



# Duke House Diaries

INSTITUTE of FINE ARTS

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## From the Director

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In late June, the Duke House was bedecked with hydrangeas and peonies, filled with fashionistas, peppered with paparazzi, taken over for two days for a Ferragamo fashion show. Glamorous, but disruptive, the rental for this event goes directly to scholarship funding.

IFA staff, particularly Brenda Shrobe, Wil Manzo and his team, our security officers and other NYU officials did their best to maximize the value and minimize the disturbance. Still, all those present working through those days – IFA staff, students, and faculty – are to be thanked for their tolerance and for the efforts they made to go about daily business.

At the very same time, we held a meeting of the Mellon Research Review Advisory Committee with our newly appointed external project coordinators to begin planning the topics and the workshops for the coming year. Three distinguished researchers have agreed to take on the job of planning and organizing these events in collaboration with IFA Faculty and students. They represent the three main components of the IFA: art history, archaeology, and conservation. They are (taken alphabetically): Jim Coddington, Chief Conservator, Museum of Modern Art; Jas Elsner, Humfrey Payne Senior Research Fellow in Classical Archaeology and Art History, Corpus Christi, Oxford University; and David Wengrow, University College London, Institute of Archaeology. They were selected on the advice of IFA faculty and they each are known for their broad range of interests, their engagement with questions about the nature and history of their disciplines, and their qualities as leaders. They will be meeting at the IFA at the end of September, when you will have a chance to meet them. Details of the plans for next year's activities will be circulated soon.

While we are pleased to welcome these new affiliates to the IFA, it is an equal pleasure to congratulate our long-serving colleagues. On May 25th Jonathan Alexander and Jenni Rodda were honored as recipients at NYU's 25 Year Service Award Dinner at the W Hotel in Union Square. We are grateful for their past, as well as their continued service to the IFA.

## Academic Office

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Grace Dingledine has been awarded NYU's Global Research Initiative Graduate Fellowship in London beginning in Spring 2012.

Ana Franco has won a Pinta Travel Fellowship to do research in Paris during the fall semester.

Maryl Gensheimer will study in Rome during the fall semester with an award from the Lemmermann Foundation.

Nick Herman, Cindy Kang and Jeongho Park will be 2011-2012 Theadore Rousseau Fellows at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Cindy Kang has also been awarded the Harriett A. Shaw Fellowship from Wellesley College.

Amanda Herrin is beginning her second year as the Kress Institutional Fellow at Universiteit Leiden.

The Morgan Library & Museum has awarded Lauren Jacobi a fellowship at their Drawing Institute.

Lelia Packer has received the 2011-2012 Dean's Dissertation Fellowship from NYU's Graduate School of Arts & Science.

The Max Planck Institute has awarded Maggie Popkin the 2011-2012 *Memoria Romana* International Doctoral Fellowship.

Sophie Scully will be awarded a fellowship for conservation of contemporary art through the Dedalus Foundation during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Blanca Serrano has been awarded a tuition fellowship from the La Caixa Foundation.

Betsy Williams will be a Jane and Morgan Whitney Fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art during the 2011-2012 academic year. In August, she will travel to the Staatliche Museen in Berlin on the Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz Scholarship.

## Building Services

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The new refrigerator is installed in the Duke House kitchen and can be put to use.

The Ferragamo event was a success. Without the relentless efforts of Brenda Shrobe and Chris James nothing would have happened. Wil Manzo personally thanks Rob Doucett, Ivan Singh and Andy Brotons for all their hard work and extra hours that made the event a "cool" experience. Thanks to Joe Rosario and Jason Varone for getting the "buzz" out of the audio system. Thanks to everyone else for enduring the inconvenience.

Various repairs and improvements will take place throughout the Summer and we will try and schedule work with as little interruption as possible.

## Conservation Center

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Watch Professor Margaret Holben Ellis examine Teddy Roosevelt's War Club on the PBS series "History Detectives." The story will air July 19th at 8:00 pm EST on PBS. Check your local PBS listings.

The latest edition of the Conservation Center [Newsgram](#) features participants in The Leon Levy Fellowship Program in Archaeological Conservation. Check it out!

## Visual Resources

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Over the summer months, the Visual Resources Collection staff is working with faculty member Marvin Trachtenberg to add his most important images to Luna, IFA's local image database; and to SAHARA, the Society of Architectural Historian's online image resource (see <http://www.saharaonline.org/> ). Professor Trachtenberg's images, assembled over decades of his scholarly work, are exemplary in their composition, clarity, and illustrative focus, and we thank him for generously making them available to the IFA community!

'Gallery' space available! Are you a painter, photographer, sketch artist? Would you like to show off your work? The wall space in the New Mac Lab (Duke House, basement level) is available for small exhibits of IFA talent. Please contact Jenni Rodda ([jenni.rodde@nyu.edu](mailto:jenni.rodde@nyu.edu)) for more information.

Remember to send your travel photos to Jason Varone ([jason.varone@nyu.edu](mailto:jason.varone@nyu.edu)) for inclusion in IFA's web site update!

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