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2020-2021
smith college museum of art
the year in review
SCMA's core values

The following are values SCMA staff strive to uphold in our internal work culture and in interactions with our visitors, partners and collaborators.

Connect art and people

We embrace the intellectual and creative potential of art and artists to open dialogue and inspire curiosity.

Share authority

We prioritize opportunities to elevate and amplify diverse perspectives and voices—especially those of young people and students of all ages.

Listen actively

We endeavor to listen actively with a commitment to continued transformation.

Question and change our practices

We acknowledge that, historically, art museums, including ours, have centered on the lives and creations of a few to the exclusion of the many and have been built through colonialism and exploitation. We engage in active self-reflection and change to develop practices that resist racism, white supremacy and inequality within our museum and the broader field.

Learn and adapt

We support a culture of ongoing and proactive learning for staff and seek to explore critical histories about art in dialogue with our audiences.

Be compassionate

We strive to practice compassion in our interactions with fellow staff, museum visitors and other collaborators.

Information on how these core values were developed.
the making of a museum

from the director

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, we found ourselves in new territory, asking the question: What is a museum when it’s not a physical place? Like everyone everywhere, SCMA spent much of 2020 and 2021 adapting, reimagining and innovating as we interrogated our identity and existential issues like this one.

Today, although we continue to adapt, reimag ine and innovate, we also have a new perspective. We have experienced how, regardless of brick-and-mortar status, a museum is very much about community—about shared commitments and connection, access and participation, and coming together in ways that spark inquiry and delight. This year’s SCHEMA recognizes some of the many ways we maintained our community during the pandemic that were not only true to our mission but in fact advanced us as an institution.

In addition to learning how to function as a digital museum, we used the disruption to dig even deeper into the idea of "making a museum" that we talked about last year as we celebrated our first century and launched our second. This involved many hours of critical thinking and meaningful collaboration across all departments. As part of this process, we articulated and published a set of core values for our work—grounding principles that are at once anchor and aspiration.

We continue to devote ourselves to connecting people to art, ideas and each other and have committed, and recommitted, to doing this in ways that reflect and connect with who we want to be. Making sure we are sharing authority and bringing more voices into the conversation is a core value. Learning and adapting is another, and although the
pandemic made this a necessity, we as a staff are committed to maintaining that posture of flexibility and seeing it as a strength rather than a challenge. Active listening, along with a culture of compassion and self-inquiry, enhance our understanding of why we’re doing what we’re doing and who we’re doing it for. Indeed, these are just a few of the critically important things we are thinking and talking about as we emerge from a tumultuous time and develop and deploy tools that can help us build a more equitable, inclusive museum. It is an ongoing process, one that involves every member of the staff, and it has been extraordinary to see us all come together and contribute, with a shared commitment to our audiences and one another.

It is striking that this deep connection happened while we were all working remotely and physically apart from each other. Although at first that may seem surprising, we were quite intentional about the need to maintain community during this time. As a staff, we recognized how important this is to the work we do and learned new ways of showing up for each other in the absence of casual conversations and spontaneous encounters.

Similarly, although our access to audiences and programs was limited in the pandemic, it also created new possibilities. It was a delight at the end of a day to attend a program at MoMA or log on and discover our colleagues at another museum doing great work. There was comfort in navigating the unknown in real time with other institutions, all of us learning from each other along the way. And it was a unique opportunity to observe and engage in ways that helped to inform and refine our own approach to visual art in a virtual world, and to the making of our museum.

All of this ties into who we want to be as we reflect on our past and imagine our future—themes explored in SCMA ThenNowNext, our anniversary exhibition installed in the summer of 2020 as soon as some of us were able to get back into the building. We faced real questions about putting up an exhibition that people couldn’t come and see, but ultimately we decided that it would enable us to have the galleries ready for whenever we could welcome visitors again and to facilitate virtual teaching in the meantime. In addition, it led to the development of
A new online exhibition module on SCMA’s website. Many thanks to the marketing and communications department’s Martha Ebner, who collaborated closely with our web developer, and curators Yao Wu and Danielle Carrabino, who worked to adapt exhibition content from description-driven to a full online experience that allows users to engage with ideas as well as information.

Our ability to adapt quickly was aided by SCMA’s redesigned, robust website, which provides an essential platform for sharing information. Associate Director of Marketing and Communications Margi Caplan was instrumental in making this happen; she and Martha moved with alacrity to develop new elements of the site, including “SCMA from Home,” which enables people to access and appreciate our content in new, compelling ways. A longtime member of our leadership team, Margi retired this year after 22 years with SCMA. Her impact on the institution is undeniable, and although we are sorry to say goodbye, we are incredibly grateful that she left us so well positioned to do our work in new ways.

In addition to inspiring new facets of our online offerings, SCMA’s redesigned, robust website, which enables people to access and appreciate our content in new, compelling ways, provides a new platform for sharing information and promoting the museum’s mission.

Resources remotely, they found a delightful silver lining: the availability of expert art conservators and scientists around the country, now easily able to join the conversation, who greatly enriched the learning experience. Once again, an obstacle turned into an opportunity.

Prior to the pandemic, I am not sure we necessarily recognized just how limited we were at times by space and place; it has been wonderful to be able to connect virtually with those from around the world who are interested in what we are doing and looking to engage more deeply from afar. One enjoyable aspect of this has been bringing people behind the scenes of the museum, with programs and conversations that shed light on how we do our work. As part of this, we expanded our blog to include a wider variety of viewpoints; one of our most popular posts to date is by SCMA Assistant Preparator Matt Cummings about materiality and technical processes that includes step-by-step instructions for a do-it-yourself project inspired by a cyanotype by Anna Atkins in the collection.

In other behind-the-scenes work, we are in the midst of two significant initiatives with a common goal to improve and maintain access to the collection, albeit in different ways. In late 2019, the Five College Consortium received a two-year planning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to assess the consortium’s collections database in order to better understand how it is used internally, as a tool by the partner museums, and externally, by those exploring our collections. Although temporarily thwarted by COVID-19, that project is now well underway and involves a steering committee of collections stewards from the partner museums and other research collections across the five colleges. One goal is to identify the next software system to manage all this rich data, but we also recognize that the system is only as good as the content driving it, and so much of our efforts are focused on creating consistency across collections, understanding the needs of our users and facilitating ease of discovery. How do we ensure we are using culturally specific language to describe culturally specific artwork, for example? And, importantly, how do we make it easier to find? Our cataloguing practices have not kept pace with institutional priorities, and this is an exciting opportunity to align the two.

The other project that will dramatically improve access to the collection is SCMA’s storage renovation, which resumed in spring 2021 after being put on hold last year, and we are very grateful to the college for moving forward with this capital undertaking that will improve and expand our storage capacity for the Cunningham Center for Prints, Drawings and Photographs. Our collection has grown enormously in the 18 years since the museum reopened, now numbering more than 28 thousand works, with the majority of those being works on paper. This project allows us to keep the art on site for its continued access and use and also includes the very visible benefit of a beautiful new seminar and study room.
we have moved forward and restructured to create preparing to welcome visitors once again, however, area, when COVID-19 made it all moot for a time. In these issues, looking at our staffing and working the museum. We had already begun thinking about safety and guest services in ways that are welcome- “front-of-house” operations and how to structure drawings received as a bequest of Carol Selle ’54, façade facing Elm street.

Another way we are working to enhance the visitor experience has to do with what we call our “front-of-house” operations and how to structure safety and guest services in ways that are welcoming and more integrated into the overall work of the museum. We had already begun thinking about these issues, looking at our staffing and working with an outside consultant with expertise in this area, when COVID-19 made it all moot for a time. In preparing to welcome visitors once again, however, we have moved forward and restructured to create two teams: a safety team, focused on the safety of individuals and art, and a visitor experience team, which includes gallery assistants who provide visitors with an engaging, safe and comfortable experience. We have maintained some part-time unbefitted, or “casual,” roles for those who value that flexibility and have added new full-time and benefited positions as well. Museum Store Manager Justin Thomas has capably stepped into the role of acting visitor experience manager, bringing incredible customer service skills and energy to the position. He has partnered with Ann Mayo, Security Manager, to hire and train front of house staff and help build a work culture informed by our core values.

