New York Conference Highlights
FROM THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The Annual Conference is the outward face of CAA, providing the means for the immediate exchange of ideas that influence the practice and teaching of art and art history and that shape trends in the museum world. The Annual Conference Committee—comprised of CAA Board members, at-large members, staff, and regional representatives for each city—meet throughout the year to select approximately 140 panels and poster sessions that present a diverse cross-section of the visual arts.

As committee chair, I will work to create a program that spans traditional fields and cutting-edge topics; encourage collaborations between senior and emerging scholars; create more flexible formats, similar to the recently added Open Forms section; and celebrate the diversity of the membership.

The committee has solicited participation for sessions at the 2008 conference in Dallas–Fort Worth, and we are now planning activities at the Dallas Museum of Art, the Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University, the Kimbell Art Museum, and the Amon Carter Museum, to name only a few.

We are also working on another exciting conference—Los Angeles in 2009—and eagerly await your proposals. See pages 14–15 to learn how to do so.

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Despite winter storms and delayed flights, this year’s Annual Conference was one of the best attended, with over 6,500 delegates. Attracted by a remarkably rich program of sessions, meetings, and special events, attendees mobbed the Hilton New York, which managed not to burst at the seams.

Wednesday evening featured one of the liveliest Convocations on record, with a jazz band performing before and after the event, a dignified awards ceremony, and Duane Michals’s over-the-top keynote address. (All award winners are highlighted in the March CAA News.) CAA’s new executive director, Linda Downs, welcomed the attendees, and the new CAA president, Nicola Courtright, graciously communicated her vision of CAA.

Over one thousand people attended the Distinguished Scholar Session honoring Linda Nochlin on Thursday afternoon. Chaired by Tamar Garb, the panel dealt with Nochlin’s impressive legacy as a feminist art scholar and critic. The Feminist Art Project and the Rutgers Institute for Women and Art sponsored the Nochlin session, which was one of many panels and events celebrating feminist contributions to visual art. Two other important events were the Feminist Art Project’s special sessions on Saturday and a recognition awards ceremony, hosted by the CAA Committee on Women in the Arts and the Women’s Caucus on Art. (See the November 2006 CAA News for more on the awardees).

The Annual Artists’ Interviews, held in ARTspace, presented Betye Saar and Hans Haacke. Through lively and engaging conversations with their interviewers, Camara Holloway and Dennis Adams respectively, the two artists talked about their dedication, commitment, and approaches to creating awareness of race and politics through art.

Conference highlights were not limited to these high-profile sessions and events. Indeed, the entire program was among the most stimulating ever, with enticing sessions in all areas of art history, studio art, contemporary criticism and theory, pedagogy, and professional practices. Among the hot topics were several panels on legal issues and publication rights. Museum curators and those concerned with physical works of art were treated to two sessions on Renaissance and Baroque drawings and bronzes, held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Frick Collection. At the same time, a panel called “The Unethical Museum” challenged that same CAA constituency on political and economic issues facing the museums today. Visual artists concerned with technique were offered to sessions on paint texture, the properties of pigments, and new directions in printmaking and sculpture.

The Book and Trade Fair had 125 participants this year, some of whom came from as far away as Beijing and Krakow. Among these exhibitors were twenty-two arts-related non-profit organizations, small presses, and qualifying small businesses—groups that CAA had invited to participate for the second year in a row. CAA thanks the generous exhibitors who sponsored this year’s conference: Blick Art Materials, D.A.P. Distributed Art Publishers, Prestel, Routledge, and Saskia.

The fair hosted a record number of product demonstrations and book signings by authors and editors. Notable among them were signings by Faith Ringgold and Judy Chicago. The conference’s first exhibitor session, “Finding Common Ground: Understanding the Most Important Structural Part of Your Painting,” was sponsored by Golden Artist Colors and drew a capacity crowd. Panelists, which included manufacturers and distributors of artists’ materials, regarded it as a milestone for their profession.
ARTspace at 2007 Conference

ARTspace is CAA’s conference within a conference, tailored to the needs and interests of practicing artists but open to all conference attendees. Below are closing comments from several organizers of and participants in ARTspace in New York.

Discovery, surprise, and inspiration are what I take away from the CAA conference events that most enrich me. Two ARTspace events that offered this magical combination of sensations were the interview with Hans Haacke in the Annual Artists’ Interviews and the talk by Edgar Heap of Birds in a panel on Native American art. In the interview, I encountered Haacke’s refreshingly no-nonsense, lucid, and direct use of language, which in its clarity paralleled the content and purpose of his art. When politics is on the table, the language we use to discuss art seems all too often at odds with the purpose of the art; Haacke gave welcome proof that such incongruities need not exist. What was especially exciting in Edgar Heap of Birds’s presentation was his description of how he persuaded Denver Art Museum board members to support his politically loaded proposal for a public sculpture in downtown Denver. This example of how artists can effect real change, like Haacke’s precise clarity of expression, led me to shake off that familiar feeling of cynicism and be reminded of the spirit of possibility and the power of meaningful communication.

—Reva Wolf, State University of New York, New Paltz

In the session “Reversal: Artists Talk about Art History,” Faith Ringgold and Peter Halley, reflected on the influence (or in Ringgold’s case, the noninfluence) of art-history writings on their development as artists. The generally positive and collaborative relationship between artists and art historians was noted as often more productive than that between artists and critics because of art historians’ perspective on art over time.

Halley gave candid reflections on his training in both art history and studio art at Yale University (where he now teaches) and remarked on the positive influences of historians such as Meyer Schapiro, Barbara Rose, Rosalind Krauss, Robert Rosenblum, and Robert Pincus-Witten on his work. He concluded by posing questions to the audience such as: “Are art historians today as effective in influencing the ‘landscape’ of contemporary art as in the past?” and “Who are the luminaries that young artists look to today?”

Ringgold read a fable, written expressly for the session, about a mythical village in which artists and art historians led separate lives. In this village, artists were artists because they were born that way, whereas art historians became historians because they were not born artists. Although told as a children’s tale, the result was funny, thought provoking, and challenging. During the Q&A period, she was asked “How would you like to be remembered?” Her answer, “Many footprints.”

—Virginia Derryberry, University of North Carolina, Asheville

Arts Exchange, where CAA artist members presented their work on tabletops in a large hall, had double the usual number of participants expressing interest several months before the conference. In response, artists were flexible, enthusiastic, and unfailingly generous, offering to share their tables in order to accommodate the unprecedented interest. Arts Exchange, now in its third year, has extended the daily events of ARTspace into a lively Friday night happening. The wide variety of work shown in 2007 ranged from a coat rack transformed into a site for sculpture to an enigmatic participatory folding experience.

—Elizabeth Conner, artist, Vashon, Washington; and Norie Sato, artist, Seattle, Washington
Feminist Art Events at Conference

Midori Yoshimoto is assistant professor of art history at New Jersey City University and chair of the CAA Committee on Women in the Arts; and Anne Swartz is professor of art history at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

This year’s CAA conference celebrated feminism and art with special events, many of which were copresented by the Feminist Art Project, a national initiative founded by Arlene Raven, Susan Fisher Sterling, and Judy Chicago and now administered by Judith Brodsky and Ferris Olin through Rutgers University. These events brought together the full scope of visual-arts professionals—artists, art historians, curators, arts administrators, and students.

Excitement was felt Thursday afternoon in the Distinguished Scholar Session honoring Linda Nochlin. In her introduction, the panel’s chair, Tamar Garb, laid out the issue of institutionalizing feminism as the work of past and proposed exploring intersections of self and history as a present-day concern. Subsequently, the four stellar feminist art historians demonstrated how Nochlin’s scholarship continues to inspire refreshing approaches in varied topics. Moira Roth’s multimedia presentation illustrated not-so-apparent affinities between Nochlin and Aby Warburg through entertaining visual and audio materials, pointing to one of Nochlin’s mottos that one person can have a lasting effect on history.

The resurgence of interest in feminism was further met by an invigorating roster of the panels, including “Immigrant Women and Their Artist Daughters,” “Future-Minded: On the Resiliency of Feminism in Art,” “35 Years Later: Feminist Art Practice after Womanhouse,” and “Stereotypes of Women: Evil by Design?” These panels expanded discussions of multifaceted feminist art theory and practice and posed new questions for future sessions. Conference attendees also had wonderful opportunities to socialize in evening events, such as two receptions at A.I.R. Gallery and Ceres Gallery on Thursday and Friday respectively. One exhibition, Agents of Change: Women, Art, and Intellect at Ceres Gallery was curated by Leslie King-Hammond; the reception was packed despite the freezing weather outside.

On Saturday, a room exclusively devoted to the Feminist Art Project’s sessions was open and free to the public. The organizers, the late art critic Arlene Raven and the art historian Anne Swartz, paired emerging artists and scholars with established artists and visual-arts professionals. The full day of energetic panels began with “Are We There Yet? The Status and Impact of Second- and Third-Wave Feminism, Women’s Art, the Women’s Art Movement, and ‘Feminist Art,’” chaired by Swartz, which involved eleven artists, art historians, and curators speaking on the impact and import of feminism in their lives. Elizabeth Mansfield held a panel discussion on “Feminism, Women, and Museums” with Maureen Connor, Susan Dackerman, Susan Fisher Sterling, and Jeannine O’Grody. Nato Thompson moderated a discussion between Suzanne Lacy and Martha Rosler that Lacy had organized on “Re-Gendering Public Art.” Helena Reckitt brought artists Sharon Hayes and Allyson Mitchell and curator Lia Gangitano together in “Back to the Front.” Joanna Frueh began her panel with a performance, followed by two presentations by Tanya Augsburg and C. Jill O’Bryan. Mira Schor’s session, “Life of the Mind, Life of the Market: A Reevaluation of the Contribution of Theory to Feminist Art from 1980 to 2006,” included presentations by the artist Mary Kelly and the art historian Johanna Burton. The day ended with the provocative panel, “American Art and Sexual Trauma,” chaired by Vivien Green Fryd with a multimedia contribution from the artist Barbara T. Smith and a scholarly discussion of trauma by Susan Jarosi.

The turnout for the panels was impressive—many were standing room only. Each one lasted an hour, deferring most of the audience responses to printed questionnaires and further dialogue via e-mail instead of the typical Q&A sessions, though a few sessions did have some audience involvement.

