

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

At the University of Michigan Museum of Art we are actively seeking to expand the use of our collection for university teaching and research. A grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation enables us to provide faculty and graduate students with direct and personalized assistance with collections searches, object research, and curriculum development, as well as with accessing the art with classes or for research.

We are particularly interested in promoting creative, interdisciplinary approaches to teaching with visual and material culture and in assisting innovative use of our collection by faculty and graduate students who work in academic units that do not regularly work with art objects. We would like to inquire about any opportunities that the \_\_\_\_\_ might have, such as a faculty, graduate student, or instructor coordination meeting, at which the Mellon Academic Coordinator, David Choberka, and Mellon Collections Assistant, Anne Drozd, could provide a brief presentation and answer questions about UMMA's collection and about the assistance that they can offer with researching and accessing it.

If your program is interested in hosting us for a session any time in the coming academic year, please respond to David, and we'll arrange a time.

Sincerely,  
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