

Report on the Visual Resource Collection September 2026

Acquisitions: 58 (to 2026291 and then 2026338)

Pedagogy/Research:

- Savannah Esquivel, Personal Collection of Teaching Images (1)
- VRC Legacy Glass Slides (56)
- Gerlero, Muros, Sargas y Papeles (1)

Images for Publication

- Licensed/negotiated images: 21
- New photography museum commissions: 1
- Figure Illustrations: 7+

VRC Fellowships and Internships for AY 26-27

The VRC has an exceptionally busy schedule this year administering multiple fellowships and internships, including all four new MAs and two undergraduate opportunities. They are:

Hadley Garren, NEH Fellow
Seth Needleman, NEH Fellow
Lorenzo Williams, Steinhart Fellow
Nikki Ghaemi, Gluck Fellow
Isabella Vallin, NEH Paid Undergraduate Opportunity

Michael Aguirre, AHS 198 Internship (fall '26) to be followed by a paid NEH opportunity
Emily McCartney, AHD 198 Internship (winter '27)

Rebecca Allen, NEH Honorarium

NEH: The Color Film Emergency Project Implementation Grant

It's been a very busy summer.

We completed Y2 by exceeding our deliverables. Over the summer, we published nearly 1300 images online, giving us a leap start on Y3 deliverables.

We were invited to present to International Configurations Colloquium early this month where our work was met with enthusiasm and we have a robust Q&A. Immediately after, I submitted the Y2 Interim Report.

We have an upcoming December deadline to submit for new/renewed NEH proposal. I'm shooting for December but will take advantage of the next deadline (June' 27) if this one slips.

Jim and Georgia Steinhart Photography Collection Endowed Fund

Over the summer we met with Jim to review recent new work, Title II compliance, and our ongoing efforts to migrate selections of content to JSTOR. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 2.

We've officially begun Y2 with Lorenzo Williams as our Steinhart Fellow.

Department Newsletter

This should be in full swing but have only received input from a few students and our faculty emeriti.

Hosted Courses

We are currently hosting AHS 025 and 171. We're looking to add courses for the winter term. The earlier we can begin prep, the better.

Gluck Fellows program for the Arts:

With the substantial cutbacks to funding, the VRC is exceptionally lucky to host a Gluck Fellow for 26-27: Nikki Ghaemi.

Nikki and I attended the Gluck community partners information session on 9/23, and have already agreed to present at the Highgrove Public Library in the coming months. Date is TBD. We expect to add at least 3 more presentations during the academic year.

AHS Flyers and Posters:

- AHS 006/ Introduction to Art and Psychology

Ongoing & Upcoming Projects:

- Color Film Emergency Project
 - Additional Mary Ellen Sigmond materials
 - Additional Mirza Dickel materials
 - Stephen Harby: Egypt, Iran, Uzbek, and Japan
 - Helen Horton materials
- Archivision, Italian Renaissance Module B
- Digitization of Original UCR Glass Slide Collection