The majority of comments received have focused on the desire for more sessions dedicated to feminist-art topics at future CAA conferences.

Overall, the CAA conference fully responded to the public hunger for hearing feminist voices and provided opportunities for different generations of artists and scholars to meet and discuss issues that will carry the movement forward.
Conference Career Fair Report

Stacy Miller is CAA director of research and career development.

Thriving preconference professional-development workshops, which began Tuesday morning, opened the 2007 Career Fair. CAA offered a handful of similar workshops at past conferences, but this year we expanded them to ten, nearly all of which sold out. As the demand is there, we hope to offer more in the future.

Organized by CAA’s Melissa Potter, the preconference workshops brought together professionals at all stages of their careers to share their expertise; attendees ranged from graduate students to full professors. The workshops were refresher courses for some, confirming information or debunking myths, and a treasure trove of new information for others. Through a postworkshop survey, we learned that participants want longer workshops with more discussion and hands-on work, more handouts, and more practical advice.

One workshop, “ABD Strategies,” explored how to plan and finish the PhD. One survey respondent noted, “I wish I had done this [workshop] before I had written the first 250 pages.” Another participant was excited to hear about using a reverse calendar for dissertation completion. Another workshop, “Networking Fundamentals for Artists and Designers,” encouraged participants to keep a database of all contacts and to keep in touch with them about every three months.

At Orientation on Tuesday night, CAA’s new executive director, Linda Downs, warmly welcomed Career Fair participants and encouraged them to take advantage of all the programs and resources CAA offers. We also debuted a new video presentation, directed by CAA’s Beth Herbruck, which highlighted career tips and things to do in New York. A panel consisting of Michael Aurbach of Vanderbilt University and three CAA staff members gave advice for job seekers and information for employers and fielded questions from the floor.

On Wednesday morning, the job-placement component of the Career Fair began. The Candidate Center was home to thirty-six computers used by job seekers to search for jobs, update their résumés, and contact employers through CAA’s Online Career Center. An estimated one thousand people came through the Candidate Center. This year, we relaxed our twenty-minute time limit for single-session use, discovering that everyone, courteous to their colleagues, rarely used this service for longer than that amount of time.

The Interviewer Center, where employers checked in and used the Online Career Center, was also bustling. CAA offered a special, conference-only deal for employers to post classifieds on our job database for two weeks, ensuring that last-minute jobs would be available for browsing for the duration of the conference.

The Interviewer Hall—where most conference job interviews took place—featured semiprivate booths in addition to standard tables. The hall now offers a distinct but flexible division between the regular tables, where candidates looking for jobs may drop off their materials, and the more formal area for actual interviews. Both employers and candidates said the new arrangement improved their Career Fair experiences. We plan to refine these services for the CAA conference in Dallas–Fort Worth.

This year’s Professional Development Roundtable Sessions, informal group conversations between leaders and participants, covered such topics as networking, progressing from adjunct to full-time teaching, links between teaching and research, writing grants, and getting published. In the best democratic spirit, all attendees were able to ask questions and give answers, and to discuss issues and concerns with peers in an informal, low-pressure setting.

The Artists’ Portfolio and Career Fair Mentoring Sessions, held Thursday and Friday, offered reviews of artists’ portfolios and critical analyses of CVs, cover letters, and other job-package materials to Career Fair attendees. Seventy mentors gave advice to more than four hundred emerging and mid-career artists professionals (see the thank-you list on pages 27–28). These twenty-minute, one-on-one sessions provided concrete ways for participants to advance their careers by making contact with, and receiving invaluable career tips from, established arts professionals. Engagements between mentors and mentees often create connections that last beyond the conference.
MFA Regional Exhibition Recognition Awards

The CAA Exhibitions Committee presented Recognition Awards to three artists with work in the 2007 Regional MFA Exhibition: Richard A. Buntzen, New Jersey City University; Pete Deevakul, Yale University; and Jeff Pash, Purchase College, State University of New York. The awards, inaugurated last year in Boston, highlight outstanding work by artists pursuing the MFA degree. Recipients receive a complimentary CAA membership or a renewal of their current membership.

The Regional MFA Exhibition, held February 10–March 24, 2007, was hosted by Hunter College, City University of New York, and coordinated by Tracy L. Adler, curator of the Hunter College Art Galleries. The show surveyed work from artists in MFA programs in twenty-three institutions within a one-hundred-mile radius of New York.

Published below are brief biographies of each artist and their statements about the included work.

RICHARD A. BUNTZEN

Richard A. Buntzen is an MFA student at New Jersey City University in Jersey City. His work has been shown in group exhibitions in New Jersey, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Washington, DC. He received a BA in early childhood education from William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, and an MA art education from his current school.

Buntzen writes, “During the past century artists have consistently used the materials of their time and world to reflect, and reflect upon, contemporary culture. My recent artworks evolve out of a continued exploration of experimental collage production and the use of current print media and visual journalism. Each work consists of borrowed imagery arranged on and applied to a flat, thirty-six-inch-square, two-dimensional ground. The individual arrangements become the complementary components that form joined modular sets. These modular sets are the end result of an ongoing process of retrieval, giving new life and meaning to newsprint that would otherwise be discarded and sent to recycling plants or landfills.

“Multiple copies of daily newspapers are the source of my work, providing duplicate images of information, documentation, and narration. Intuitive impulse, cognitive awareness, and the powerful seduction by basic elements of design influence the selection of mechanically and technically printed images. Isolated from [their original] context, fragments of visual facts transform into objective components of space and time and become the basis of the analytical managing and reprocessing of imagery. General principles of design combined with constant stimulation and exposure in our multimedia culture offer guidance in the creation of new and abstract figurations. These figurations, constructed vertical bands of repeated images, become unified through systematic arrangement. The juxtaposition of these figurations presents a subjective visual world that is both active and alive.”

PETE DEEVAKUL

After receiving his BA from the University of California, Los Angeles, Pete Deevakul moved to New Haven, Connecticut, to attend Yale University. His art has been shown in exhibitions in both cities, including Black Dragon Society in Los Angeles.

Deevakul describes his video work at the CAA exhibition: “Fianchetto is an eight-minute video of common household objects interacting with themselves and each other. The video was shot using a digital SLR (still picture) camera. Each still became a frame in the video. After laying the still pictures in sequence, I recorded the actual sound [made by the movements of the objects in] the images and matched it to the video
“Essentially [the video points] to all the little things that flank us in our everyday lives. I tried to balance the narrative passages of the video with sculptural investigations of materials—and vice versa—to keep the video from being too easily described as ‘short film’ or ‘art video.’ So what I mean by that is—after the chairs get chased out of the office by the table, I’d follow that scene with a paper bag folding in on itself. I guess it’s a tradition in art to ‘make the mundane beautiful’ or ‘search for transcendence in the everyday.’ And I guess I’m all for that, because that’s what our lives are comprised of. If someone takes the time someday to listen to the sound of a silent room after seeing my piece, then I suppose I’ve done what I set out to do.”

JEFF PASH

An MFA student at Purchase College, State University of New York, Jeff Pash earned a BA in film in 2001 from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He has shown work at Brooklyn Fire Proof Gallery and the H. F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell. Screenings and performances have taken place in galleries and festivals in New York, London, Los Angeles, and Austin, Texas.

Pash writes, “My work examines the relationship between sight and sound through a variety of mediums, including performance, single-channel video, and installation. Sound not only has unique communicative powers, but it also has the ability to imbue images with authenticity, emotion, and corporeality. I explore how this visceral and emotive power of sound can affect everything from the way we see colors and simple shapes to the way we experience popular movies and visual propaganda.

“I take a largely reductive approach to my work, pairing basic elements of sound, such as a drumbeat, to basic visual elements, such as a burst of color on a monitor. By situating this reductive pairing in a given environment (an installation, a rock club, a cinema, etc.) I hope to elucidate sound’s role in creating or adding meaning to the visual.”

New York Conference Press Roundup

Alexis Light is CAA development and marketing associate.

Press coverage for CAA’s Annual Conference was abundant this year, as the movers and shakers of the academic and art worlds converged in New York for four days of scholarly sessions, award ceremonies, networking, and exhibitions. CAA in New York was ready for its close up, indeed.

Artforum.com dedicated a Scene and Herd entry—one of the best places on the web for tipsy art-world updates and photos of the reigning cognoscenti at exhibition openings and parties—to the conference. In addition to a candid description of the event, Sarah Thornton’s lively report quoted one conference speaker as saying that CAA’s Convocation ceremony is “as close as art historians get to the Oscars,” and Linda Nochlin as describing Gustave Courbet (in his self-portrait The Wounded Man, appearing on the cover of her forthcoming book) as the “Mick Jagger of the nineteenth century.”

Before the conference, Artnet.com recognized Jerry Saltz as the 2007 recipient of the Frank Mather Award for Art Criticism and mentioned CAA’s three artist award recipients: Will Barnet, Betye Saar, and Margot Lovejoy. Art in America and ArtNews also reported on these and other CAA award winners in their February and March issues respectively.

Several online magazines and blogs, including Artnet and Artnet City, reported on the session, “A Faustian Bargain? Emerging Artists, Critics, and the Market,” in which two art critics, an art dealer, and two collectors discussed the current art market, the power of the critic, careerism, art as entertainment, and the so-called youth cult that seems to have infected today’s art world. (See page 19 for the session chair’s report.)

This year’s Annual CAA Exhibition, Networked Nature, was curated by Marisa Olson for Rhizome and held at Foxy Production. The exhibition was well received: William Hanley of Artinfo.com included it in “On the Horizon: Our Top 10 List for 2007.” A review in Artnet, “Net Worth” by Ben Davis, discussed how the exhibition’s content directly and effectively addressed the ongoing discourse of technology versus nature, and even deeper issues of technology versus art. Networked Nature was also reviewed in the March issue of ArtReview magazine.

For the second year in a row, six writers for CAA’s conference blog posted on the conference’s goings-on. Another collaborative blog, the Art History Newsletter, also issued extensive reports on individual sessions and events.
New Organization for Artists’ Materials

Christopher Howard is editor of CAA News.

