

HISTORY OF ART DEPARTMENT MEETING

Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 | 12:30 P.M. | Arts 333

Attendance: Susan Laxton, Savannah Esquivel, Jason Weems, Jeanette Kohl, Kristoffer Neville,
John Medina, Johannes Endres, Aleca Le Blanc, Yong Cho, Sonja Sekely-Rowland, Lindsay
Mero

Chair's Announcements (Susan):

- Welcome: Faculty Liaison, Lindsay Mero
- VAP, Modern/Contemporary: Nina Wexelblatt has been rehired
- **Meeting with Steve Helfand, Interim Dean**
 - CHASS Dean, Daryle Williams, has stepped down
 - There will be little/no hiring of faculty
 - 1,750 projecting students in courses (Steve wants another 300 students)
 - American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) - Panel for The Future of Doctoral Programs
 - Possibly bringing ACLS people to speak on campus
- **Methods Class (AHS 100)**
 - No longer a pre-requisite for undergraduate to begin upper-division courses
 - Has to be an upper-division course because the COC will not consider it a lower-division
 - Possibly making it a requirement for the major

New Business:

- **17B and 17C closed for revamping**
 - Lecturers have been laid off (2)
 - Molly Bond was offered to come back in the Summer
 - Renaming
 - 011 Arts of Europe (date) & 012 Arts of Europe (date)
- **Changes to our Research and Teaching Statements**
 - Kris and Jeanette were in charge of this and will be attached to this email

Graduate Studies Report (Jason/Aleca):

- Aleca is meeting with Iselda today at 5pm
- 6 new students, orientation went well
 - Split into two-day hybrid
- Graduate panel has been decided
- Getty symposium is coming up
 - Call will be forthcoming
- Fellowship nominations will be forthcoming

Undergraduate Report (Yong):

- AHUA president - Kira Iokibe
 - Possible meeting soon
- Art History / Religions Studies revamp soon

VRC Report (Sonja):

- Please see report attached to the email

Graduate Student Report:

- We are currently in the process of picking a date to meet next week. We will be nominating for Vice President, Secretary/Event Coordinator, Treasurer, and Online Content Liaison positions.
- Current filled positions: **President** - Graciela Pacheco
Faculty Liaison: Lindsay Mero
Conference Coordinators: Camille Wilson and Meagan Whalen

UCR ARTS Report:

- New curator coming on - Liz Allen
 - Coming with the Solari(?) collection
 - She is the campus liaison for faculty for UCR ARTS field trips
- There's a push for the collection to be used by undergraduate students
- Fall Reception: October 10th, 6-9PM

Upcoming Events:

- N/A