Our commitment to diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion figures prominently in the strategic plan adopted in 2017, and yet the racial justice reckoning in the spring of 2020 brought about by the brutal murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and too many others added a new sense of urgency to our work. We have heard the call and embraced the need to look hard at our own history and practices and make substantive, sustainable change. As part of that, we allocated resources to work with an outside partner to help us audit the work we have been doing. I am pleased to say that we have hired a terrific team of consultants, Tanya Williams and Bari Katz, and are currently formalizing the plan for our work together around building a more equitable and inclusive institution.

Issues of social justice surfaced in An Impressing Number of Times, an outdoor exhibition of banners designed by Amanda Williams that was the first phase of a commission that grew out of her 2019 residency. The project explores how campus traditions create and transmit forms of belonging. When we first conceived of this work, we had no idea it would serve as an external display at a time when the museum’s galleries were closed. Inspired by and in dialogue with the Black Lives Matter banners that hang prominently on many of Smith’s residential houses, An Impressing Number of Times delves into questions of identity and expression, prompting a range of online programs and wonderful, rich dialogue that we look forward to continuing when we welcome the artist back to campus for the second and third phases of the project this year. In all, it is a lovely example of the opportunities that online engagement affords and the interplay of site-specific work and the digital space, which will continue as the project unfolds.

Returning to the question of who we are if not a physical place: In one of the most powerful illustrations of how community makes a museum, we had a phenomenally successful membership campaign last fall, thanks in large part to the generosity, leadership and vision of our Museum Visiting Committee, Right from the start of the pandemic, this advisory group, made up mostly of alumnae, has been concerned with everyone’s welfare and actively involved in supporting SCMA through this challenging time. They not only helped us think about the making of our museum in big-picture ways, but they also stepped forward with material help in the form of a membership challenge and matching gifts totaling nearly $60,000. This tangible expression of support boosted both our bottom line and our spirits and affirmed that museum membership is about so much more than free admission for a finite period of time. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Museum Visiting Committee for this greatest of gifts.

As things stood at the time of this writing, we had no idea how accurately our rhetoric of “making a museum” would prove to be as we were forced to reimagine our work. Among the profound takeaways is a reminder that there is a constancy to art and the opportunities it affords us for human understanding, introspection, solace—and, of course, connection—that transcend any building.

Among the profound takeaways (of “making a museum”) is a reminder that there is a constancy to art and the opportunities it affords us for human understanding, introspection, solace—and, of course, connection—that transcend any building. And we were able not only to deliver on our mission but to strengthen it in ways that inspire and inform who we want to be. Back when we were planning for SCMA100, our centennial celebration, we had no idea how accurate our rhetoric of “making a museum” would prove to be as we were forced to reimagine our work. Among the profound takeaways is a reminder that there is a constancy to art and the opportunities it affords us for human understanding, introspection, solace—and, of course, connection—that transcend any building.

Many thanks to you, one and all, for being a valuable part of this extraordinary community that is our museum.

Jessica Nicoll ’83
Director and Louise Ines Doyle ’34 Chief Curator
LAST SUMMER, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and a listening session with SCMA staff led by David Andrews, Shancie Bailey, Tiffany Cho and Paula Lopez, we reframed and deepened our work on diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion (DEAI). In order to bridge the gap between the museum’s DEAI language and the experiences of staff and visitors, the museum’s DEAI working group and museum department heads prioritized a series of initiatives to embed equity and inclusion in our everyday work. The initiatives focused on four primary areas: policies and structures, transparency and feedback, accountability, and ongoing learning and self-reflection. Some of these initiatives were already underway, and others we introduced based on our colleagues’ generous feedback.

This summer, roughly a year later, we reviewed the list of initiatives to assess where we have and have not made progress. While some areas have been delayed because we need more help or time, our main priorities have moved forward significantly. We’d like to share three initiatives that we have identified as central pillars to creating a more inclusive and anti-racist museum:

We developed core values for SCMA

Former education director Maggie Newey led the museum’s DEAI working group in an exercise with three prompts:
1. In our shared work, we expect to be . . .
2. After visiting SCMA, we hope visitors will describe the museum as . . .
3. To achieve our mission of connecting people with art, ideas and each other, we must be . . .
In just a few minutes, the staff working group generated almost 70 adjectives that create a picture of our hopes for what it could be like to visit or work at SCMA. To give you a sample, the adjectives included: brave, generous, just, creative, empowering, relaxing, thoughtful, provoking, and fun.

We distilled these adjectives into \textit{six core values} that we shaped with input from everyone at the museum. Over the past few months, in the lead-up to being able to welcome visitors back to the museum, we have concentrated on putting these core values into practice so that they are present and tangible for visitors and staff. As one example, we created “learning pods” for SCMA staff—interdepartmental groups of three to five colleagues—to identify individual and collective steps we can take to enact each core value in our daily work.

We restructured security and visitor services to shift to a more visitor-centered approach

The first priority in SCMA’s 2017-2022 strategic plan is “\textit{Tone & Personality}”: reflecting on what it feels like to visit SCMA and how we as staff members can make the museum as engaging and inviting as possible for all visitors. This priority was based on feedback from visitors that the museum at times felt driven by rules and regulations rather than by what is at the crux of our mission—how our visitors experience artwork in our spaces, both digitally and in person. In addition to feedback from visitors, members of the security and visitor services teams had shared that our staffing structure—which limited the number of hours people could work and made it hard to plan training or communicate regularly with everyone—needed to provide better communication, transparency, and support.

During the pandemic, when we were missing the presence of visitors in the building, we spent a lot of time delving into “\textit{Tone & Personality}”. We started a front-of-house working group with representatives from all departments to talk candidly about what was working well and what we wanted to change. The working group received a wealth of input from students at a listening session, read about peer institutions rethinking the experiences of visitors and listened to conference presentations by colleagues from the ICA Boston and Mass MoCA about their visitor experience and security practices.

The recommendations of this group are now being put into practice as we reopen to the public. A number of these changes will be evident when you enter the building or visit our website. We have new community guidelines that speak to how visitors and staff contribute to a great experience for everyone at the museum; we used to have “Guards” and “Security System Specialists” on staff and now have “Gallery Assistants” and “Safety Team” members; and we have reconfigured the lobby to create an easier and more seamless process for entering the building, whether you are a student, community member, visitor to the area or staff member. Other changes that might not be as visible in the galleries will also, we hope, translate to how you experience SCMA. To name a few examples, we have updated our back offices so that safety and visitor experience staff have more dedicated space in which to take breaks; we reviewed and updated hourly salaries for gallery assistants and safety team members to support equity and living wages; we are doing regular training and exhibition walk-throughs with team members; and we are creating more opportunities for all safety and visitor experience staff to share their expertise and what they notice while working in the galleries with other museum staff members. This collaborative exchange is crucial to making sure that we are prioritizing the actual experiences people have in the museum galleries when planning programs, exhibitions, or class visits.

These transitions have been both exciting and hard. One of the important changes we made during the museum’s closure was to shift the front-of-house roles to a mix of part-time positions and full-time benefited positions. This approach was based on feedback that some staff members wanted the stability of benefited positions, while others valued the flexibility of part-time roles. Incorporating full-time positions has meant that we now have fewer front-of-house staff roles at SCMA. While many of our former staff members rejoined the museum in these new roles, we did not have enough positions for everyone who wanted to return. These were difficult decisions, but based on what we have heard from colleagues and visitors, we are convinced that they will enable us to create a better environment for staff and visitors.

