



Duke House Diaries

INSTITUTE of FINE ARTS

November 2011

From the Director

Between snowfalls and sunshine we are hurtling towards the end of the semester, with Thanksgiving break and the Christmas party already in sight!

The festive season had a preview in the Halloween party, and we want to thank the student organizers Maggie Bordonaro and Pinar Gokpinar for their careful planning and the committee's assistance with the set up and with the clean up. It was gratefully noted by the IFA staff that this year's party was the smoothest in memory. Thanks are also due to Sara Chan, Jason Dubs, Kate Holohan, Alexis Lowry, Rachel Kaplan, Andrea Nitsche and Zizi Khalaf, the student volunteers who acted as guides to Duke House for the Open House New York event. The event was very successful which did great credit to our guides.

Eight students – four from the Conservation program and four from art history – have recently been selected to join a research and study session at Villa La Pietra in Florence. The group will conduct a technical and art historical study of objects – paintings and sculptures – selected from the Villa's collection. Though we were unable to accommodate all applicants for places, we hope to be able to organize future interdisciplinary trips, so there will be further possibilities for such on-site sessions. Another type of opportunity will soon be advertised, a scheme of student bursaries for poster sessions attached to this spring's Mellon Research Initiative conference on Image and Ontology in Comparative Perspective.

I am also thrilled to announce an anonymous, and extremely generous, gift to the Conservation Center of \$500,000 for a new scanning electron microscope and for four years of funding for visiting professorship in conservation, to be called the Judith Praska Distinguished Visiting Professorship.

Academic Office

January 2012 Graduation: Students who plan to complete their degree by January 2012

must apply for graduation in Albert. PhD students must submit a preliminary copy of their dissertation by December 1. Other submission deadlines can be found [here](#). PhD students who plan to receive a January degree should contact Keith Kelly (keith.kelly@nyu.edu) to ensure that all requirements are met on time.

Career Resources: The Academic Office has resources to help you with your C.V., cover letters and interview preparation. Stop by and pick some up. Schedule a mock interview or C.V. advisement session with Sarah Johnson (sarah.johnson@nyu.edu).

There will be an information session about preparing and distributing dissertation proposals for PhD students on Tuesday, November 29th, at 12:15 pm, in the Loeb Room. Please rsvp to Keith Kelly.

Computer Services

Washington Square Print Accounts: NYU graduate students are given a \$50 printing allowance during the Fall and Spring semesters as well as a \$20 printing allowance during the summer. Students can redeem these accounts at any computer lab or library printer on the Washington Square campus. This account is separate from your IFA printing account.

Visual Resources

Visual Resources needs you! Do you have photos of your travels? Or of life at IFA? We're always looking for new and compelling images for our web site and for Institute publications! If you have images you are willing to share, please contact Jason Varone (jason.varone@nyu.edu) for details.

The VR staff taught a successful workshop last month covering best use practices with presentation software (PowerPoint and ARTstor's Offline Image Viewer). If you missed the workshop and would like to schedule a private or small group tutorial on the same material, please contact Jenni Rodda (jenni.rodde@nyu.edu) in the Curator's office.

To submit an announcement to the Duke House Diaries, contact sarah.johnson@nyu.edu