2016 New York Chapter Annual Report

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Chapter Mentoring Liaison: V. Heidi Hass, The Morgan Library & Museum
Student/Early Professional Liaison: Sumitra Duncan, The Frick Collection

INCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (2017)

Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Jon Lindaman, The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Secretary: Alexandra Provo, New York University
Member-at-Large, Development: Megan De Armond, The Frick Collection
Chapter Mentoring Liaison: Ian McDermott, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

• ARLIS/NA New York was represented at 3 professional gatherings and held 22 programs in the New York metropolitan area organized by various chapter members. Noteworthy mentions to our Student/Early Professional Liaison Sumitra Duncan for developing informal learning opportunities situated in practice for members; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Heather Topcik for organizing a workshop to create beautiful illuminated masterpieces; and chapter member Ken Soehner for inviting Rickey Tax from Museum Meermanno – House of the Book to speak in New York.

• News Editor Arielle Cohen posted 14 articles during the year, consisting of 11 event notes, 2 member profiles (Ralph Baylor & David Ross), and 1 report on the 44th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference in Seattle, Washington written by 2016 Celine Palatsky Travel Award Recipient Sarah Hamerman.

• There has been enormous growth in the Chapter’s social media because of efforts lead by Social Media Coordinator Chantal Sulkow. By making a practice of consistent posting, at least once per day on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, we have experienced a
considerable increase in overall engagement. As an organization, we hope to bring our followers a greater awareness and appreciation of not only the existence in the New York Chapter, but of the larger library and art information world as well.

- Chapter Mentoring Liaison V. Heidi Hass sent out the second annual mentoring program call on March 18, 2016. 4 mentor/mentee pairs were matched, with the pairs notified May 6, 2016. All responses were positive; 1 mentee reported that she had changed her focus from art librarianship, but that the mentoring relationship was still very helpful. Some pairs met face-to-face on a monthly basis, while others checked in via phone or email; exactly the flexibility the chapter program was designed to provide.

- Secretary Kim Detterbeck developed a retention policy for the Chapter’s digital archives in Google Docs.

- A brief history of the New York chapter was written for the website by 2016 Past-Chair Janis Ekhdal. One outcome of this summary was the organization of the chapter's small archive; another was updating by 2016 the lists of chapter meetings and Executive Board members. The expanded lists with links from the chapter's history and scanned volumes 1 through 12 of ARLIS/NY News (1978-1991) will be added to the website.

- For 2016 Phoebe Stein Member-at-Large for Membership reported, the New York Chapter currently has 178 active members in the following membership plans: Friend (12), Personal (129), Retired/Unemployed (12), Student (25). In 2015, the Chapter had 172 active members.

- The Executive Board approved a balanced budget for 2016 of $4,810.00, which was prepared by the Chapter's Treasurer Meg Donabedian. Membership dues contribute over 88% of the Chapter’s revenue with additional money coming from donations and our fundraising project.

- Member-at-Large for Development Amy Ballmer spearheaded the 2016 tote bag fundraiser, which has raised $439.26 and has become a stylish accessory to promote the Chapter in our marketing efforts.

- $500 has been granted to the ARLIS/NA Oral History project to offset expenses for food and travel.

- $500 has been donated to ARLIS/NA for the 45th ARLIS/NA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

- ARLIS/NA New York member Emily Waltz (NYPL) will be granted the Celine Palatsky Travel Award for $1000 to attend the 45th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2017.

PROGRAMS

January 16, 2016  
Tour of Hispanic Society Library and Museum
Hosted by Cristina Domenech, John O’Neill and Vanessa Pintado (Hispanic Society)

February 18, 2016  
Tour of SVA Library & Milton Glaser Design Archives
Organized by Robert Lobe (SVA Library)

February 22, 2016  
Blooks: The Art of Books That Aren't, Grolier Club
Hosted by Mindy Dubansky (The Met) & Meghan Constantinou (The Grolier Club)

March 28, 2016  Tour American Folk Art Museum Library and Archives  
Hosted by Mimi Lester (Folk Art Museum) & Organized by Janis Ekdhal (BGC)

April 15, 2016  Presentation of 2016 ARLIS/NA & VRA Conference papers, FIT  
Organized by Amy Ballmer (FIT) & Phoebe Stein (SVA)

April 15, 2016  Reception at Flanders House  
Organized by Christina Peter (The Frick)

April 25, 2016  Happy Hour: ARLIS/NA New York Chapter & METRO Present A Spring Celebration, The Winslow  
Organized by Davis Erin Anderson (METRO)

May 10, 2016  Tour of Van Dyck: The Anatomy of Portraiture, Frick Collection  
Organized by Suz Massen (The Frick)

May 19, 2016  Rhizome program (joint event of ARLIS + METRO) at New Inc.  
Organized by Sumitra Duncan (NYARC)

June 4, 2016  Tour of The Met Cloisters Library and Archives  
Organized by Michael Carter (The Met)

June 15, 2016  The Morgan Library & Museum Exhibition Tour of Founding Figures  
Organized by V. Heidi Hass (The Morgan)

July 9, 2016  Tour of Brooklyn Botanic Garden Library  
Hosted by Kathy Crosby (Brooklyn Botanic Garden)

July 29, 2016  Tour of Mana Contemporary  
Organized by Deirdre Donahue (ICP)

August 20, 2016  Illuminated Manuscripts Workshop  
Organized by Heather Topcik (BGC)

September 17, 2016  Governors Island  
Organized by Janis Ekdhal (BGC)

September 21, 2016  Digital Art History: New Tools, New Methods, The MET  
Organized by Sumitra Duncan (The Frick) and Dan Lipcan (The Met)

October 14, 2016  Talk with Rickey Tax, Director of the Museum Meermanno, The MET  
Organized by Ken Schoner and Dana Hart (The Met)

October 22, 2016  Tour of Morbid Anatomy Museum and Library  
Hosted by Joanna Ebenstein (Morbid Anatomy Museum)

November 3, 2016  Brooklyn Museum Libraries and Archives Acquisition Highlights  
Organized by Deirdre Donohue (Brooklyn Museum)

November 16, 2016  Annual Business Meeting, Hunter College, CUNY  
Hosted by Steven Kowalik (Hunter College)
December 6, 2016  Chapter Holiday Party, Museum of Modern Art Library
Hosted by Jenny Tobias (MoMA Library)

December 16, 2016  Chapter Mentoring Program Social
Hosted by Evalyn Stone & Organized by V. Heidi Hass (The Morgan)

OTHER CHAPTER PARTICIPATION

March 8-12, 2016  3rd Joint ARLIS/NA + VRA Joint Conference, Seattle, Washington
April 16, 2016  METRO LIS Day
June 17, 2016  Storm King Art Center - Invitation by ARLIS/NA Upstate NY