Founded in 2006, the Art Materials Information and Education Network (AMIEN) is a new nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive and unbiased factual information about artists’ materials. Associated with the Intermuseum Conservation Association (ICA), based in Cleveland, Ohio, AMIEN promotes an awareness of materials in order to educate artists, encouraging them to substitute or experiment with better, more stable materials in order to reach their aesthetic goals.

Mark Gottsegen and Albert Albano are AMIEN’s cofounders and codirectors. Albano is the executive director and head paintings conservator at ICA and has worked with modern and contemporary art for more than thirty years. Gottsegen is associate professor in the Department of Art at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro and the author of The Painter’s Handbook (New York: Watson-Guptill, 2006). The following interview was conducted with Gottsegen via e-mail in March.

What were the concerns or events that led to AMIEN’s founding? The genesis of AMIEN was a slightly different idea that Albert Albano had about ten years ago: the creation of a National Foundation for the Preservation of Contemporary Art. He and I discussed the need for such an organization then, and we agreed that if we formed it we would not want academic or commercial sponsorship. Because of that, the idea lost traction. In January 2006, after seeing the huge interest in the Discussion Forums at www.thepaintershandbook.org, and after having an early-morning epiphany, I contacted a potential sponsor: Mark Golden at Golden Artist Colors. Golden Artist Colors provided a matching grant—we would have to match it—to get us started. Since AMIEN is a part of the educational mission of ICA, no further paperwork was required. I was named materials research director at ICA to formalize the relationship. Other artists and companies have made contributions to the effort, and a private foundation has promised a contribution to our research line item in June 2007. I contracted a web designer, and www.amien.org was launched in December 2006. As of mid-March, the website has averaged eight thousand individual readers a month.

How influential were the two recent ICA-organized symposia, which featured several speakers who are now on the AMIEN advisory council, to the formation of the organization? These two symposia, held at the Cleveland Institute of Art in 2003 and the National Academy in 2004, were originally conceived as a way to introduce the idea of AMIEN, which we called by a different name at the time, to our potential constituents: artists and art historians who teach, conservators, conservation scientists, curators, collectors, and museum personnel. We did not have a firm plan then, and it took another couple years for us to formulate the idea a little more vividly.

A few AMIEN advisory council members own companies that manufacture and distribute artists’ materials. How does the organization maintain a balance between the market for these products and the uses of them? AMIEN doesn’t pay attention to the market for products, except to gather technical and hands-on information about them. I am in touch with numerous manufacturers of materials in my role as chair (since 1978) of the ASTM International Standards Committee E16.

Gottsegen is a cofounder of the Art Materials Information and Education Network. Mark Gottsegen, Self-Portrait, 2004, encaustic on paper mounted on panel, 17 x 11 in. (artwork © Mark Gottsegen)
Subcommittee on Artists’ Materials, so I’m usually apprised of new developments. AMIEN doesn’t recommend products unless they are unique—this “uniqueness” lasts about a year before someone copies it—and we never recommend brands. There are several individuals, including members of the advisory council, who regularly monitor the discussion forums on the website for possible slip-ups.

But certainly it should be discussed if one brand or type of paint, ground, or clay offers poor results or decays rapidly. By not offering this information, we reinforce the fallacy that “artists will find this out on their own.” AMIEN isn’t antimarket. We just don’t have a position on any particular product. Certainly we will comment on materials that offer poor results—but only after research and confirmation from other sources (conservators with experience with those materials, for instance, or labs that provide chemical analysis). It’s possible to point out a material’s deficiencies without mentioning brand names, too: “Products containing such and such ingredients have been shown to perform poorly over time,” and so on. Even as we do not want to promote individual brands, we are also not in the business of disparaging products on the basis of unverified opinions.

There’s a large number of how-to books on different art practices such as painting, watercolor, and photography. What role can AMIEN serve apart from these practical guides? As new information is revealed and new products are introduced, published instruction and technical books and manuals become obsolete within a year. Although my own book was revised in 2006, I have already noted information in it that I would now change. The constant revision and updating of information and ideas is one of AMIEN’s basic operations.

Does AMIEN address health and safety issues for artists, art departments, and art schools? Do you separate good uses and practices for materials from their potential hazards to artists? AMIEN indeed addresses health and safety. I have already given several lectures regarding these issues. Good uses and practices are often closely tied to potential hazards; our objective is to integrate the two so that artists have a good idea not only of what’s possible, but also what’s safe to do. Sometimes artists will want to use a material or procedure that is inherently dangerous to their health, and we offer advice about how they can best protect themselves from harm. One caveat: we are not toxicologists and will not offer medical advice.

The online forum seems to be the most active part of AMIEN. How important is this dialogue for artists working today? The discussion forums, which began at www.thepaintershandsbook.org and now continue at www.amien.org, are absolutely the most active parts of AMIEN, and they are probably our most important service. Since this dialogue is missing from many schools and problematic for those artists working independently, the forums are a great resource. We try to provide information and solutions for every artist, inside or outside academia.

AMIEN also organizes workshops and lectures. We’re regularly expanding in the area of workshops and lectures. The demand is strong and continuing, given the lack of such offerings at most institutions.

The Book and Trade Fair exhibitors’ conference session, “Finding Common Ground: Understanding the Most Important Structural Part of Your Painting,” was a huge success. For those of us who didn’t attend, can you describe the major points? Sure. We addressed misconceptions about what painting grounds are (the white coating applied to the painting’s support, on which the painting is executed), what they do (separate the support from the paint and provide an evenly absorbent, toothy surface for the paint to grip), and why it’s important to consider the quality of the materials used as a ground (there are excellent grounds in the market, and some no better than the cheapest house paint—which is not a ground). I introduced the subject with a brief summary of the grounds available to artists. The manufacturers and distributors—Gamblin, Golden Artists Colors, Utrecht, Holbein, Savoir Faire, and Winsor and Newton—presented their viewpoints without promoting their individual products, and I moderated the discussion (with a whip!) to be sure there was no marketing or advocacy for a particular product. The audience seemed very interested, as many were furiously taking notes. There is obviously a demand for this kind of information; we hope to continue offering artists’ materials sessions at future CAA meetings.
New CAA Board Members

CAA members have elected four new members to the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2011: Sue Gollifer, Ken Gonzales-Day, Amy Ingrid Schlegel, and William E. Wallace.

Each new Board member’s original candidate’s statement is printed below. To read their complete biographies, go to www.collegeart.org/candidates. For a full list of current Board members and their affiliations, visit www.collegeart.org/aboutus/board.html.

SUE GOLLIFER, UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON

CAA is a pioneering organization that promotes, facilitates, and speaks for all practitioners of art, art history, and visual studies. The next four years will be an exciting but challenging period, providing fresh opportunities for artistic culture. As a senior academic in the visual arts at the University of Brighton, a leading research university in the UK that also embraces humanities, the history of art and design, critical theory, and art practice, I feel that I can bring a wealth of knowledge and experience through both my research activities and a disciplinary awareness gained through membership on various international boards and committees. In particular, I would like to address CAA’s future strategy for advocacy and communications by encouraging international partnerships through exchange, collaboration, and outreach.

KEN GONZALES-DAY, SCRIPPS COLLEGE

As a Board member, I would bring my experience as an artist, writer, researcher, and department chair. Some of my recent work on digital-library initiatives, including my role on the advisory board of the Claremont Colleges Digital Library, has made me aware that the dissemination of digital materials is one of the greatest challenges facing institutions and educators today. I would like to see CAA more actively participate in the many new digital resources being developed nationally, using its broad membership to encourage stronger collaborations while striving to make those resources available to audiences from diverse institutional, disciplinary, and cultural backgrounds. Individual artists and scholars are increasingly using new strategies for sharing their work, and many of us increasingly rely on these new technologies for teaching and research. We have only begun to explore the potential of this material for artists, scholars, and institutions.

AMY INGRID SCHLEGEL, TUFTS UNIVERSITY

As a university-based curator and professor, I stand at the nexus of many crucial issues affecting the field. I stride the worlds of academia and museums, teaching and mentoring, art historians and studio artists, scholars and administrators, directors and curators. I would like to contribute my experience to the CAA Board by helping to implement its Strategic Plan, as well as to give back to an organization that helped me early in my career. CAA’s future direction should focus on becoming the national, authoritative source for art and visual culture, providing more opportunities for emerging professionals, maintaining accessible but serious publications, enhancing exhibition opportunities for artist members, and publicly advocating for workforce, tenure, and First Amendment issues. Such a mandate would help to broaden our membership and to keep CAA vital, even in tight economic times. Concomitant with this mandate is the need to function more effectively as a unifying force that can counteract the increasing specialization and segmentation of the practice of art and the discipline of art history.

WILLIAM E. WALLACE, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

CAA has grown more inclusive during the past ten years, which has certainly been a necessary and welcome change. However, some members have felt increasingly marginalized, and some disciplines have been underserved. To continue to be a truly inclusive organization, CAA needs to encourage participation from both older and younger members, the traditional scholars and the cutting-edge artists...
and theorists. While also interested in change and adaptation, I bring a historian’s inclination to preservation. Most important, in a world increasingly disinterested in art and culture, sometimes violently so, I would encourage CAA to become more active in safeguarding our fragile patrimonies.

BOARD AND ELECTION STATISTICS

With the addition of these four, 53 percent of the seventeen voting members on the CAA Board of Directors are women, and 47 percent are men. These figures differ somewhat from the composition of the CAA membership as a whole: 62 percent women and 38 percent men. In terms of professional specialization, 47 percent of the seventeen voting members of the Board are art historians, 35 percent are visual artists, and 18 percent work in libraries, museums, or other arts-related organizations. In comparison, 31 percent of the overall membership are art historians, 38 percent are visual artists, and 31 percent work in libraries, museums, or other arts-related organizations.

A total of 1,181 ballots were cast (by mail, online, and in person at the Annual Conference) in this year’s Board election out of the 14,660 eligible individual members, an 8 percent voter response.

BOARD RESIGNATION

Coco Fusco, an artist and visiting associate professor at Columbia University in New York, has resigned from the Board. Her term was through May 2008. Her replacement will be chosen during the spring meeting of the full Board, taking place this month.