We are embarking on an equity review with Tanya Williams and Bari Katz

Underlying all of these initiatives will be an equity review in partnership with Tanya Williams from Authentic Coaching and Consulting and Bari Katz from Bari Katz Consulting. Tanya and Bari will help us to understand more deeply our current working culture and the further steps we can take to embed inclusion, equity and access in the ways we collaborate and enact the museum’s mission.

The equity review will focus on our working culture, since we believe that our mission of connecting visitors with art, ideas and each other depends on ensuring that all visitors feel acknowledged and supported in our space. As the last year has underscored, this needs to start with doing everything we can to promote a respectful and supportive environment for staff members. Some of the first steps of the equity review will be conversations with Tanya and Bari about the DEAI work we have been doing and a survey for museum staff about their perceptions of SCMA.

Much of this work will depend on engaging in honest discussions and acknowledging the experiences we are all living with, at individual and institutional levels. In keeping with the museum’s core values, we will be striving to learn, adapt, and listen actively to each other and everyone who visits SCMA as we embark on a year of reconnecting in the museum galleries. We hope that the next time you have a chance to wander through the galleries, you will feel the impact of these conversations and will see in action some of the aspirational adjectives we envisioned for SCMA: brave, generous, just, creative, empowering, relaxing, thoughtful, provoking and, last but not least, fun!
visual art in a virtual world

exhibitions

September 11, 2020–January 2, 2022
SCMA Then\Now\Next
A museum-wide collaborative project

November 2020–Spring 2022
Amanda Williams: An Imposing Number of Times
Curated by Emma Chubb

March 19, 2021–present
Arts of Africa, c. 1825-1940
Curated by Christa Clarke, guest curator

mobile cabinets for works on paper

Spring 2021
“Fits of Passion:” Visualizing Romanticism in the Contemporary
Curated by Lexie Casais ’23

video & new media gallery

September 11, 2020–August 15, 2021
Cao Fei: The Birth of RMB City
Curated by Lexie Casais ’23 as part of SCMA Then\Now\Next


on view July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021
ON THE OCCASION of SCMA’s centennial, this exhibition asked what it means to make and continually remake a museum. Smith College began collecting art at its founding in the 1870s, but it was not until 1920 that the collection was recognized as a museum. Through strategic purchases and generous gifts, the majority of which have come from Smith alumnae, the collection continues to grow. The development of the museum’s collection over the past century reveals the institution’s evolving vision and values. The one hundredth anniversary also provided an opportunity to confront the systematic ways in which museums, including SCMA, have distorted historical narratives by elevating some cultures and histories to the exclusion of others. This reckoning with the past is necessary to creating a vision of a more equitable and inclusive institution in the future.

SCMA Then\Now\Next was neither a presentation of collection highlights nor a chronological survey of works of art acquired over the past one hundred years. Rather, it proposed a series of linked installations organized around the themes of “SCMA Then\Now” and “SCMA Now\Next.” Both sections covered historical and contemporary art, encompassed a wide range of artistic media and engaged with the global scope of our collection.

SCMA Then\Now, on the first floor, included significant acquisitions from across the museum’s history. They were grouped to illuminate key moments, create new viewing contexts and invite reflection about the range of stories the collection reveals. SCMA Now\Next, on the lower level, featured works acquired since 2000 that signal new directions for the collection. Occupying several galleries, it offered an expanded understanding of a 21st-century college art museum. Also on the lower level, SCMA Now\Next—Asian Art showcased works acquired over the past five years. With the dedication of the Carol T. Christ Asian Art Gallery in 2015, the museum embarked on a new chapter of collecting and exhibiting art that represents a wider range of Asian cultures. By broadening the scope of our collection, we expanded our understanding of the “global” to create a learning environment that provokes further thinking and encourages multiple perspectives.

SCMA Now\Next—Time-Based Media Art spotlighted SCMA’s pioneering commitment to this key form of contemporary artistic production. SCMA began collecting time-based media in 2008 and created a permanent gallery for its display in 2015. To date, SCMA has acquired more than two dozen such works by artists from around the world, making it the largest such collection in our region.

Originally due to open in May 2020, SCMA Then\Now\Next was installed in September of that year. While the museum remained closed to the public, a website provided a virtual experience of the exhibition, including descriptions, photos of the galleries, images of selected objects and explanations of significant pairings. In the spring of 2021, some Smith students were the first to see the exhibition in person. With the reopening of the museum to the public in late August, all were welcomed to visit the exhibition, which was on view until the beginning of January 2022.

The exhibition was supported by the SCMA Next Century Fund, the Suzannah J. Fabing Programs Fund, Friends of the Museum and the Tryon Associates.
A NEW INSTALLATION of African art, guest curated by Dr. Christa Clarke, features a selection from SCMA’s collection of almost two hundred objects. Located on the third floor of the museum, this display contains works that entered the collection early in the museum’s history, such as a ceremonial axe or Kibiki (purchased in 1939), as well as those acquired more recently. The objects were created during a period that predates and includes Africa’s colonization by European powers and ends with the dawn of independence movements. The installation offers insight into how artists responded creatively to the social and political changes of their times.

This display reflects trends in Western collecting practices, and specifically at Smith, rather than the diversity of artistic creation in Africa. Works by artists from ten different societies in western and central Africa offer opportunities for cross-cultural comparisons across the installation. Nearly half are by Yoruba artists, providing a glimpse of the rich creative practices within this longstanding urban culture. All of the examples on view are by male artists, who historically specialized in woodcarving and, in many parts of Africa, beadworking. However, many of the works on view represent the important roles women played in their communities.

These works were made with aesthetic intent but would have been used—as well as admired—in public and private contexts quite different from that of a museum. In their original settings, they may have been worn on the body, used during performances for an audience or in rituals or displayed for prestige. Accompanying labels and photographs are intended to help convey this cultural background, although we hope and expect that visitors will also experience the work in new ways. A website related to this display offers additional information for visitors who wish to learn more.

Significantly, Dr. Clarke’s installation moved African art out of the Ketcham Gallery and onto the main floor. These objects are now immediately visible upon entering the gallery, and they are illuminated by natural light. African art is now exhibited in close proximity to contemporaneous American and European art. The more prominent location allows viewers to explore relationships between African art and art created elsewhere.

The collection of American Realism (ca. 1875–1915) currently occupies Ketcham Gallery. Paintings of interiors such as still lifes and portraits of women are juxtaposed with views of cities, seascapes and the countryside of the United States and abroad. The works are united by their common subject matter, featuring ordinary people and the beauty of everyday life. The gallery is offset from the rest of the floor, providing an intimate viewing experience. Its low lighting also allows for a rotating display of works on paper, adding different media and creating further context for the collection of late 19th- and early 20th-century American art.

In both sections, many of the works will be familiar to visitors returning to the museum, while others have not been on view in decades. These installations aim to provide new ways of experiencing these two areas of the SCMA collection.

Arts of Africa, ca. 1825–1960 is supported by the Suzannah J. Fabing Programs Fund and the SCMA Publications and Research Fund.
amanda williams: artist-in-residence publication and new commission

IN JUNE AND JULY 2019, artist Amanda Williams spent time at Smith College as the inaugural artist in SCMA’s Artist-in-Residence Program. For Williams, the residency offered a kind of parenthesis—the time and space to slow down—in the midst of an ever-busier career. It laid the groundwork for two new projects with SCMA: her first monograph and the commission of a new artwork. Co-published with Candor Arts, the other option is to slow down: Amanda Williams (2020) is a limited-edition artist’s book that provides a cross section of Williams’ experiences on campus through her photographs, collages, monoprints and sketchbooks. Designed by Matt Austin and Melanie Bohrer, it includes new essays by Emma Chubb and Grace Deveney; each cover is a unique monoprint by Williams.

