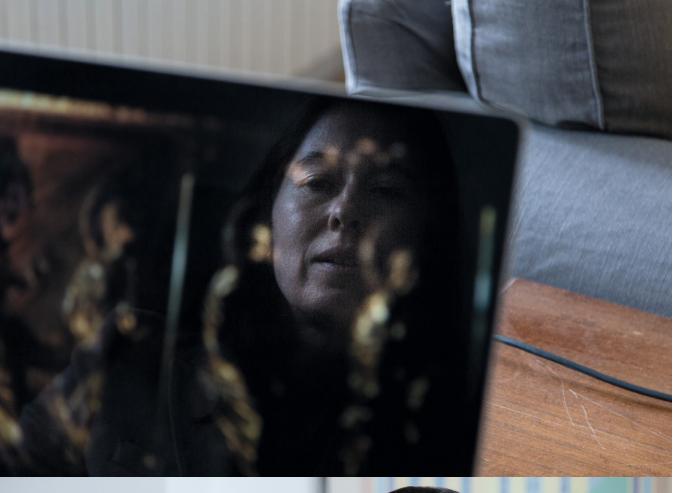




Alessandro Di Pietro is a Milan-based artist whose sculptural practice investigates the processes of normalization and deviation through the design and production of potential narrative devices. For Cinque Mostre, his sculpture The Self-fulfilling Owen Prophecy was inspired by triclinium beds, the Sarcophagus of the Spouses, and the marble base of Antonio Canova's Hercules and Lichas.















EASTERN APPROACHES

In the realm of ideas, the notion of a culture clash between East and West gained force with the publication of Orientalism (1978) by Edward Said, who proposed that European intellectuals constructed the Islamic East as a foil for enlightened Western values. Flash forward to the present: post-September 11 conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa, combined with seismic demographic and cultural shifts in Europe, not to mention socioeconomic anxieties in the United States, have refocused attention on Said's divisive paradigm. This spring, AAR presents a series of public events where international scholars and artists reexamine the apparatus inherited from Said and his critics, exploring new methodological avenues for investigating both misunderstandings and exchanges between the East and West.

The following suite of events are curated by Peter Benson Miller, Andrew Heiskell Arts Director.

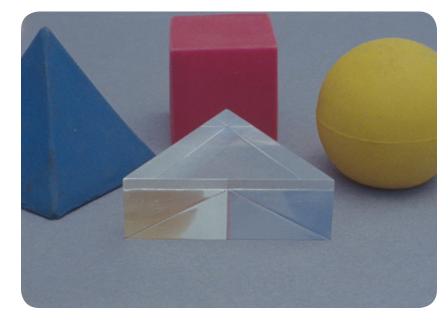
EXHIBITION

Yto Barrada The Dye Garden

10 May-8 July 2018

AAR presents new work by the acclaimed Franco-Moroccan artist Yto Barrada (2017 Resident), who reconfigures and undermines the Orientalist tradition. In a variety of media, she playfully explores strategies of resistance in her native Morocco. Tracing the origins of natural dyes found in tapestries and other textiles back to their sources, Barrada identifies the networks underpinning their cultivation and manufacture prior to the introduction of chemical processes. This allows her to unpack a complex set of exchanges linking East and West. The exhibition is made possible by the Roy Lichtenstein Artist in Residence Fund and the Embassy of the United States of America to Italy.

RIGHT
Yto Barrada, still from *Tree Identification for Beginners*, 2017, 16mm, digital video, color, sound, 36 minutes. A Performa 17 commission for *Afroglossa*, curated by Adrienne Edwards.



Artwork © Yto Barrada. Courtesy Pace Gallery; Sfeir-Semler Gallery, Hamburg and Beirut Galerie Polaris, Paris. PATRICIA H. LABALME FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY LECTURE

Mary Roberts East of West: Edward Said, Melancholy Time, and the Orientalist Interior

Thursday, 22 March 2018

Horological inventions and the transplantation of metropolitan time marking practices to colonial outposts were a fulcrum of the empire building of nineteenth-century European nation states. Western progress and its counterpoint, the non-West as a repository of premodernity, were part of the telos of modern colonialism and orientalism.

A recent global turn has resituated European orientalism within a broader, more politically contested cultural geography. It's a move east of west. How is the temporal logic of modernity differentially articulated across this expanded cultural geography of the visual? Analysing the interiors of two nineteenth-century British orientalist artist-collectors in the imperial capitals of Istanbul and London, and the Islamic and European art displayed there, Mary Roberts discloses their entanglements within British, Ottoman, and Sicilian orientalism. In doing so, she reveals the ways the aesthetics of these spaces were inflected by the heterochronicity of Ottoman and European modernity. Focusing on the temporal logic of these sites enables us to elaborate the transcultural and transhistorical complexities of art's time.

Mary Roberts is John Schaeffer Professor of Art History at the University of Sydney in Australia. She is the author of *Istanbul Exchanges: Ottomans, Orientalists, and Nineteenth-Century Visual Culture* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2015), which maps patterns of transcultural exchange between Europe and the Ottoman Empire in the nineteenth century.

CONFERENCE

Islamic Art and Architecture in Italy: Between Tradition and Innovation

Thursday, 17 May-Friday, 18 May 2018

Gli Arabi in Italia, edited by Francesco Gabrieli and Umberto Scerrato and published in 1979, remains an inescapable, richly illustrated compendium for those interested in the wide variety of objects and monuments linked to Islamic culture in Italy. This conference critically investigates the origins of this influential volume, and the scholarly approaches and assumptions that shaped it, in order to contextualize more recent avenues of inquiry in the field.