Liz Kotz Named Art Journal Reviews Editor

Liz Kotz has been appointed reviews editor of Art Journal; she began her term January 1, 2007. Kotz is an assistant professor in the Department of Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature and an affiliate member of the Graduate Faculty in Art History at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She succeeds Robin Adèle Greeley, associate professor of art history at the University of Connecticut, in the position.

Kotz received her PhD in comparative literature from Columbia University in 2002, with a dissertation on “Postwar Media Poetics from Cage to Warhol.” Her research investigates cross-disciplinary aesthetic practices that emerged in the post-WWII era, including visual art, film and video, sound art, and poetry. Her teaching and scholarship explore the relationship of these more contemporary practices to earlier twentieth-century avant-gardes and to cultural and aesthetic impacts of new technologies of recording, reproduction, and transmission. Her first book, Words to Be Looked At: Language in 1960s Art (forthcoming from MIT Press), is a critical study of uses of language in midcentury American art, examining scores and compositions by the experimental composer John Cage and tracing his impact on artists and poets in the sixties.

Kotz writes, “Contemporary art has become a vast field of activity, one that is increasingly interdisciplinary and international in scope. Art Journal aims to review important and groundbreaking books that reflect this range—potentially covering not only work from university presses and other scholarly writing, but also the exhibition catalogues, small-press publications, and artist-produced books that animate our field. Perhaps because my background is cross-disciplinary, I would like to see Art Journal address artwork and scholarship in screen-based media, sound art, and the like, as well as the myriad philosophical and theoretical perspectives that inform recent art history and criticism. Because Art Journal reaches artists, art historians, curators, and other art professionals, it plays a vital role in articulating fresh critical perspectives and bringing coherence to this dynamic, constantly changing field.”

Liz Kotz
The Bookshelf

For this column, CAA News invites a member to reflect on three books, articles, or other textual projects that currently influence his or her art, work, or scholarship.

Anne Beidler is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Art at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia. Since 1992, she has taught drawing, printmaking, and artist’s books. Her current body of work, entitled Gardens and Gateways, includes mixed-media prints and paintings that refer to unknown histories and speak metaphorically to the Chinese legend of the “red thread” that invisibly connects people through time and across distance.

Han-shan
Cold Mountain
Translated with an introduction by Burton Watson
New York: Columbia University Press, 1970

The complexity of China has always overwhelmed me. In my travels there throughout the past ten years, I have contemplated how best to engage the country’s vast history and rich visual texture. I’ve also struggled to discover common threads that connect one of the oldest cultures with the current great masses of people. On my first trip, I brought along a small book of one hundred poems by Han-shan from the T’ang Dynasty. These eighth- or ninth-century writings by the anonymous, reclusive, yet deeply socially aware Buddhist monk held many of the answers I was looking for. I have never traveled again without this volume. Below is #29:

I spur my horse past the ruined city;
The ruined city, that wakes the traveler’s thoughts:
Ancient battlements, high and low;
Old grave mounds, great and small.
Where the shadow of the single tumbleweed trembles
And the voice of the great trees clings forever,
I sigh over all those common bones—
No roll of the immortals bears their names.¹

Han-shan’s poems resonated as I visited famous spots such as the Xian Warriors, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall—and most strongly when walking down an unknown street in a city or looking out the train window across fields lit with many little fires from farmers’ brush piles. It was the unnamed souls whose presence is so very strong in these places.

Mo Yan
The Garlic Ballads
Translated by Howard Goldblatt

I have read few books that have combined such terrible anguish with pure poetic beauty as this novel. Just as Han-shan’s poetry echoes the hardscrabble life of two monks living in a cave in the mountains, Mo Yan’s book interweaves the stories of two peasant farmers in a community trying to eke out a living in the provincial Chinese countryside amidst the terrible power of government bureaucracy. Ironically, all characters remain “comrades” as neighbor turns against neighbor and father against child. The book chapters, presented out of chronological sequence, are held together by the poetic ballad of the blind minstrel Zhang Kou, who tells the story of farmers forced by their government to grow only garlic, thus creating economic and social havoc when the overabundance of their harvest renders it unmarketable.

Both Han-shan and Mo, writing centuries apart, evoke the same basic concept that is deeply rooted in Buddhist thought: life is unbearable, but in nature there is found all goodness and beauty. Mo is able to weave the most amazing descriptions of beauty into moments of incredible horror. The visual impact of his writing allows the reader to come to terms with the vast sweeping beauty of China. Through his characters, the desolate peasants, he gives names to those “common bones” of Han-shan’s poem.

Jacquelynn Baas and Mary Jane Jacob
Buddha Mind in Contemporary Art
Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004

This anthology provides significant tools to hone visions of China and complex stories and images into tangible sources of inspiration. It explains the Buddhist notion of being “present in the moment” as a way of capturing the essence of an idea. Focus on one word, one stone, one face—and the answer appears in front of you. Buddha Mind in Contemporary Art is an interesting outcome of collaborative art making and the shared dialogue of fifty colleagues who met regularly over two years for eight zenlike retreats. It gathers essays by twelve writers, including Arthur C. Danto, Laurie Anderson, and Suzanne Lacy, and publishes interviews with thirteen artists, among them Ann Hamilton, Zhang Huan, and Bill Viola. In addition to being a beautifully produced text, the book can be engaged just as one does a volume of poetry, through coming and going at leisure over a period of years.

Chair a Session in Los Angeles

General Proposal Information
CAA holds its 97th Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California, from Wednesday, February 25, to Saturday, February 28, 2009. The Annual Conference Committee invites session proposals that cover the breadth of current thought and research in art, art and architectural history, theory and criticism, pedagogical issues, museum and curatorial practice, conservation, and developments in technology.

The process of fashioning the conference program is a delicate balancing act. The 2009 program is shaped by four broad submission categories: Contemporary Issues/Studio Art, Historical Studies, Educational and Professional Practices, and Open Forms. Also included in the mix are sessions presented by affiliated societies, CAA committees, and, for balance and programmatic equity, open sessions. Most program sessions, however, are drawn from submissions by individual members, and the committee greatly depends on the participation of the CAA membership in forming the conference.

The Annual Conference Committee welcomes session proposals that include the work of established artists and scholars, along with that of younger scholars, emerging and midcareer artists, and graduate students. Particularly welcome are those sessions that highlight collaborative and interdisciplinary work. Artists are especially encouraged to propose sessions appropriate to dialogue and information exchange relevant to artists.

Sessions may bring together scholars and participants in a wide range of fields, including but not limited to: anthropology, history, economics, philosophy, religion, literary theory, and new media. In addition, the committee seeks topics that have not been addressed in recent conferences or areas that have traditionally been underrepresented.

Proposal Submission Guidelines
For the 2009 Conference, all submissions are completed online. Visit http://conference.collegeart.org/2009 after June 15, 2007, to begin your application. Prospective chairs must include the following in their proposal:
- a completed session proposal form, which
Copyright Reform Legislation

Eve Sinaiko is CAA director of publications.

The process of copyright clearance for art scholars and teachers, publishers, and artists remains burdensome but moved one step closer to improving in 2006 with the development of a proposed revision to the US Copyright Act, in the form of legislation to address the problem of so-called orphan works. These are works—texts, artworks, music, photographs, and the like—whose copyright has not yet expired but whose copyright owner cannot be found. For CAA members, some of the most common types of orphan work are images that scholars need to reproduce in articles and books, such as old photos from out-of-print magazines and anonymous artworks whose creators were never known (e.g., street graffiti).

Whether you are an art historian trying to clear permissions for pictures for a journal article or a performance artist wishing to embed some bits of old scrap film footage in a video, you have probably faced the unnerving question of whether to risk using these images even though you have been unable to locate the creator or his or her heirs—or even to identify who that creator is.

Recognizing that the extension of the term of copyright from fifty years after the creator’s death to seventy years has exacerbated this problem and created vast new numbers of orphans, the US Copyright Office worked with members of Congress in 2006 to develop legislation to address it. A wide range of stakeholders was consulted, including many CAA members, our Board of Directors, a consortium of museums and research libraries, artists’ agencies, and others. CAA, whose members are nearly all artists, rights agencies, and others.

The Annual Conference Committee considers proposals from CAA members only. Once selected, session chairs must remain current members through 2009. No one may chair a session more than once in a three-year period. (That is, individuals who chaired sessions in 2007 or 2008 may not chair a session in 2009.)

The committee makes its selection solely on the basis of merit. Where proposals overlap, CAA reserves the right to select the most considered version or, in some cases, to suggest a fusion of two or more versions from among the proposals submitted.

The committee invites open sessions—submissions from members who have not submitted proposals but whose expertise and range of knowledge would, in the committee’s opinion, be important in shaping a balanced program. In doing so, a number of factors are considered, including whether or not topics were covered in recent conferences.

Each CAA affiliated society and CAA committee may submit one proposal that follows the guidelines outlined above. A letter of support from the society or committee must accompany the submission. The Annual Conference Committee considers it, along with the other submissions, on the basis of merit.

The submission process must be completed online. Eighteen printed copies of the PDF document you receive after proposing a session must be sent by mail to: Manager of Programs, Sessions 2009, CAA, 275 Seventh Ave., 18th Floor, New York, NY 10001.


Copyright: HR 5439. The bill defined what constitutes an orphan work and limits the risk to any user of such a work, provided he or she made a reasonable, good-faith effort to find the rights holder and secure permission. The language of the bill protected active copyrights from being infringed by fake or lip-service “reasonable-efforts searches.” On the other hand, the bill protected legitimate users of such works from after-the-fact penalties if a rights holder should appear after the work was used. Despite some debates about details of the proposal, it had widespread support among many stakeholders who rarely find common ground: publishers, museums, artists, authors, rights agencies, and others.

CAA believes that the basic terms set forth in HR 5439 are sensible ones and therefore supported the initial bill strongly. Late in the 109th Congress, the bill was merged with some other legislative proposals into the Copyright Modernization Act of 2006 (HR 6052). That bill contained unrelated controversial legislation and did not leave the Judiciary Committee before the session ended.

To write good legislation takes time; to get a bill through Congress takes longer. CAA and our partners are optimistic that our legislative initiative will be supported in the 110th Congress. We will be submitting a proposal this spring or summer and hopeful that it will be substantially similar to HR 5439. However, any legislation that seeks to curb the expansion of copyright control is likely to be opposed by large commercial interests.