As the publication details, during her residency, Williams was drawn to Smith’s Black Lives Matter banners and the history of student activism behind them. First created by students in 2017, the banners were prominently displayed on most of Smith’s residential houses in 2019. All of the banners declare BLACK LIVES MATTER on white, twin-size bed sheets suspended vertically on the house façades. Despite their shared message and materials, each banner remains unique in its execution and state of care. The house banners prompted Williams to reflect on language and self-determination at Smith, a place where campus traditions and the house system play a large role in student life. How is the idea—versus the reality—of Blackness valued at Smith? How do public declarations like outdoor banners relate to what occurs inside the buildings they adorn? How do you bring closure to something that lingers? How do you memorialize an injustice that is ongoing?

These are some of the questions that Williams asks with An Imposing Number of Times (2020-22), a multipart, site-specific artwork that explores how campus traditions create and transmit forms of belonging.* An Imposing Number of Times is designed to be realized over a two-year period. In November 2020, two large banners by Williams were installed on SCMA’s Elm Street and Neilson lawn façades. These banners adopt and refract the visual language of the house banners in order to test the limits of their legibility. During the 2021-22 academic year, in-person conversations will take place using tea sets that Williams created with Melissa J. Chin of Grey Remedy in Chicago, a reference to Smith’s tradition of Friday afternoon tea. The final component is a constructed landscape of more than four thousand black-and-white tulips along desired or remembered paths. Planted in the fall of 2021, the flowers will bloom in the spring of 2022. Under banners, alongside tulips and over tea, An Imposing Number of Times extends an invitation to, in Williams’ words, ‘(re)infuse power into a phrase like ‘Black Lives Matter’ that was indirectly rendered powerless by its unplanned and ubiquitous insertion in an environment that wasn’t wholly ready to receive it.”

*The title references the 1991 photograph Some Theory by Carrie Mae Weems. Weems’ work includes a quote by Antonio Gramsci in which the phrase “an imposing number of times” appears.

An Imposing Number of Times is organized by Emma Chubb, Charlotte Feng Ford ’13 Curator of Contemporary Art in collaboration with SCMA’s campus partners: The Botanic Garden of Smith College, Facilities Management, Office for Equity and Inclusion, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Mwangi Cultural Center, College Archives, Residential Life and the Art Department. Isabel Cordova ’19, Raven Fowlkes-Witten ’17 and Lexie Casais ’23 provided key research and knowledge. 
IN A YEAR OF remote teaching and learning for academic class visits and K-12 school groups, SCMA educators Gina Hall and Charlene Shang Miller created virtual spaces for students to come together to experience art in layered and meaningful ways. A distinct challenge was translating and transforming inclusive pedagogies for in-person engagement with works of art into the virtual sphere, where people with diverse experiences, perspectives and identities are welcome to be their authentic selves, engage with art and connect with others and themselves. The museum remained a hub for human interaction, whether in person or virtual. Our approach for engagement took on additional complexity as the COVID-19 pandemic continued amid calls for racial justice and social reckoning, requiring empathetic, trauma-informed guidelines and practices. Trauma-sensitive teaching prioritizes people; it is essential to fostering trust, amplifying voices and nurturing empowerment. Through the reflection and interpretation of works of art, both individually and communally with peers, thoughtfully guided with dynamic facilitation by educators, our various learners engaged with new ideas, gained inspiration and found community online.

Experiences with art differ vastly depending on whether they are in person or on the screen. We harnessed an array of resources to enable students’ virtual engagement. High-resolution digital images became the surrogates for works of art. Laptops and iPads became the lenses through which students explored the museum’s galleries. The collections database public portal became a critical source of information and content about objects. While classes were remote, works of art were installed in the Teaching Gallery as well as in special exhibition and collections galleries, from which educators could “broadcast” to students. Collections staff scanned and shared object files digitally. We also downloaded, organized and shared a multitude of images, gallery texts and other resources. The digital experience itself became a subject for critical interrogation as students analyzed what they were seeing through the camera and on their computers. The virtual space thus provided new ways to co-create knowledge and facilitate collaborative student learning.

Professor Barbara Kellum’s first-year seminar, On Display, met remotely in the fall to explore issues of collecting with behind-the-scenes looks at SCMA and other collecting institutions. Students researched the histories of these collections, analyzed the rationale for display of objects and learned critical skills of visual analysis and interpretation to understand how knowledge is constructed in the context of display and how visual juxtapositions can generate meaning. In the past, a few student-selected pairings of art would have been installed physically in the museum. Instead, a virtual exhibition of all the students’ projects was organized within a virtual 3D platform developed in collaboration with Andrew Maurer of Smith’s Imaging Center.

The anthropological course Modern Material Culture, with Professor Patricia Mangan, met virtually in museum storage with collections manager/ registrar Deborah Diemente and educator Charlene Shang Miller to become familiar with some of the Native American objects in SCMA’s collection. They learned how these works came to the museum and discussed evolving museum practice around ethical considerations in collecting and display while looking at examples in the galleries. The Studies in Museums interterm course focused on the acquisition of a work of video/time-based media for SCMA, an exercise that translated well to remote teaching, since such artworks are usually considered on a screen. Curators Emma Chubb and April Gallant introduced students to the ideas, research and practical matters that determine collecting at art museums. Students then researched and developed acquisition proposals, resulting in the purchase of a work by artist Deborah Jack.

In Professor Kelly Anderson’s Taking the Archives Public seminar, advanced students explored contemporary issues at the intersection of archives and public history. Since students living on campus during the spring semester were able to visit the museum, seminar participants explored SCMA Then/Now/Next in person on their own. They then gathered virtually to analyze the visitor experience, critique aspects of the exhibition’s organization and display and discuss how objects become part of a meaningful and usable past for audiences.

Alongside the Design Thinking Initiative and Jandon Center for Community Engagement, SCMA pivoted to transform our annual Community Day from an in-person festival to a festive month of programming related to themes of science, technology, engineering, art and math—a STEAM Halloween! A website became a hub for campus and off-campus communities to watch videos, reserve kits, join Zoom workshops and enter contests. On Halloween day, the Student Museum Educators (SMEs) donned creative costumes and welcomed families and Smith students to celebrate STEAM Halloween LIVE at the Haunted Museum in an online program that highlighted creepy objects and mysterious art in the collection. A spring program with the Center for the Environment, Ecological Design and Sustainability forged another path for connecting art and science through “crochet...
a coral reef" workshops with student group Smith Stitches, inspired by the art of Margaret Wertheim and Christine Wertheim. Hyperbolic corals created by Smith students were mailed off to be part of a collaborative installation at the Tang Museum at Skidmore College in the spring 2022.

In a year that could have been focused on what SMEs didn’t get to do while attending school remotely from all over the country—such as the in-person school visits with K-12 classes that are core to their paid role in the museum—they managed to keep busy, developing new ways to engage and connect. In the spring semester, SMEs met weekly remotely from all over the country—such as the CSSC community was delighted to get a glimpse of Sandy Skoglund’s sculptural cats and goldfish—especially after Matt Donovar, director of the Poetry Center, had recently introduced the poem Zombie Kindnesses by Chen Chen, inspired by Skoglund’s Radioactive Cats. SSCS students, caregivers and teachers alike asked many questions of Deborah and Gina about how and why art is acquired, cared for and displayed at SCMA. It was a reminder that while remote learning may create barriers—or perhaps, problems to be solved—when it comes to learning and engagement, it can also open doors and make visible less accessible aspects of the museum that inspire wonder, curiosity and connection.

**faculty quotes**

“Our remote class visit at the museum was a highlight of the term. Charlene Shang Miller’s careful preparation of high-quality images for us to view and her experience using Zoom features to foster conversation meant that students were able to appreciate the fine details of the works we were studying—despite the online format—and that they felt comfortable engaging in the discussion. I am grateful to have been able to offer students this chance to understand our course materials through a new lens.”

*Dawn Fulton, Professor of French Studies*

French 230: French Calligraphies: Contemporary Chinese Women’s Writing

“My students’ visit to SCMA last spring was essential for their learning. CHARLENE’S DFT HANDLING of the remote visit allowed them to dig deep into the course’s unit on display, knowledge and authority in museums, and many students communicated to me that it was among the most meaningful moments of their semester.”

