Consortium Seminar (Winter 2026)

Art, Therapy, and the Problem of Repair

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This seminar explores the theme of repair in modern art and visual and material cultures, analyzing the potentials but also limits of art understood as therapeutically useful—whether within the hospital or clinic, school or studio, museum or market. We will examine how art practices have intersected with conceptions of illness; diagnostic models as methods of interpretation; theorizations of care; and the ethics of exhibiting unremittingly personal materials, such as artworks made in clinical spaces or medical records harbored in otherwise categorized archives. To do so, we will engage interdisciplinary methods from art history, critical medical humanities, disability studies, and art therapy. We will draw on objects in Getty collections and archives and learn from guest speakers with expertise on the artworks and topics under discussion.

Students from all fields and time periods of study are encouraged to apply.

Seminar Dates & Application

The Getty Consortium Seminar is an accredited seminar open to graduate students at University of California, Irvine (UCI); University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); University of California, Riverside (UCR); University of California, San Diego (UCSD); University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB); and University of Southern California (USC).

The seminar will be held at the Getty Research Institute at the Getty Center in Los Angeles (1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049).

Weekly sessions are scheduled for Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., January 16 - March 13, 2026 (excluding February 20). A Zoom Orientation will be held on December 5, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

To apply, please submit your information, a statement of interest, and a reference by October 15, 2025.

Click on application or scan QR Code: https://bit.ly/2026consortium

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