CAA strives to represent all our members and to take balanced positions in our advocacy work that we believe will serve your interests. Although the great majority of our members support this legislative initiative, we have heard from a few who do not. There is some concern that an orphan-works exception to copyright protection (parallel in some ways to the fair-use exception) might make it easier for infringers to shield themselves from justified lawsuits by injured rights holders. CAA strongly supports the right of artists and authors to assert and protect their copyrights; we do not believe that the proposed legislation will put rights holders at risk or protect bad-faith, fake searches for copyright holders.
Beginning this summer, CAA will post expanded information on “Intellectual Property and the Arts” on our website, including further information about proposed orphan-works legislation. If a new bill is introduced in this congressional session, and if it is well crafted, we will contact CAA members by e-mail to ask you to assist us in urging key members of the Senate and House of Representatives to support it.

February Board Meeting Report

The CAA Board of Directors approved the following items at its last meeting, held February 18, 2007:

The updated Strategic Plan for 2005–2010 was approved unanimously. The new Strategic Plan makes communication the top priority for the organization. To read the revisions, see www.collegeart.org/aboutus/priorities.html. To view the complete Strategic Plan, please visit www.collegeart.org/aboutus/priorities.html.

Jeffrey P. Cunard was reaffirmed as counsel, and John Hyland, Jr., was reaffirmed as treasurer.

Anne Collins Goodyear was elected vice president for external affairs; Dennis Ichiyama was reelected vice president for committees for a second term; Paul Jaskot was reelected vice president for publications for a second term; Susan Grace Galassi was elected vice president for Annual Conference; and Katherine Manthorne was elected secretary. Thomas DaCosta Kaufmann, Mary-Ann Milford-Lutzker, and William Tronzo were elected to the Nominating Committee. All terms are for one year.

Graduate Program Directories

CAA is now preparing new editions of the popular Directories of Graduate Programs.

2007 Nominating Committee Members

CAA’s Nominating Committee is charged with nominating candidates to the Board of Directors, interviewing candidates, and selecting the final slate of candidates. The vice president for committees chairs the Nominating Committee but does not vote on it. Members of the committee also include three Board members (but not elected officers) in their last two years of service, chosen by the Board in February 2007, as well as four at-large members selected by the prior year’s committee, one of whom is a member of that committee. All terms are for one year.

The 2007 Nominating Committee members are: Dennis Ichiyama, Purdue University, chair; CAA vice president for committees; Adelheid Gealt, Indiana University Art Museum; Arthur Jones, University of North Dakota; Thomas DaCosta Kaufmann, Princeton University, CAA Board; Mary-Ann Milford-Lutzker, Mills College, CAA Board; Denise Mullen, Purchase College, State University of New York; Sylvia Solochek Walters, San Francisco State University William L. Tronzo, independent scholar, CAA Board.

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Advocacy Update

For more information on CAA’s advocacy efforts, visit www.collegeart.org/advocacy or write to advocacy@collegeart.org.

Academic Freedom Opinion Survey
CAA encourages you to take the Academic Freedom Opinion Survey, created by the Scholars at Risk Network. The survey seeks to collect information on levels of respect for academic freedom and related values from faculty, students, staff, administrators, and alumni at higher-education institutions worldwide.

All responses are confidential. After completing the survey, you will be able to compare responses with those of other respondents around the world. You also are invited to help generate better results by sharing the survey with friends and colleagues.

The Scholars at Risk Network (SAR) is an international network of universities and colleges responding to attacks on scholars because of their words, their ideas, and their place in society, and to the repression of research, publication, teaching, and learning. SAR promotes academic freedom and defends the human rights of scholars and their communities worldwide.

To participate in the survey, please visit http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/survey07. The survey remains open through the summer, with full results to be released this fall.

Annual Conference Update

For more information about the CAA Annual Conference, visit www.collegeart.org/conference or write to Susan DeSeyn, CAA manager of programs, at sdeseyn@collegeart.org.

CAA Seeks Award Nominations
Recognize someone who has made extraordinary contributions to the fields of art and art history by nominating him or her for a CAA Award for Distinction. Award juries consider your personal letters of recommendation when making their selections. In the letter, state who you are; how you know (of) the nominee; how the nominee and/or his or her work or publication has affected your practice or studies and the pursuit of your career; and why you think this person (or, in a collaboration, these people) deserves to be recognized. We also urge you to contact five to ten colleagues, students, peers, collaborators, and/or coworkers of the nominee to write letters. The different perspectives and anecdotes from multiple letters of nomination provide juries with a clearer picture of the qualities and attributes of the candidates.

All nomination campaigns should include one copy of the nominee’s CV (limit: two pages). Nominations for book awards and exhibition awards should be for authors of books published or works exhibited or staged between September 1, 2006, and August 31, 2007. No more than ten letters per candidate are considered. For more information, write to Susan DeSeyn, CAA manager of programs, at sdeseyn@collegeart.org or consult www.collegeart.org/awards. Deadline: July 31, 2007, for the Morey and Barr Awards; August 31, 2007, for all others.

Curatorial Proposals for 2009 and 2010 Conferences
CAA invites curators to submit proposals for exhibitions whose openings coincide with CAA’s Annual Conference. The upcoming conferences are:


There are no limitations on the theme or media of work to be included in the exhibition, except that it must be a group show of contemporary art comprising about fifteen artists. CAA’s Exhibitions Committee reviews and judges proposals based on merit. CAA provides support for the exhibition with a grant of up to $10,000. An additional grant of $5,000 is available for an exhibition catalogue to be printed in sufficient numbers for distribution to all Annual Conference attendees. Preference is given to those proposals that include both an open call and some CAA members among the exhibiting artists.

Proposals must be submitted by e-mail and should include the following information:

- Name(s) of curator(s) or organizer(s), affiliation(s), and CV(s)
- A brief statement of no more than 250 words describing the exhibition’s theme and explaining any special or timely significance it may have
- Identification of the designated venue, including a brief description of the exhibition space, its staffing and security features, and the approval for this exhibition by the venue’s appropriate officer or authority; a space of no less than three thousand square feet is highly recommended
- A detailed exhibition budget for expenses and income, showing other anticipated sources of funding or in-kind support
- Please send your proposal to Emmanuel Lemakis, CAA director of programs, at elemakis@collegeart.org.

CAA News

For more information on CAA activities, visit www.collegeart.org.

caa_reviews Seeks Editor-in-Chief
The caa_reviews Editorial Board invites nominations and self-nominations for the position of editor-in-chief for a three-year nonrenewable term, July 1, 2008–June 30, 2011. This
term is preceded by six months as editor designate, January 1–June 30, 2008, and followed immediately by one year of service on the editorial board as past editor. caa.reviews is an online journal devoted to the peer review of new books, museum exhibitions, and projects relevant to the fields of art history and visual studies.

Working with the editorial board, the editor-in-chief is responsible for the content and character of the journal. He or she supervises the journal’s council of field editors, assisting them to identify and solicit reviews, reviewers, articles, and other content for the journal; develops projects; makes final decisions regarding content; and may support fundraising efforts on the journal’s behalf.

The editor-in-chief attends three annual meetings of the caa reviews Editorial Board (twice a year in New York and once at the Annual Conference) and submits an annual report to CAA’s Publications Committee. He or she also works closely with the CAA staff and receives an annual honorarium of $2,000.

Candidates must be current CAA members who have published at least one book and should not currently serve on the editorial board of a competitive journal or on another CAA editorial board or committee. Nominators should ascertain their nominee’s willingness to serve before submitting a name; self-nominations are welcome. A CV, statement by the nominee of interest in the position, and at least one letter of recommendation must accompany each nomination. Please mail to: Director of Publications, caa.reviews Editor-in-Chief Search, CAA, 275 Seventh Ave., 18th Floor, New York, NY 10001; or e-mail letters and a CV as Microsoft Word attachments to agershuny@collegeart.org, with “caa.reviews editorship” in the subject line. Finalist candidates are interviewed in October. Deadline: June 15, 2007.

CAA Seeks Publications Committee Members

Candidates must possess expertise appropriate to the committee’s work. Museum-based arts professionals and artists with an interest and experience in book, journal, or museum publishing are especially encouraged to apply.

The Publications Committee is a consultative body that meets three times a year. It advises the CAA Publications Department staff and the CAA Board of Directors on publications projects; supervises the editorial boards of The Art Bulletin, Art Journal, and caa.reviews, as well as three book-grant juries; sponsors a practicum session at the Annual Conference; and, with the CAA vice president for publications, serves as liaison to the Board, membership, editorial boards, book-grant juries, and other CAA committees.

The committee meets twice a year in New York and once at the Annual Conference. CAA reimburses members for travel and lodging expenses for the spring and fall New York meetings in accordance with its travel policy, but members pay these expenses to attend the Annual Conference. Members of all committees volunteer their services to CAA without compensation.

Candidates must be current CAA members and should not currently serve on other CAA committees or editorial boards. Applicants may not be individuals who have served as members of a CAA editorial board within the past five years. Nominators should ascertain their nominee’s willingness to serve before submitting a name; self-nominations are also welcome. Appointments are made by the CAA president in consultation with the vice president for publications.

Please mail a letter of interest, CV, and contact information to: Vice President for Publications, c/o Alexandra Gershuny, CAA, 275 Seventh Ave., 18th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Materials may also be sent to agershuny@collegeart.org (attachments must be sent in Microsoft Word). You may also contact Eve Sinaiko, CAA director of publications, at esinaiko@collegeart.org for further information. Deadline: May 30, 2007.

Affiliated Society News
For more information on CAA’s affiliated societies, visit www.collegeart.org/affiliated or write to Emmanuel Lemakis, CAA director of programs, at elemakis@collegeart.org.

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works
The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York hosted “Preserving Nam June Paik’s Video Installations: The Importance of the Artist’s Voice,” the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) session at the CAA Annual Conference. Approximately one hundred people attended.

The panel was organized by AIC and the International Network for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. The panel featured Rudolf Frieling, curator of media and electronic conservation at MoMA, discussing the ethical and philosophical issues conservators face when caring for media installations. Rudolf Frieling, curator of media...
International Art Critics Association/USA Conference Panel

Amei Wallach is an art critic and the moderator of “A Faustian Bargain? Emerging Artists, Critics, and the Market,” a session held at the CAA Annual Conference in New York.