*Kathleen Pierce, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art History 110: Art and Its Histories*

**K-12 teacher quotes**

“The materials that you have provided for our team this year have been wonderful.”

*Melisa Grandison, Dean of Curriculum and Instruction (Humanities), Veritas Prep Holyoke*

“Thank you for sharing your time and expertise, for engaging the kids and taking their questions. We are so fortunate to have the deep connection you have helped forge between the museum and our students and faculty/staff. Experiences like the one you provided yesterday are what make a Campus School education truly exceptional.”

*Chris Andrews, Director of Development & Alumni/ae Relations, Campus School of Smith College*
Programming ranged from panel discussions with curators to conversations with students about their experiences during the pandemic. This new virtual approach offered opportunities to view pieces in the collection not typically on view and provided equitable access to our members and the public from around the world. Staff will continue a hybrid-friendly approach to ensure that this same level of connection is offered in the future.

A complete list of 2020–21 programs is available on page 32. Here is a look back at program highlights from the past year:

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**IN JULY–SEPTEMBER,** Summer Tea with the Curators, a series of collaborations between the membership, education and curatorial departments, featured SCMA curators who explored all five senses—sight, taste, smell, touch and sound—through the lens of the museum’s collection.

**IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER,** in celebration of the museum’s centennial year and in conjunction with the Boutelle-Day Poetry Center, two programs were created to launch the publication of *The Map of Every Lilac Leaf: Poets Respond to the Smith College Museum of Art*. The first was a conversation with renowned poet Mark Doty, who wrote the introduction to the book. In October, six Smith alumnae, Rebecca Foust ’79, Gina Franco ’97, Laurie Ann Guerrero ’08, Jessica Jacobs ’02, Gail Mazur ’59 and Abe Louise Young ’99, responded to the SCMA collection through poetry.

**IN JANUARY,** Associate Educator Taiga Ermansons created a virtual twist on the popular in-person program Open Eyes. Through the use of visual thinking strategies, participants were encouraged to observe and discuss pieces of art in an enjoyable and engaging way.

**IN FEBRUARY,** Membership Engagement and Stewardship Coordinator Lauren Shea-Warner created a four-part series, Student Voices: Inside SCMA. Students Lexie Casais ’23, Charlie Diaz ’22, Hannah Gates ’22, Ariella Heise ’22, Grayson Matula ’23 and Sophie Poux ’21 provided insight into their experience of working virtually with the museum.

**IN MARCH,** audiences from around the world tuned into the Miller Lecture in Art & Art History. Dr. Asma Naeem discussed her experiences at the Baltimore Museum of Art and the National Portrait Gallery in correcting the art-historical canon and telling a broader, more inclusive narrative of a shared history based on the values of equity, diversity and justice.

**IN JUNE,** for Smith’s Reunion 2021, representatives from the collections, curatorial, education and marketing departments shared case studies of how they have developed new ways to be true to their mission in the virtual world.
Program Calendar
All events took place in 2021 unless otherwise specified

summer tea with the curators
July 9: Historical overview of the five senses, with a focus on sight, with Danielle Carrabino, curator of painting and sculpture, and Henriette Kets de Vries, Cunningham Center manager and assistant curator
July 23: Taste with Danielle Carrabino and Aprile Gallant, associate director of curatorial affairs and senior curator of prints, drawings and photographs
August 6: Smell with Yao Wu, Jane Chace Carroll curator of Asian art, and Emma Chubb, Charlotte Feng Ford ’83 curator of contemporary art
August 20: Touch with Henriette Kets de Vries and Yao Wu
September 3: Hearing with Aprile Gallant and Emma Chubb

The Map of Every Lilac Leaf Poetry Reading & Book Launch
October 6, 2020: Smith alumnae poets respond to works from the Smith College Museum of Art collection. Readings by Rebecca Fourest, Gina Franco, Laurie Ann Guerrero, Jessica Jacobs, Gail Mazur and Abe Louise Young.

November 17-22: SCMA100 pop-up shop online sale

student voices: inside SCMA
February 24: student assistants Lexie Casais ’23 and Sophie Poux ’21 and Henriette Kets de Vries
March 24: Kennedy Museum Research Fellow in Art History Grayson Matula ’23 and Danielle Carrabino
April 14: student assistants Charlie Diaz ’22 and Ariella Heise ’22 and Martha Ebner, acting associate director of marketing and communications
April 28: student assistant Hannah Gates ’22 and Jessica Henry-Cross, financial and systems coordinator

open eyes with Taiga Ermansons, associate educator
January 21: Danny Lyon. Beekman Street, Sunday Morning: Ginco, Tonto, Frankie, John Jr., and Nelson, after exploring the buildings from the series The Destruction of Lower Manhattan, 1967
February 18: Katsushika Hokusai. Kirifuri Waterfall at Kurokami Mountain in Shimotsuke Province from the series A Journey to the Waterfalls of All the Provinces, ca. 1832
March 18: Joan Mitchell. Untitled, ca. 1960
June 24: James Van Der Zee. Kate and Rachel Van Der Zee, 1907

Miller Lecture in Art & Art History
March 4: “The Ethics of Canon Correction: Creating New Narratives in Art History” by Asma Naeem
May 13-16: Members Double Discount Days

associate-level programs
October 1, 2020: “Saying What You See: A Conversation with Mark Doty”

virtual tryon trips
March 18: Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art
April 15: Institute of Contemporary Art Boston
May 20: San Diego Museum of Art

reunion
June 6: “Visual Art in a Virtual World,” featuring Jessica Nicoll, Director and Louise Ines Doyle ’34 Chief Curator; Martha Ebner; Ariella Heise ’22; Matthew Cummings, assistant preparator; Charlene Shang Miller, acting associate director of academic programs and public education and Emma Chubb

virtual SCMA shop
BUILDING ON last year’s launch of the newly redesigned and fully integrated SCMA online shop and a fruitful partnership with SCMA’s marketing and membership staff, the virtual SCMA Shop came fully into its own in 2020-21. This year saw a 900 percent increase in orders and more than 12 thousand visitors to the online shop.

Replacing the annual in-person trunk shows, the first Virtual SCMA Pop-Up Shop (November 13-17, 2020) featured both perennial favorites and new artisan-made products, and it was a resounding success. Using email marketing, social media and alumnae networking to spread the word, Museum Store Manager Justin Thomas received more than three hundred individual orders over the four-day sale, some from as far away as Switzerland and Wales. In addition to daily visits to the post office to ship more than 50 packages per day, Justin also used a team of SCMA staff volunteers to hand deliver orders to local customers.

Throughout SCMA’s closure, the SCMA Shop served as a vital means to stay in direct contact with our members and visitors, keeping people physically connected to the museum.
LEXIE CASAIS ’23

BEFORE WORKING AT SCMA, I had never considered a career in museums; studying art history wasn’t even on my radar. I spent much of my free time in high school visiting art museums in Boston, but the idea that I could contribute to the narratives they presented had never occurred to me.

When I received a STRIDE scholarship, which places students in research positions for their first two years at Smith, I immediately gravitated toward the position listed as “Research Assistant to the Curator of Contemporary Art.” I had no real perception of what this work would entail, but I trusted my instincts and began a two-year position with curator Emma Chubb.

As my love for art has grown over these past two years, so has my confidence. The relationships I have developed with Emma, Aprile and Henriette—along with daily interactions with SCMA employees across departments—have changed the way I see myself. They’ve shown me that there is a place for my voice in art and in museums. They’ve taught me that what I have to say matters, and they’ve given me the freedom and the platforms to express my ideas. I’m not sure where the next two years at Smith will take me, but I am so grateful to have SCMA as a constant touchpoint.

