

HISTORY OF ART DEPARTMENT MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2026 | 3:30 P.M. | Arts 333

Attendance: Jason Weems, Savannah Esquivel, Susan Laxton, Jeanette Kohl, Kristoffer Neville, Yong Cho, Sonja Sekely-Rowland, John Medina, Breana Lepe



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- Faculty said Art history students NEED to attend and SHOW UP FOR EACH OTHER, THIS IS AN EXPECTATION FROM FACULTY

Chair's Announcements (Susan):

- Next Department meeting, June 1, will be on Zoom.
- Undergrad methods class
- New department laptop ordered
- Seating cap Arts 213
 - Projection issues, new department laptop for connecting to the projector
 - Capacity changes to courses, decreasing the limit
- Upcoming changes to The Call

New Business:

- System-wide survey on online learning (see attached pdf)
- New committee on teaching effectiveness in the Senate
 - Acceleration = double the research

Graduate Studies Report (Jason):

- 1. Graduate student travel talks on April 30 were a huge success. Congratulations to Xinqian, Emily, and Rebecca for excellent presentations.
- 2. AME (grad student annual eval) is now open and reviews have June 30 deadline. You'll be receiving an email from me/Iselda on this shortly.
- 3. Applications for next year's travel grants were due April 30. Gluck applications due May 15.

Undergraduate Report (Yong):

- **Highlander Day**
- Highlander Day (April 11) was a success. Art History majors came out to help with the department table. Susan and I were also present. Sonja made a beautiful card for our department that was distributed at the event. The cards were a big hit!
- Thank you to the members for the faculty who provided suggestions for a compelling image from your research area—unfortunately, it turned out to be cost-prohibitive to print multiple designs this time around, so I ended up choosing an image from East Asia for this year. Perhaps in the future iterations we could print new designs with different images!
- If interested, you can pick up a card at the entrance to the department building (by Mark's desk). The QR code leads to the department promotional video we made a couple years ago.



- **Undergraduate Prizes**
- In the past years, we have selected graduating student(s) for the best undergraduate prize (in the form of a book gift). I will send out an email in the next week or so, with a list of the student names and their GPA, to solicit your nominations for the prize winner for this year. Thank you!
- **Unrelated to the undergraduate program, but please mark your calendars for the last of the Asian Art speakers this spring quarter (in-person events on campus).**
- 1) Monday, 4:00 pm, May 11—Patricia Yu (Art History, Scripps) will speak on the history of how an early modern Chinese imperial garden-palace was replicated into a theme park in post-Mao era China.

VRC Report (Sonja):

- Happy to help with Title II Compliance on Canvas for courses
- (Please see the attached file in the email.)

Graduate Student Report (Meee):

- The Open Hours at the Graduate Research Center with AHUA were great; we had history, business, and art history majors attend. We answered their questions and gave advice on post-grad life.
- The In Conversation Event will be hosted in the last week of May, and the speaker will be artist Amaya Lounibos. We will send the date and time next week; it will also be a virtual Zoom event.
- The online conference is on May 16 from approx. ~ 1 PM to 4:15 PM. Professor Yong Cho will moderate the keynote portion of the conference. Would any faculty be available to help moderate from 1 PM to 2 PM and from 3 PM to 4 PM?
- 8 speakers, 1 keynote

UCR ARTS Report:

- Nothing is happening

Upcoming Events:

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