For the past several years, critics have been viewing with misgivings the art market’s heated embrace of newly minted artists. So the rush to crown the latest MFA graduate with the spoils of fame was the subject that the board of the International Art Critics Association/USA (AICA) chose for this year’s CAA panel. We wanted a real discussion among critics, collectors, dealers, and artists that analyzed how the market operates and what role artists and critics play in it. Given the current moment, what is it that critics actually can do, we wondered.

We began by inviting young artists to join the panel, but they wisely declined—it would only have put them on the spot. With the curator Douglas Dreishpoon as CAA liaison, I chose a panel consisting of the dealer Jeffrey Deitch, the critics Peter Plagens and Jerry Saltz, and the collectors Don and Mera Rubell. So timely was the topic that crowds thronged the doorway and sat on the floor.

The AICA board had determined from the start not to present another “crisis in criticism” panel on which so many of us had participated, where everyone bemoaned the powerlessness of critics. But it came as a surprise that Saltz found it necessary to defend himself against having too much power. He did this with the wit of a standup comic; “A Faustian Bargain?” was filled with comic turns.

Our format was a Q&A between the chair and panelists in order to make this a real discussion rather than an opportunity for posturing. In response to a request for a case history—“How does the market work?”—Deitch first responded that there was no such thing as “manipulation. You present the work on its own merits.”

However, he was pleased to take credit when asked whether he had played a large role in the creation of the current market. As a vice president at Citibank in the 1980s, he initiated a program that permitted collectors to leverage the art they owned to buy more art. Not only had he done that, Deitch said, he had also affected the situation a second time in the mid-1990s when he realized that art had become entertainment, which became something of a creed at his gallery, Deitch Projects.

“And exactly what penance do you plan to do for this?” Plagens asked.

Plagens and Saltz grappled with issues of how they encounter and evaluate art; the Rubells discussed the moment when an artist’s work “speaks to us.” But in the end, the panel was what it had set out to be: an informal dissection of the market and each participant’s relationship to it. Toward the end of the session, some audience members—particularly artists—remarked that our comments had little to do with what artists actually think about when confronting their work in the studio.

The separation between art and market is increasingly obscure. The discussion about what critics can do about it has only begun.

American Society for Hispanic Art Historical Studies

The American Society for Hispanic Art Historical Studies (ASHAHS) has announced this year’s winners of its annual Photography Grant. In keeping with its mission to encourage study of the arts of Iberia, ASHAHS awards an annual grant for the acquisition of photographs by graduate students who are preparing a master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation on topics in the history of Spanish and Portuguese art and architecture. This year’s awards go to Katherine Dimitrova of the University of Pittsburgh and Michelle Swindell of the University of Texas at Dallas.

ASHAHS has also awarded the 2007 Eleanor Tufts Book Award, which celebrates scholarship in Iberian art history. This year’s cowinners are Jordana Mendelson for Documenting Spain: Artists, Exhibition Culture, and the Modern Nation, 1929–1939 (University Park: Pennsylvania University State Press, 2005); and Andrew Schulz for Goya’s Caprichos: Aesthetics, Perception, and the Body (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Art Historians Interested in Pedagogy and Technology

Art Historians Interested in Pedagogy and Technology (AHPT) is pleased to announce the winner of its first Innovative Course Design Competition. This year’s recipient, John Garton of the Cleveland Institute of Art, won for his course “Curatorial Studies: The Art of Dreams, Escape, and Reverie.” The purpose of the competition is to support and promote excellence in technology-mediated instruction and to provide a glimpse of the arts at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, then spoke about his work for the 40yearsvideoart project and on the restoration processes now available for video works. Representing MoMA were the discussants Barbara London, curator of media arts, and Glenn Wharton, special projects conservator.
Art and Psyche: Reflections on Image

A Call for Conference Proposals revolving around the mutual influence of the visual arts and psychoanalysis, especially Jungian analysis.

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Art Libraries Society of North America

The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) has announced the recipients of its 2006–7 George Wittenborn Memorial Book Award at its annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in April. The two winners are: John Oliver Hand, Catherine A. Metzger, and Ron Spronk, Prayers and Portraits: Unfolding the Netherlandish Diptych (Washington, DC: National Gallery of Art, in association with Yale University Press, 2006); and Michael Cowdry and Ned and Jody Martin, American Indian Horse Masks (Nicasio, CA: Hawk Hill Press, 2006).

Association for Latin American Art

The Association for Latin American Art (ALAA) has announced the recipient of its Bi-Annual Dissertation Award: Daniela Bleichmar for “Visual Culture in Eighteenth-Century Natural History: Botanical Illustrations and Expeditions in the Spanish Atlantic” (Princeton University, 2005). The award was given at ALAA’s annual business meeting during the CAA Annual Conference in New York. Bleichmar’s interdisciplinary work combines the history of both Spanish colonialism and botanical science with a clear analysis of images too often ignored as works of fine art. Her dissertation plots a new path to understanding these glorious images and the artists, patrons, and societies responsible for their creation. We look forward to the published version of this study, which will reach and impress readers from a number of disciplines, and to future writings by this talented colleague.

Association of Historians of American Art

New officers for the Association of Historians of American Art (AHAA) were named at its February 2007 meeting in New York. Betsy Fahiman begins her two-year term as cochair, joining Betsy Kennedy, whose time as chair continues until 2008. Charlene Garfinkle was reelected treasurer for a three-year tenure, and Melissa Dabakis accepted the position of secretary. Isabel Taube assumes the duties of newsletter editor, while Wendy Greenhouse becomes the first official webmaster. Kimberly Orcutt remains in the post of membership coordinator, Vivien Cowdry becomes outreach coordinator, and Adina Gordon becomes education coordinator. Katherine Manthorne and Leo Mazow begin their second year as publications review editors.

AHAA welcomes additional volunteers to assist in expanding different features of the website, www.ahaaonline.org.

Historians of British Art

The Historians of British Art (HBA) is pleased to announce the following awards presented at the CAA conference in February 2007.


Historians of German and Central European Art and Architecture

The Historians of German and Central European Art and Architecture (HGCEA) is sponsoring a special session for emerging scholars at the 2008 CAA Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas. HGCEA also offers a limited number of travel stipends for student members, with preference given to those presenting papers. See www.hgcea.org for information on the session and an application for the travel stipend.

Leonardo/International Society for the Arts, Sciences, and Technology

The Leonardo Education Forum (LEF) encourages CAA members to participate in an online discussion group, “Educating Artists for the Future,” moderated by Mel Alexenberg and hosted by Your Arts Science Mediterranean International Network (YASMIN). YASMIN is a network of artists, scientists, engineers, theoreticians, and institutions promoting communication and collaboration in art, science, and technology around the Mediterranean Rim. For more information, visit www.media.uoa.gr/yasmin.

New Media Caucus
The New Media Caucus (NMC) held its fifth annual meeting at the CAA conference in New York. Because the membership now exceeds 350, the caucus’s president, Gwyan Rhabyt, announced plans to expand NMC’s popular conference sessions and other related events from the four held this year to five or more in future years.

NMC committee chair complaints were elected for the coming year, including Leslie Raymond as chair of the Exhibitions Committee, who promised an exciting show for Dallas next year.

Full details about all NMC activities are found at www.newmediacaucus.org; or join the caucus e-mail list by sending a message to gwyan.rabbyt@csueastbay.edu.

Society for Photographic Education
The Society for Photographic Education seeks proposals from photographers, writers, educators, curators, historians, and professionals from other fields for its forty-fifth national conference, “Agents of Change: Art and Advocacy,” taking place March 13–16, 2008, in Denver, Colorado. Proposals are requested that explore the ways artists respond to the local and global challenges that are reshaping politics, cultures, economies, and the planet, and that acknowledge the following questions: As educators, artists, and scholars, what has been the historical impact of our advocacy? What role will we play in shaping the future? The 2008 proposal form is available at www.spenational.org. Deadline: June 1, 2007.

Society of Architectural Historians
In December 2006, the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) received a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to plan an online edition of the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians (JSAH) and to develop the expansion of the SAH Image Exchange, an online collection of more than four thousand architectural images available for educational uses. The grant of $323,000 marks a new era in which the society can explore mechanisms for creating and presenting both digital scholarship and digital pedagogical tools. Research related to the grant takes place during the next eighteen months, resulting in a set of recommendations for next steps.

Southern Graphics Council
The Southern Graphics Council (SGC) would like to recognize individuals that received awards at the annual SGC conference, held this year in Kansas City, Missouri. Lifetime Achievement: Xu Bing; Printmaker Emeritus: Karen Kunc; Teaching Excellence: Hugh Merrill; Honorary Member of the Council: Carol Pulin; KCAC President’s Award of Distinction: Jack Lemmon.
Solo Exhibitions by Artist Members

Only artists who are CAA members are included in this listing; group shows are not published. Please send your name, member number, venue, city and state, dates of exhibition (no earlier than 2007), title of show, and medium(s). You may also send digital images of the work in the exhibition; include the title, date, medium, and dimensions, as well as a statement granting permission to CAA to publish your image. E-mail to caanews@collegeart.org.

Mid-Atlantic


Midwest


Northeast


Thea Reidy. Untitled Blue: Vortex, 2006, monotype with chine collé, 30 x 26 in. (artwork © Thea Reidy)


Babette Martino, Vision of the Cantaloupe Girl, 2006, gouache hand-painting on inkjet print, 16 x 48 in. (artwork © Babette Martino)
Mary Williams, The Face, 2005, graphite on paper, 41 x 40 in. (artwork © Mary Williams)


South


West


Michele Jaquis. South La Brea Gallery, Inglewood, CA, March 16–April 7, 2007. We do not have to inherit everything they leave for us. Video and digital photography.


Books Published by CAA Members

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Michael Amy. One to One, Conversation avec Tony Oursler (Brussels: Facteur Humain, 2006).


David Clarke. Hong Kong x 24 x 365: A Year in the Life of a City (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2007).


Jack Wasserman. La Pietà di Michelangelo a Firenze (Florence: Mandragora, 2006).
Exhibitions Curated by CAA Members

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People in the News

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Academe

Rebecca Allan, formerly curator of education at the National Academy Museum in New York, has been named director of public programs at the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design, and Culture, also in New York.