TIV HAY-RUBIN ’21

MY TIME AS A Student Museum Educator gave me invaluable skills and mentorships that enriched my time at Smith and opened up opportunities to pursue a career in museum education. As a student, I spent much of my time in history and philosophy classes, where I was passionate about the content but frustrated by the endless papers I was writing without actually applying my ideas in any concrete way. The highlight of every week was my shift at SCMA, when I could get interested in any topic or idea brought forth by a teacher and brainstorm ways the collection could support and further that idea in an engaging way for students. Over the course of my time as an SME I collected tour outlines, reflections, activities, worksheets and “touch objects” that my fellow SMEs and I assembled together in a portfolio. I have continued to look to this experience as a source of inspiration in my work as an educator at Hancock Shaker Village and now at the Rubin Museum of Art.

My supervisor, Gina Hall, created a joyful, challenging and trusting environment where I could learn how to be a leader, work in a team and learn best practices in the field. So many things I learned during my training stick with me and are a part of my inner monologue when I work on education programming now. For example, Gina would always tell us that the main goal for any tour was to create a joyful experience for visitors; that idea guides everything I do as I begin my career. After studying abroad for a year, I was most excited to return to SCMA and continue to learn from Gina, my fellow SMEs and every group we work with. When the SME program went remote, I was heartbroken, but the pandemic gave me the opportunity to figure out new ways to bring the collection into classrooms. Most memorably, SME Kayara Hardnett-Barnes ’23 and I worked together to brainstorm, write and produce two videos for a seventh grade class using objects from the collection and inquiry-based strate-
ON THURSDAY, March 11, I returned to the SCMA galleries after a year’s absence. Though I love to peruse the galleries aimlessly with a sketchbook in hand, I had a motive to visit the teaching gallery. My roommate Mo and I, conveniently in the same art history course, came to see two artworks set up for our class.

During our visit we were lucky enough to chat with Emma Chubb, Charlotte Feng Ford ’83 Curator of Contemporary Art. I always find that guided museum visits enhance my experience by pointing out new things or sharing special stories. Emma graciously shared what she knew about the painting in question, recommended different pieces to look at and drew connections between other artworks across the gallery. Each staff member at SCMA has a stash of knowledge regarding the artworks and the museum itself. Despite the profound silence of most museum galleries, it can still be a social place, and conversation might be enriching.

Before scurrying out of the museum minutes before our allotted time was up, I had to snap a series of pictures for Mo. She was proud to see in the gallery the labels she had written the previous semester. The satisfying tangibility of seeing your own writing in the gallery is hard to replicate remotely, but Mo’s sense of accomplishment lit up the room. I captured upwards of 20 photos with the intention of sharing them only with her mother. Our excitement about the visit peaked at that moment. Yes, the paintings, prints and sculptures alone made the trip from Hadley well worth our time, but it was the sense of familiarity, personal impact and community that really made our experience meaningful. SCMA is not just a place to see fantastic art, but a place to exist and learn alongside our Smith community.

DR. CHRISTA CLARKE, an independent art curator and researcher of African Art, was hired to curate Arts of Africa, ca. 1825–1960 for SCMA’s third floor.

I was immediately absorbed by her labels and plans for the exhibition, which showed attention to and care for the African art in the collection. During my 2020 summer internship at SCMA, I spoke with Dr. Clarke about her approach to curating the exhibition, and for my personal project I was eager to build upon her informative approach and establish an empathetic framework to connect people more intimately with the selected works. My project took the form of a digital story map. Although traditional African art and aesthetics are the foundation of most contemporary art movements, African art is routinely marginalized and misrepresented in Western spaces, often regarded as a craft or trade instead of an intentional art practice. For the project, I selected five artworks from the exhibition that demonstrate a theme of womanhood and femininity and paired them with a series of contemporary artworks created by American artists that also adhere to these themes. The chosen American works either chronologically follow or were made at the same time as the African pieces and were chosen to situate Africa within an unignorable past and create an inclusive art-historical thread that stretches across time and place. The significance of these interventions is to highlight the dynamism of African thought and aesthetics, place them in conjunction with Western art and further redirect the conversation about African art and art-historical hierarchies.

Mosa Molapo ’22 is an art history and Africana studies major. She was a 2020 remote summer curatorial intern.
I have been going to museums since I was four years old. In 2003, my paternal grandmother—a lifelong artist—helped found El Salvador’s first museum of art with a permanent collection. My little sister and I tagged along to countless openings during those first few years of the museum’s existence. We were more interested in inspecting the gravel rocks that paved the sculpture garden than listening to our grandmother and her friends recount their histories as pioneering abstractionists and chroniclers of the spirit of a country recently ravaged by civil war. These early visits rubbed off, though: When we left El Salvador for Mexico in 2014, I dragged my family around to every museum in the area. The history they offered and curiosity they inspired made us feel at home as we settled into a new country and nurtured a growing interest in art history.

When my high school’s college counselor suggested I apply to Smith because of its renowned art museum and unique museums concentration program, I knew I had found the right place. Arriving the following fall sight unseen, the first thing I did was go to SCMA. Walking into the Brown Fine Arts Center Atrium, my parents and I were surprised to find Rufino Tamayo’s colossal mural Nature and the Artist. We didn’t expect to find a Latin American modernist in Massachusetts! That little welcome reinforced my desire to get involved with SCMA. As I went from student volunteer to Five College teaching assistant to senior museums concentrator, the mural inspired me to investigate the art world’s cross-continental connections.

At SCMA, I’ve been able to find works of art that bring different cultures together as we discover mutual drives and desires. I’ve found in my fellow concentrators a community that is eager to think critically and, through its weekly meetings, has brought a sense of joy and stability during this past virtual semester. As a recent graduate, I know that I can call SCMA home, and that Tamayo will always be up for a conversation through those atrium doors.

Isabel Ruiz Cano ’21 majored in the history of art with a concentration in museums. She is currently a graduate student in art history at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
NAMED IN HONOR of artist and SCMA benefactor Dwight Tryon (1849–1925), juried prizes are awarded each year to Smith students from all disciplines. Writing submissions may take any form, including a thesis, essay or poem, and must be related to art seen at SCMA. Art submissions are limited to time-based art, including installation, performance, video, sound, digital, internet and interactive. Tryon Prizes were awarded to four students in 2021.

TRYON PRIZE FOR WRITING
Alyssa Schams ’22
“Anton Romako and Jewishness: Girl on a Swing and Beyond”
Written for the course Women and Gender in Modern Europe 1798-1918.

“Enchanted” was the word that came to mind for me when I first saw Anton Romako’s painting Girl on a Swing. The painting looks like a scene out of a fairy tale and suggests an idyllic, carefree childhood of days past. However, what this painting does not show is the subject’s (Olga von Wassermann’s) Jewish identity, which drastically altered her life’s course.

TRYON PRIZE FOR ART
Lucy Xiao Chuan Liu ’21
Testimonial Loudspeakers
Installation created for Studio Art Honors Thesis

“Testimonial Loudspeakers is a social experiment: an attempt at using artistic intervention to evoke the psychology of a place. . . . I want my work to take on a life of its own, to reveal societal truth through demanding interaction.”

Yingke Wang ’23
World in an AI’s Eyes
A generative artwork and video installation created for a self-directed Special Studies in Computer Science

“When my own interpretation, I show a relation between humans and AI [artificial intelligence] and encourage the audience to think about the nature of cognition and consciousness.”

Liliana Wollheim-Martinez ’23
Together
Film created for Intermediate Digital Media

“In my short film Together, I create a picture of what it means to coexist separately yet in parallel as neighbors during a time in which so many of us are more isolated than ever before. . . . I also aim to make Together universal, so that even as we move beyond the quarantine, it can still perhaps be relevant. The film explores the broader themes of solitude, time, and connection to those around us.”
As the museum continues the important work of creating a more accessible institution, we are in the midst of two important initiatives designed with this in mind: the physical renovation of our on-site storage space and the digital renovation of our shared Five Colleges and Historic Deerfield museum consortium collections database. While these projects are separate and very different from one another, they share a common goal of supporting the museum’s mission of teaching and learning in the most sustainable and meaningful of ways.

storage renovation project: “not your grandmother’s attic”

**SCMA’s Collection** is growing rapidly, with 30 percent of the museum’s holdings acquired since 2000. Three-quarters of the collection comprise the Cunningham Center for the Study of Prints, Drawings and Photographs, which includes more than 24 thousand original works of art on paper dating from the 15th century to the present day.

