ARLIS/NA NEW YORK CHAPTER
ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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Report

2017 ARLIS/NA NEW YORK EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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Chapter Mentoring Liaison  Ian McDermott, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY
Student/Early Professional Liaison  Sumitra Duncan, Frick Art Reference Library

INCOMING ARLIS/NA NEW YORK EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (2018)

Vice-chair/Chair-elect  Rebecca Clark, School of Visual Arts
Treasurer  Katherine Borkowski, Sperone Westwater
Member-at-Large, Membership  David Pemberton, School of Visual Arts
Student/Early Professional Liaison  J.E. Molly Seegers, Brooklyn Museum

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- ARLIS/NA New York held 3 professional gatherings and 8 programs in 2018, organized by various chapter members. Highlights of our programming were the Resume Building Workshop for students and early professionals, organized by Sumitra Duncan, a visit to the Whitney Studio and NYSS Library, hosted by Chantal Lee, and a 40th Anniversary tour of the New Museum Archives, hosted by Amye McCarthur. We also collaborated with the Archivists Round Table (ART) on a lecture
at MoMA PS1 and with the Visual Resources Association, New York Chapter, on a Copyright Lecture, hosted by the School of Visual Arts.

- News Editor, Arielle Cohen, posted 8 articles to the ARLIS/NA New York website during the year, consisting of 6 event notes, 1 member profile (Amye McCarther) and 1 report on the 45th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana written by 2017 Celine Palatsky Travel Award Recipient Emily Walz.

- Our Chapter’s social media presence has continued to grow under the leadership of Social Media Coordinator, Chantal Sulkow. Our Instagram account now has over 1200 followers, and our Facebook page has over 400 followers. Our goals for growing our social media presence is to increase engagement among our members, promote chapter events, and bring awareness about our profession to the outside world.

- Chapter Mentoring Liaison, Ian McDermott, oversaw four mentoring pairs in 2017, and that the participants viewed the experience positively. His goal is to expand the mentorship program for 2018 by getting started earlier, and announcing it at the annual conference.

- Board members, Walter Schlecht, Megan De Armand, and Chantal Sulkow were successful in setting up online sales of our chapter Totebag, through our website. We are currently gauging whether or not to produce more Totebags, or to consider other avenues for fundraising.

- Member-at-Large for membership, Phoebe Stein, reported the following membership statistics: 140 active members comprised of 10 friends, 106 personal, 9 retired/unemployed, and 15 students.

- The Executive Board approved a balanced budget for 2017 of $5860, which was prepared by the Chapter’s Treasurer Meg Donabedian. This year, the chapter increased its conference donations, voting to donate $1500 for the New Orleans conference, $500 for the Oral History Project, and we will be underwriting the WiFi at the New York conference in 2018. This means we will have to redouble our membership and fundraising efforts moving forward.

- Because the 2018 conference will be held in New York City, our chapter opted to divide the $1000 Celine Palatsky Travel Award into four local awards, paying for registration for the following four students/new professionals: Emily Dunne, Kelsey Gallagher, Anna Holbert, Timothy Ryan Mendenhall.

PROGRAMS

March 15th, 2017  Tour of Pierre Chareau, Jewish Museum  Hosted by Sandy Brooke, Princeton University

March 30th, 2017  Tour of the Whitney Studio and New York Studio School Library  Hosted by Chantal Lee, NYSS

April 28th, 2017  Presentation of 2017 ARLIS/NA Conference Papers, MET  Organized by Phoebe Stein
May 22nd, 2017  Students and New Professionals Resume Workshop with John Crant
Organized by Sumitra Duncan

June 29th, 2017  Brooklyn Art Library Visit
Organized by Heather Topcik

July 27th, 2017  Tour of the Century Club
Organized by Heather Topcik

August 17th, 2017  Tour of Fordham University’s Museum of Greek, Roman & Etruscan Art
Organized by Heather Topcik

September 7th, 2017  A Bit of Matter: The MoMA PS 1 Archives, 1976-2000
Jointly hosted with Archivists Round table
Organized by Sumitra Duncan and Heather Topcik

October 19th, 2017  Re-opening of Schomburg Center’s Library and Archives
Organized and hosted by Tammi Lawson

November 9th, 2017  40th Anniversary tour of New Museum exhibitions and archives
Organized and hosted by Amye McCarther

November 14th, 2017 Copyright Lecture, SVA
Jointly hosted with VRA/NY
Organized by Phoebe Stein

November 29th, 2017 Annual ARLIS/NA New York Business Meeting, Bard Hall
Hosted by Heather Topcik

December 14th, 2017 ARLIS/NA New York Holiday Party, Goethe-Institut
Hosted by Walter Schecht