Michaël Amy has been promoted to associate professor of the history of art in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY.

Joanna Frueh, formerly professor of art history at the University of Nevada, Reno, has been appointed distinguished professor in the School of Art at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Lynn Hershman Leeson has been appointed chair of the Film Department at the San Francisco Art Institute in California.

Joachim Pissarro, curator of painting and sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, has returned to Hunter College, City University of New York, as Besshad Professor of Art History and director of the school’s 2 art galleries.

Adrian W. B. Randolph has been appointed Leon E. Williams Professor of Art History at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH.

Jane Smith has been named chair of the BFA Interior Design Department at the School of Visual Arts in New York.

Terry Smith, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Contemporary Art History and Theory at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, has been appointed visiting professor in the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Sydney in Australia, where he will teach a design workshop on contemporary architecture during July and August for a 3-year term.

Museums and Galleries

Ladan Akbarnia has been named Hagop Kevorkian Associate Curator of Islamic Art at the Brooklyn Museum in New York.

Patrick Amsellim, formerly a curator at the Rosenzweig Center for Contemporary Art in Malmö, Sweden, has been appointed associate curator of photography at the Brooklyn Museum in New York.

Anne J. Barlow, formerly curator of education and media programs at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York, has been named executive director of Art in General, also in New York.

Michael Beam, an adjunct faculty member in the Theater and Fine Art Department at Niagara University in Lewiston, NY, has been appointed curator of exhibitions and collections at the university’s Castellanl Art Museum.

Phillip Bruno has retired as director of Marlborough Gallery in New York, where he has worked since 1989.

Joan Cummins, formerly assistant curator in the Department of the Arts of Asia, Oceania, and Africa at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, has been appointed Lisa and Bernard Selz Curator of Asian Art at the Brooklyn Museum in New York.

Robert Fitzpatrick, Pritzker Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, IL, has announced plans to leave the museum in 2008.

Madhuvanti Ghose, lecturer in South Asian art and architecture at the University of London and fellow at the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford University, has been named associate curator of Indian, Southeast Asian, Himalayan, and Islamic art at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Trudy C. Kramer, director of the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton, NY, for 26 years, will step down at the end of 2007.

Steven Nash, formerly director of the Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas, TX, has been appointed executive director of the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Springs, CA.

Charles E. Pierce, Jr., has announced that he will retire from his position as director of the Morgan Library and Museum in New York at the end of this year, after serving for more than 20 years.

João Ribas, a freelance art critic and curator, has been appointed curator of contemporary art at the Drawing Center in New York.

Emily Sano, director of the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco in California, has announced her retirement. She will work at the museum through the end of the year.

Christine Sciacca has been appointed assistant curator in the Department of Manuscripts at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, CA.

A. T. Stephens, a teacher at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, DC, has been named director of the Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh, an institution that has recently merged with North Carolina State University.

Lee Allison Vedder, formerly Henry Luce Curatorial Fellow in American Art at the New-York Historical Society, has been named director of collections and exhibitions at the Allentown Art Museum in Allentown, PA.
Organizations

Max Marmor, formerly director of collection development at ARTstor, has been named president of the Samuel Kress Foundation, succeeding Marilyn Perry.

Deborah B. Reeve has been appointed executive director of the National Art Education Association, succeeding Thomas A. Hatfield, who led the association for 22 years.

C. Brian Rose, curator-in-charge of the Mediterranean Section at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and James B. Pritchard Professor of Archaeology in the Department of Classical Studies, has been elected president of the Archaeological Institute of America for a 4-year term.

Christine L. Sundt, a visual-resources consultant and educator, has been named editor of Visual Resources Journal.

Francis Wahlgren has been appointed international specialist head of the Books and Manuscripts Department at Christie’s in New York.

Grants, Awards, and Honors

Outstanding Achievement in Graphic Communication by the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY.

Michael J. Beam, curator of exhibitions and collections at the Castellani Art Museum at Niagara University in Lewiston, NY, has received the Active Learning Teaching Grant Award by his school’s Committee for College Teaching and Learning.

James Cahill, professor emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley, has been honored by his former school with an exhibition and 2-day symposium focusing on his lasting contribution to the study of Asian art. The symposium, entitled “Returning to the Shore: A Scholarly Symposium in Honor of James Cahill,” took place April 27–28, 2007; the exhibition “Honoring a Tradition, Honoring a Teacher: A Tribute to James Cahill” continues through May 27 at the Berkeley Museum/Pacific Film Archive.

Christina Craig has been awarded best of show for her work Supreme (Like Gravity) in the Artist Council 38th Annual National Juried Exhibition (like Gravity) at the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Springs, CA.

Hilda Green Desmoky has been awarded an Arts Alive Artist Grant by the Westchester Arts Council for her artist project, “Creating an Exhibition of the Bronx River as a Great Community Resource in Westchester,” which includes her paintings. The grant was made possible with funding from the Decentralization Artist Tier Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

Mark Iwinski has received a 2006 Constance Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts in the works on paper category. The foundation annually awards grants of $5,000 to writers and visual artists who live in the central and western counties of New York state.

Penny Howell Jolly, professor of art history and William R. Kenan Chair for Liberal Arts at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, has received the Ralph A. Ciancio Prize for 2006–7. Awarded annually since 2001, the prize recognizes excellence in teaching.

Jean-François Prat has been appointed a chercheur invité by the Fondation de France to work at the Institute National d’Histoire de l’Art in Paris in May.

Jeffrey Marshall, Looking for Hope, 18 Months after Katrina, 2007, conté and pastel on paper, 54 x 58 in. (artwork © Jeffrey Marshall)
2007. He has also been named a fellow at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, NC, for the academic year 2007–8.

Graeme Sullivan, chair of the Department of Arts and Humanities at Columbia University’s Teachers College in New York, has been selected by the National Art Education Association (NAEA) to receive the 2007 Lowenfeld Award, which recognizes an NAEA member who over the years has made significant contributions to art education.

Creative Capital and the Andy Warhol Foundation have announced the recipients of the inaugural Arts Writers Grant Program. CAA members include: Julia Bryan-Wilson, Susan Cahan, T. J. Demos, Grant Kester, Tom McDonough, John Peffer, and Reiko Tomii.

The Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation has awarded grants to the following CAA institutional members: the Institut National d’Histoire de l’Art in Paris; the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; the Art Institute of Chicago in Illinois; and the Musée d’Art Américain Giverny in Giverny, France.

Obituaries

Jean Baudrillard, an influential French critic and philosopher, died March 6, 2007, in Paris after a long illness. He was 77.

Often associated with postmodernism, Baudrillard wrote more than 50 books that tackled subjects from race and gender to literature and art to 9/11. His theory about the simulacra, in which simulated experience drained of authenticity and meaning replaces real, lived existence, was first described in his 1983 essay, “Simulacra and Simulations.” This hyperreality is caused both by physical places such as shopping malls and amusement or theme parks and by the abundance of mediated imagery from TV news, print publications, and film. Baudrillard also criticized a consumer culture in which people acquired goods not from need but rather because of status. His influence was widely felt on American artists in the 1980s and later, among them Peter Halley, Jeff Koons, and Haim Steinbach, and on mainstream culture through movies such as The Matrix. Baudrillard was also a photographer whose work was exhibited and published widely.

Born in Reims, Baudrillard studied at the University of Paris IV Sorbonne and earned a doctorate in sociology from the University in Paris, Nanterre. He published his first book, System of Objects, in 1968. Among his other books are The Consumer Society: Myths and Structures (1970); America (1986); The Spirit of Terrorism: And Requiem for the Twin Towers (2002); and The Conspiracy of Art (2005).

Baudrillard retired from teaching at the University of Paris X, Nanterre, in 1987 and devoted his time to writing, commentary, and theoretical work.

Maurice E. Cope, professor emeritus of art history at the University of Delaware, died peacefully from pancreatic cancer at his home in Newcastle, DE, on February 26, 2007. He was 81.

A veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific on a minesweeper, Cope later attended the University of Chicago, where he received his master’s degree (1949) and PhD (1965) in art history. He taught at Valparaiso University, the University of Chicago, Pomona College, Ohio State University, and, for the final 20 years of his career, the University of Delaware. There he received the E. Wayne Craven Excellence in Teaching Award. His articles appeared in various academic journals, and his well-regarded book, The Venetian Chapel of the Sacrament in the Sixteenth Century, was published in 1979. He also wrote an extended, affectionate essay in 1991 on the drawings of his colleague Philipp Fehl, a fellow specialist in Italian Renaissance art and a longtime friend, in Birds of a Feather, an exhibition catalogue for the University of Illinois’ Krannert Art Museum.

Recipient of a fellowship for study in Italy in the early 1950s, Cope returned to Florence for 18 months in 1967–68, assisting in the effort to restore the great works of art that were damaged in the floods that occurred there in late 1966.

He led a happy life, traveling extensively in Europe and enjoying a deep interest in art, classical music, ballet, and especially opera. He was fluent in Italian and also spoke French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Latin, and Russian.

—Alan Fern, director emeritus, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution

Kristin Fedders, a scholar of American art and design, died November 26, 2006, in Fort Wayne, IN, at the age of 39.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, she attended the University of Indiana in Bloomington, where she achieved BA and MA degrees in art history and met her future husband, William Fedders. While raising their son Miles, born in 2002, she completed her PhD in art history in 2005 at the University of Pennsylvania with the dissertation “Pop Art at the 1964/65 New York World’s Fair.” Fedders taught at several prestigious institutions, including Lake Forest College, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and Indiana University—Purdue University at Indianapolis. She taught full-time at Earhart College in Richmond, IN, from 1999 to 2004, and at the University of Saint Francis’s School of Creative Arts in Fort Wayne, IN, from 2005 to 2006. She received many fellowships and grants, including Ford-Knight Collaborative Research Grants, Earhart College (2002, 2004); a Travel Fellowship from the Henry Luce Foundation (1998); and a William Penn Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania (1994–98). She oversaw the Earhart College Art Collection from 1999 to 2004 and was an assistant curator and registrar for the Union League Club of Chicago from 1997 to 1998.