“The Cunningham Center storage, a big part of the museum’s second floor, is pretty much full,” says Deborah Diemente, SCMA’s collections manager and registrar. “We felt there could and needed to be a better, more efficient use of space before we found ourselves in a storage crisis.”

In 2017, the museum hired architect and museum storage specialist Larry Bauer at the Boston-based firm Schwartz/Silver, who began doing research and taking a comprehensive look at the collection: what we have, the range of materials and sizes, how and where it is all currently stored and more. In early 2018, the team members presented their findings and recommendations for a phased project, which was approved by the college and set to begin in 2020 before COVID-19 came and shut everything down.

But, as became the norm, SCMA turned the pandemic pause into a pivot: Assistant Registrar Amy Doyel, hired just weeks earlier to facilitate the project, took this opportunity to do the paper collection inventory on the front end, rather than following the renovation. “While we were offline, Amy was able to verify locations, check conditions and flag ‘problem objects,’ among other things,” Deborah says. “This allowed us to keep going without losing too much momentum and, as it turns out, was probably a more efficient process.”

In the spring of 2021, the college gave the green light to resume the project. The first phase, completed this summer, paved the way for the upcoming renovation of the Cunningham Center space by preparing the downstairs spaces to house the paper collection during that time. By the end of 2022, everything is expected to be back in its newly renovated place.

In addition to more—and more efficient—storage, this project also aims to create new and better-functioning classroom space. As a teaching museum, SCMA's priority is providing ease of access for Smith faculty and students. Once a request is made, the museum determines whether the object is in good enough condition to be moved and displayed safely. “Each request requires thorough planning and consideration. Does the object need a mount for support? A cover? Who will handle the object and keep it safe? Do we need labels made? All of this takes time, and we often start weeks in advance,” says Deborah. Sometimes the museum gets a last-minute request or cannot show an item, she says, but it is almost always able to give students and faculty what they need.

If storage is set up as ideally as it can be, access to objects can be quick and safe. “The museum’s storage spaces may look good at first glance, neat and organized, but what makes a good storage situation is more complicated than that, with lots of considerations,” says Deborah. “It’s about storing art in the proper ways for the materials, having good climate and security systems, ease of access that doesn’t require moving 10 things to get to what you need,” she says. “A bad storage space doesn’t necessarily look like your grandmother’s attic.”

The project has illuminated issues of accessibility but also collection management in general, raising important questions related to rates of acquisition and deaccessioning, and new strategies around both. While this two-phase storage renovation project is focused primarily on the Cunningham Center’s works on paper, there is currently talk of a third phase that would focus on creating better conditions and space for painting and object storage. Says Deborah, “There’s still a lot of study going on about available space and the approach to take.”
collections management commons project: creating an efficient and equitable resource

THANKS TO A generous $800,000 planning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the museums of the Five College Consortium, as well as Historic Deerfield, are working together to update their shared database of cultural assets to be more efficient and accessible. Administered by Five Colleges, Inc. (FCI) and led by project manager Erin Richardson, this initiative is designed to evaluate the database platform as well as the data it supports and develop a plan for streamlined, standardized collections discovery and management across institutions and the region as a whole.

“The goal of the grant is to help us understand the problem we need to solve and then create a plan to solve it,” says Erin. This involves user studies, a report on the state of the database and preparing for the process of soliciting a new database supplier.

“Thus far, the specific problem is unification and structure of data as well as the inadequacy of the current database system,” says Erin, adding that museums do not typically share databases with one another, which contributes to the intricacy of the project. “Our six organizations have collaborated in this way since the mid-1990s, so we’re talking about a very complicated piece of software that has had countless customizations over 20-plus years.”

She likens it to having all institutional information in a box, “except the box is old and the contents themselves could stand to be improved. We’re asking questions like ‘what is the artwork being described and who is describing it? And, importantly, how are those decisions even made?’ These are just a few of the many things we’re grappling with.”

In 2020, following the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, says Erin, students in particular were motivated to find and work with material from previously underrepresented communities—but they soon realized that the artworks and objects in the database are not described in ways that make these works easy to find. “We need to be sure that things are being described in a way that is accessible and in sync with the user experience.”

This is not as easy as it may first seem, Erin explains. “How do we identify the gender or sexuality or ethnicity of artists in the present but also the past? For example, if we know from personal papers held in archives that a deceased artist was probably gay, and yet didn’t publicly state that during their lifetime, is it appropriate to identify the work of that artist as LGBTQ-related?” And although each museum manages its own collection, the Five College Consortium is working to ensure that all the partner museums are using common, consistent terminology (see sidebar).

The pandemic provided institutions with an opportunity to do a significant amount of data cleanup remotely, so there are already small improvements to be found, but the big impact for public users will come in 2022 and 2023. Still, a new database is not likely to be fully operational until 2024 or after, says Erin.

Although the planning grant is scheduled to end in the spring of 2022, the Five College Consortium has applied for additional support to enact the changes recommended and supported by this project. Says Erin, “Ultimately we want collections database users to have a fulfilling experience that is equitable, ethical and accessible.”

“One goal of the Collections Management Commons Project is to create unified descriptive standards and commonly used vocabularies, like keywords, that promote accessibility and inclusivity. While all six museums must agree on these standards, choices about how art information is recorded also must align with standards used by libraries and other museums to prepare for a future that includes unified searching.

Museum and library leaders, including curators and registrars from the five colleges and Historic Deerfield, have dedicated time to understanding what is appropriate for a keyword based on their collections and communities, and how to record it to make search results trustworthy.

“It comes down to the difference between ‘of-ness’ and ‘about-ness,’” says project manager Erin Richardson. For example, she explains, imagine an oil painting that depicts a church with a woman in front of it and some trees. The keywords for this picture might be trees, church and woman; that is what the picture is of. The picture is about religion and spiritual life; those are the subjects of the work. Those descriptors, when recorded consistently, can help students, faculty and staff discover works in the museums’ collections.

Other information, such as object type (“oil painting”), materials (“gold leaf”) or title (Portrait of the Artist, Seated at Her Easel) are captured in different fields. Agreeing on where and how to record each kind of information is the key to linking resources together. This is the challenge and reward of the Collections Management Commons project: In the case of keywords, using standard vocabularies helps link pictures containing similar images or themes across museums and will make it possible to connect users to resources in the libraries and beyond.

“The goal of the grant is to help us understand the problem we need to solve and then create a plan to solve it.”
record keeper of the art: SCMA’s assistant registrar amy doyel

as a registrar hired to facilitate the storage renovation project at SCMA, Amy Doyel knew her work would involve some unexpected finds. But just weeks after starting in February 2020, she got the biggest surprise of all when the museum was forced to close its doors due to COVID-19, and the job she imagined was put on pause. Original plans called for the physical rebuilding of storage space for the museum’s 24 thousand works on paper, followed by a full inventory of the collection, but pandemic construction constraints prompted a change in sequence and an accounting of everything in the collection prior to moving it.

Now more than halfway through her three-year contract, funded by a generous grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Amy has inventoried 16 thousand works of art. Among the most memorable moments was her discovery of a Picasso print, *Le Crepaud (The Toad)*, from the portfolio *L’Histoire Naturelle*. “The dazed and confused look on the toad’s face really seemed to sum up my own feelings about the pandemic and made me laugh,” she says.

Working from the collections database, Amy ensures that every work on paper in SCMA’s Cunningham Center has its own record, and that there is consistency in the way the art is catalogued and stored. “It’s a great way to learn the collection,” she says, “and you never know exactly what you’ll find when you pull a particular box, which is pretty exciting.”