Focusing on the latest methodologies used to analyze the categories of objects documented by Gabrieli, Scerrato, and their collaborators—including ceramics, rock crystal, metalwork, and architecture—the conference tracks the ongoing transformation and most up-to-date findings of this dynamic and multifaceted field. The conference opens with a keynote address on May 17 at 6:30pm by **Avinoam Shalem** (2016 Resident), the Riggio Professor of the History of the Arts of Islam at Columbia University.

The conference is coorganized by Silvia Armando, 2017 Italian Fellow in medieval studies. It is supported in part by the Embassy of the United States of America to Italy.



Islamic Art and Architecture in Italy: Between Tradition and Innovation

17–18 May American Academy in Rome Via Angelo Masina, 5 Rome

Supporting the Study of American Art

Terra Foundation for American Art establishes a new Affiliated Fellowship

The Academy is delighted to partner with the Terra Foundation for American Art to launch the Terra Foundation Affiliated Fellowship. This fellowship will support art historians researching topics relating to Italian–American exchange and will be awarded annually for five years.

The inaugural Terra Foundation Affiliated Fellow is **David Ogawa**, associate professor of art history at Union College in Schenectady, New York. While in Rome, David will consult the Academy's Photographic Archive and other resources to research the work of William James Stillman, an American art critic, journalist, photographer, and amateur archaeologist who lived in Rome between 1861 and 1865 and between 1886 and 1898. David plans to complete the full catalogue of this material in preparation for a digital publication, making it accessible to artists and scholars around the globe.

The Terra Foundation and the Academy share a commitment to the idea that art can both distinguish and unite cultures, and that the study and enjoyment of the arts transcend national boundaries. David's work in Rome, and that of future Terra Fellows, will help to illuminate American art and artists, especially those who have themselves been influenced or moved by European places and traditions.

"We join our partners at the American Academy in Rome in congratulating David Ogawa as the inaugural Terra Foundation Affiliated Fellow," stated Elizabeth Glassman, Terra Foundation president and CEO. "This new fellowship demonstrates both partner institutions' commitment to fostering innovative scholarship on the historical art of the United States in an international context. We look forward to Professor Ogawa's digital publication, which will help to cultivate rich, meaningful, and sustained cross-cultural dialogues in the increasingly globalized field of art history."

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Current Fellows share the favorite places they've discovered in Rome.



BORGHETTO FLAMINIO MARKET

Piazza della Marina, 32

Although the larger Porta Portese flea market is better known and in Trastevere, closer to the Academy, there's one that is smaller and better for vintage clothing, particularly women's. It's called the Borghetto Flaminio Market. The official address is Piazza della Marina 32, but it's actually on Via Flaminia, just a few blocks north of Piazza del Popolo. Borghetto Flaminio opens on Sundays at 10:00 am, and there's a small entrance fee.

—Allen Frame



CAFFÈ CANOVA TADOLINI

Via del Babuino, 150

One of my favorite cafes is by the Piazza del Popolo. Once a sculptor's studio, it is now a coffee house and restaurant bursting with hundreds of full-sized plaster casts covering every nook and cranny.
Caffè Canova Tadolini is an amazing
space to spend time in—and also happens
to make what I consider Rome's best
shakerato once the weather gets hot.
—Lauren Donovan Ginsberg



SANTA PUDENZIANA

Via Urbana, 160

Not far from Basilica di Santa Maria
Maggiore and about as old, the little
church is a quiet spot on the Esquiline.
One enters through a courtyard that
is at roughly fifth-century ground level.
The mosaics in the apse are beautiful
and strange, with symbols of the evangelists seemingly swimming in the sea
behind Christ. In the daytime, without
artificial light, you can imagine how the
gold in the mosaics would have looked
in antiquity.

-Michelle L. Berenfeld



SUPPLIZIO

Via dei Banchi Vecchi, 143
If you're already in the Centro Storico
and hungry for a snack, Supplizio cannot
be beat. Started by the head chef of
the fancier restaurant L'Arcangelo in
Prati, this store, right by the wine bar
Il Goccetto, features Roman street food
of the highest quality.

—Lauren Donovan Ginsberg



VIA DEI SANTI QUATTRO

Walking west along this street—perhaps after a visit to the Lateran cathedral—you can follow an ancient route across the Caelian Hill, through what had been a ritzy neighborhood in antiquity. You will pass the Basilica of the Santi Quattro Coronati on your left and see the Colosseum looming ahead of you. The nuns of Santi Quattro Coronati sing together in the sanctuary every day. If you time it right, you can sit in the pews and listen.

-Michelle L. Berenfeld

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. A not-for-profit, privately funded institution, the Academy awards the Rome Prize to a select group of artists and scholars annually, after an application process that begins each fall. The winners, selected by independent juries through a national competition process, are invited to Rome the following year to pursue their work in an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and artistic experimentation and interdisciplinary exchange. Awards are offered in the following categories: Literature, Music Composition, Visual Arts, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Design, and Historic Preservation and Conservation, as well as Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance and Early Modern, and Modern Italian Studies. The Academy also invites a select group of Residents, Affiliated Fellows, and Visiting Artists and Scholars to work together within this exceptional community in Rome.

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