Fedders’s research interests included Pop art, democratized contemporary design, vernacular architecture, and Quaker visual culture. Among her recent publications are “All, Very Fast—and going to the Very Dogs!”, Marcus Mote’s Visual Advises” in Winterthur Portfolio 39, nos. 2–3 (Summer/Autumn 2004) and “Jet-Man Meets Cover Girl at F-II: Gender and Technology in James Rosenquist’s F-111” in Genders (October 2006). She also curated and wrote catalogue essays for ‘All, Very Fast—and going to the

Institutional News

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The International Association of Art Critics/USA has announced the recipients of its 2005–6 annual awards for the best exhibitions of the season. The winning CAA institutional members and their exhibitions are: the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art in California for The Art of Richard Tuttle (second place for the best monographic museum show nationally); the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC; and the Museum of Modern Art in New York for Dada (first place for the best thematic museum show nationally); and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam for Vincent Van Gogh: The Drawings (for best historical show).

The Laguna College of Art and Design in Laguna Beach, CA, has partnered with the Florence Academy of Art in Italy to offer an exchange program for students at both schools.

The Terra Foundation for American Art has awarded grants to the following CAA institutional members: the Institut National d’Histoire de l’Art in Paris; the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; the Art Institute of Chicago in Illinois; and the Musée d’Art Américain Giverny in Giverny, France.

END NOTES
Very Dogs: Artists of Wayne County (2004) and Poetic Woodlands: The Art of John Elwood Bundy (2002) at the Wayne County Historical Museum; and for Mary Hackney Wicker, Midwestern Impressionist at the Sonnenschein Gallery, Lake Forest College.

She is remembered as a challenging and passionate teacher and a voice of conservative values and reason. To honor her life as an educator and scholar, the University of Saint Francis has established the Kristin Fedders Art History Scholarship. —William Ganis, Wells College; and Esperanza Camara, University of Saint Francis

Thomas A. Hatfield, director of the National Art Education Association (NAEA) from 1984 to 2007, died January 7, 2007, at the age of 65. In his early career, Hatfield taught art in elementary and secondary schools in West Virginia. In 1967–71, he was art coordinator at Shepherd College’s Curriculum Improvement Center in Shepherdstown, WV. From 1971 to 1984, he was the first state art consultant for South Carolina’s Department of Education, where he greatly increased the number of art programs. Legislation that required every elementary school to have an art teacher was among his most important achievements.

Hatfield joined NAEA in 1974, where he served in a number of positions, including national director of the Supervision and Administration Division. He also was a member of the Professional Standards Committee; the Manuel Barkan Award Committee; the editorial board of Art Education; and the Distinguished Awards Committee (chair). In 1981 he received the NAEA Art Educator of the Year Award.

Hatfield advised many education projects and lectured widely. His book An Art Teacher in Every School? A Political Leadership Resource for Art Educators was published in 1983; his writing on art and education has also appeared in numerous journals.

Jules Olitski, one of the most innovative postwar American painters and a dazzling colorist, died of cancer on February 4, 2007, in New York at age 84. He lived in Islamorada, FL, and Meredith, NH.

Olitski was also an inventive sculptor and printmaker and an influential teacher. He was initially trained in New York as an academic realist—"I wanted to paint like Rembrandt," he often said—but began to make heavily impastoed monochromatic abstractions while studying in Paris on the GI Bill. He then abandoned exaggerated physicality after returning to the US. While teaching at Bennington College in the early 1960s, he arrived at the radiant, color-based abstractions that established his reputation. These luminous, economical pictures realized Olitski’s often-quoted desire "to spray color in the air and have it remain there." The seductive, subtly infused spray paintings both helped to define Color Field painting and suggested new possibilities of what an abstract picture could be, seeming to test how sparse a painting could be without sacrificing its ability to move us.

Enthusiastic critical response to these works led to Olitski’s inclusion in the 1966 Venice Biennale, the 1967 Tokyo Biennial, Documenta IV in Kassel in 1968, and many other prestigious exhibitions. In 1969, a show of his polychrome sculptures made him one of the first living Americans ever exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, circulated a major retrospective in 1973.

Over the following decades, Olitski explored permutations of his expansive, emptied-out canvases, experimenting with the newest acrylic-paint technology. At times he emphasized texture at the expense of color, as though rethinking his early impastos; at other times, he combined aggressively worked surfaces with nacreous, iridescent hues. These dramatic, opaque paintings appeared to translate the chiaroscuro of old-master painting (and Olitski’s earliest training) into abstract language.

For more than half a century, from the late 1950s through 2007, Olitski worked constantly, exploring new materials and methods (and complaining of the noise of the unlikely power tools—leaf blowers, for example—he sometimes coopted for his experiments). He celebrated his 80th birthday by exhibiting With Love and Disregard series, as muscular and raucous as his earlier spray paintings were ethereal.

With their tides and clots of dazzling color, these pictures hovered on the brink of garishness, even incoherence, at the same time that they were compelling, implausibly
Thanks to Academic/Corporate Institutional Members

The following institutional members belong to CAA at the highest level. For more information about membership and benefits at the academic/corporate level, visit www.collegeart.org/membership/institution.html or contact CAA Member Services at members@collegeart.org.

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sensuous, and clearly the result of long experience. Only a lifetime of making and thinking about paintings could have generated work so different to ordinary notions of beauty (and that much maligned idea, taste) and so confident. To the end, Olitski continued to produce astonishing paintings embodying forces of nature: weather, light, seasons, sex. They are what late-style works are supposed to be: audacious, informed by accumulated knowledge, intol erant of the expected or the familiar.

After Olitski’s funeral in Vermont, on a bitter February day, his friends and family gathered at the Brattleboro Museum, where a group of his last paintings was installed. Outrageous, vibrant, and beautiful, they brought their irrepressible author to life and made us wonder what he would have done next.

—Karen Wilkin, independent scholar

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Awards, Grants, Honors

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Different Visions: A Journal of New Perspectives on Medieval Art is an electronic, open access, peer-reviewed publication focusing on studies of medieval visual culture approached through contemporary theoretical frameworks, including but not limited to: feminist and gender analysis, historiography, semiotics, postcolonialism, and queer theory. For more details about the journal’s mission and its submission guidelines, please contact: Rachel Dressler, Editor-in-Chief, Art Dept., FA 214, University at Albany, Albany, NY 12222; 518-442-4021; dressler@albany.edu; www.differentvisions.org. Deadline: August 31, 2007.

En Foco’s New Works Photography Awards is open to US artists of Latino, African, and Asian heritage, and Native peoples of the Americas and the Pacific. The juror (TBA) selects 3 winners and 2 honorable mentions based on in-depth fine art or documentary work; no entry fee is required. Participants receive an honorarium, technical assistance, photo-related goods, an artist’s page on www.enfoco.org, an article in Nueva Luz, and a New York exhibition in spring or summer 2008. Guidelines are available at www.enfoco.org. For more information, call 718-931-9311 or write to info@enfoco.org. Deadline: July 2, 2007.

Calls for Papers

Working Girls: Women’s Cultural Production during the Interwar Years is a 2-day symposium hosted by Saint Mary’s College of California and the University of San Francisco, taking place October 19–20, 2007. The period between the 2 World Wars presented exciting opportunities and intense social and political struggles for international women working in the arts and other forms of cultural production. Many women across Europe and North America embraced the long-awaited prospect of emancipation in the form of suffrage and increased employment in the public and private spheres. This interdisciplinary symposium seeks proposals for papers that explore not only the many facets of what it meant to be a “working girl” involved in cultural production during this time, but also economic depression and backlash of conservative attitudes. Inquiries about the symposium should be submitted to Anna Novakov at anovakov@stmarys-ca.edu. Deadline: June 1, 2007.

Loyola National Works on Paper is an art competition/exhibition held July 27–September 7, 2007, at the Crown Center Gallery, Loyola University Chicago. The juror is Dan Addington, director of Gwendajay/Addington Gallery in Chicago. Entry fee is $20 for 1–3 entries, or $30 for 4–6 entries. Entries should be either slides or a CD with JPEG files scanned no larger than 300 dpi. Eligible media include drawing, printmaking, painting, photography, and digital and mixed media. No works larger than 40 inches can be accepted due to space restrictions. E-mail inquiries to: tparker1@luc.edu or send materials and SASE to: Crown Center Gallery, Loyola University Chicago, 1001 W. Loyola Ave., 2nd Fl., Chicago, IL 60626. Deadline: June 22, 2007.
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May 30, 2007
Deadline for nominations and self-nominations for the CAA Publications Committee.

June 1, 2007
Deadline for 2008 Annual Conference session chairs to notify applicants of their acceptance or rejection of proposals for papers.

Deadline for the CAA director of programs to receive session roster and audiovisual request forms from 2008 Annual Conference session chairs.

June 15, 2007
Deadline for nominations and self-nominations for the position of caa.reviews editor-in-chief.

Acceptance of session proposals for the 2009 Annual Conference in Los Angeles accepted

July 10, 2007
Deadline for submissions to the September 2007 issue of CAA News.

July 31, 2007
Deadline for nominations for the 2008 Charles Rufus Morey Book Award and the Alfred Barr, Jr., Award.

August 31, 2007
Deadline for nominations for the 2008 Awards for Distinction.

September 1, 2007
Deadline for curatorial proposals for the CAA Annual Exhibition at the 2009 Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

Deadline for session proposals for the 2009 Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

September 7, 2007
Deadline for 2008 Annual Conference session chairs to receive final abstracts from speakers.

September 10, 2007
Deadline for submissions to the November 2007 issue of CAA News.

October 1, 2007
Deadline for fall submissions to the Millard Meiss Publication Fund.

Deadline for submissions to the Wyeth Foundation for American Art Publication Grant.

November 10, 2007
Deadline for submissions to the January 2008 issue of CAA News.

December 1, 2007
Deadline for 2008 Annual Conference session chairs to receive final texts of papers from speakers.

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96th CAA Annual Conference in Dallas–Fort Worth.

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In the Institutional News section of the March issue, CAA News named only one of two winners of the 2006 Award for Excellence in Scholarly Research and Publication, presented by the Southeastern College Art Conference. The Radford University Art Museum shared the award for An Expanding Universe: Makers and Viewers of Seventeenth-Century Prints (Radford, VA : Radford University Art Museum, 2006), written by Donald Schrader and edited by Preston Thayer.

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