Amy came to SCMA having just overseen the completion of another collections move at the Yale University Art Gallery. Prior to that she worked for six years at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, assisting with temporary and traveling exhibitions. After spending time in bigger cities, Amy liked the idea of living and working in a small town that still has a cosmopolitan feel. In addition, she is attracted to the teaching and learning aspect of a college art museum.

As an undergraduate at Mary Washington University in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Amy majored in business administration because “it seemed very practical”; however, an art history survey class inspired her to declare a second major in art history. She met a few registrars at a college gallery opening during her senior year, which got her thinking about it as a potential career consistent with her interests and detail-oriented personality. Following graduation, Amy landed an internship with the Smithsonian in collections management and went on to earn her master’s in museum studies from Johns Hopkins University.

“I love the varied nature of what I do,” says Amy. “One minute you’re with the art itself, and the next you’re doing data entry or paperwork—and I’m one of those weird people who doesn’t mind that part!” When she is not steeped in SCMA’s inventory, Amy enjoys exploring local walking trails, reading and managing her own collection of 40-plus house-plants.
acquisition highlights

THE GENEROUS BEQUEST of Carol Osuchowski Selle ’54 has significantly transformed SCMA’s drawing collection. Consisting of 142 artworks dating from the seventeenth through the twenty-first centuries, The Carol O. Selle Drawing Collection will give students and visitors the opportunity to study works of unparalleled quality assembled by a discerning collector with a scholar’s mind and eye.

A native of Chicago, Selle began her artistic education in drawing classes at the Art Institute of Chicago. This early inspiration may account for the large number of exemplary figure drawings that would later form the backbone of her collecting. A detailed, early study by Georges Seurat, Nu mains écartées (Nude with Hands Apart) speaks to this interest.

After graduating from Smith, Selle earned a master’s degree in art history from the University of Chicago. Her first job was in the education department of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she led tours and delivered lectures to hundreds of visitors daily. As her direct knowledge of drawing and collecting grew, she played an active role in organizing exhibitions at the Guggenheim, the Staatsgalerie

the carol o. selle, class of 1954, drawing collection

opposite: Ernst Ferdinand Oehme. German, 1797–1855. Märchenbaum (Fairytale Tree), ca. 1820s. Graphite on tan paper. The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle


Stuttgart, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Morgan Library and Museum, among others. Working on exhibitions and with dealers put her in touch with artists, scholars and collectors, allowing her to expand her interests and expertise.

The Selle Collection is particularly rich in 19th-through 21st-century German drawings, including Ernst Ferdinand Oehme’s intricate landscape *Märchenbaum (Fairytaile Tree)*, Max Beckmann’s exceptional *Portrait of Elisabeth Goetz* (left) and a range of images charting the career of East German artist A. R. Penck.

The collection is also a testament to the friendships Selle developed with artists. In 1970, she organized an exhibition of drawings by Larry Rivers after sitting for a portrait by him, and the Selle Collection includes a study for *The Burial*, the first painting by Rivers to enter a museum collection (the Fort Wayne Museum of Art), and a portrait of painter Joan Mitchell. Friendships with the German artist Georg Baselitz and the American painter Tom Goldenberg have resulted in deep holdings of their work.

SCMA is honored to have been entrusted with the care of this important collection. We look forward to sharing these drawings with students, scholars and visitors, allowing us to learn more about the extraordinary artists represented as well as the woman who brought them all together.

japanese musical instrument—shō

THIS EXQUISITELY crafted musical instrument is known as shō. Descending from the Chinese sheng, shō is a Japanese free-reed mouth organ. It consists of slender bamboo pipes, which the player holds up straight while playing. No more than 18 inches long, the pipes are arranged symmetrically, in the form of a pair of folded phoenix wings. One theory has it that the instrument is supposed to imitate the phoenix call. Because of the varying lengths of the pipes, each of them has a different pitch. When the player inhales and exhales through the projecting mouthpiece, air activates tiny metal reeds mounted inside the bottom of the pipes to make sound. The player also needs to cover the finger hole on each pipe to allow the sound to resonate. The bamboo pipes are set into a cylinder wind chamber decorated with gold lacquer. Ornamental imagery of other musical instruments—two drums, a flute and a lute known as biwa—allude to shō’s harmonic function in the gagaku orchestra.

Despite this particular shō being a 20th-century object, gagaku, literally meaning elegant music, was imported to Japan from China and Korea no later than the seventh century. Through its fusion with indigenous Japanese music, gagaku peaked in the Heian period (794–1185), when it reached its near-current form. Associated with the entertainments and ceremonies of the Imperial Court, gagaku ensembles would perform on occasions such as emperor enthronement, royal weddings, the gathering of the first rice and the completion of Buddhist temples. The standard gagaku orchestra includes three categories of instruments—woodwinds, strings and percussion—with shō being one of the essential wind instruments.


IN 2020, Dr. Katherine Gabel ’59 offered a gift of 24 objects of Native American art to SCMA. After graduating from Smith in 1959, Gabel earned a master’s degree in social work, a PhD in criminology and a law degree. She returned to the college from 1976 to 1985 as the dean for the School for Social Work. She later was west regional director for Casey Family Programs and west regional director of Lambda Legal, the oldest legal organization working for LGBTQ rights. She expanded her collection of Native American art while living in Arizona. Dr. Gabel previously gave works to the museum in 1981, 1982 and 1985. With the addition of this gift, about a third of the entire collection of Native American objects at SCMA have come from Dr. Gabel’s collection. Thanks to her contributions, the works of Indigenous art cover a wide time range, from antiquity to today, and comprise various media and cultures, mainly from the Southwestern United States.

The 2020 gift includes pottery, ceremonial objects, baskets and one print. Curators consulted Dana Leibsohn, Alice Pratt Brown professor of art and director of Latin American and Latino/a studies at Smith, to identify works of art that would be useful for teaching. In making her selections, Professor Leibsohn stressed the importance of including identified artists. Among the fifteen named artists who are part of this group, many of them are women, most of whom are entering the collection for the first time.

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Moving water fascinates me more than lakes or ponds. It’s the idea of where rivers come from and where they’re going. It symbolizes our lives in a real sense. Humanity has continued for generations and we’re alive for a brief part of it. It’s similar to standing along a river’s edge: You know the river comes from someplace. You look upstream: You see and hear it, and then you watch as it moves past you. Eventually, it moves out of your sight. It’s like your life. That’s how much you contribute to life: spending as much time as you can enjoying the stream, as much as is visible to you.

—Truman Lowe

IN HIS Water Spirit series, Truman Lowe evokes water flowing through the grassy shorelines of rivers. Water Spirit #15 combines peeled willow sticks and milled lumber, some painted in primary colors, to create a meticulously assembled abstract sculpture in which each component balances the others. Water Spirit #15 juxtaposes the animation and natural variations of the willow to the homogeneity and linearity of the industrially milled planks used for the base. In her monograph on Lowe, art historian Jo Ortel ’83 argues that although the works in this series appear straightforward and representational at first, they are layered with references to time, history and place.

Although Lowe experimented with a variety of styles and materials, including installation, ceramics, painting, drawing and printmaking, water and wood were key subjects and materials throughout his career. They offered ways to pay homage to natural and spiritual forces, evoke personal and collective history and express care. A lifelong teacher, Lowe was a professor of sculpture and Native American studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison until his death in 2019. He was committed to challenging American art history’s exclusion of Native artists and to establishing the field of Native art history within American art history.
## Ceremonial Objects

**Anonymous.** Native American, 20th century  
*Hide Drum and Beater, 20th century*  
Cottonwood and animal hide  
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976-1985

**Child, Mettya.** Native American, Northwest Coast, 20th century  
*Kwakiutl Spectator Rattle*, 1991  
Wood  
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976-1985

**Howato, Randy.** Native American, Hopi, 20th century  
*Slako Mana Kachina, late 20th–early 21st century*  
Painted cottonwood root  
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976-1985

**Lomatewama, Justin.** Native American, Hopi, born 1987  
*Koyemsi Mudhead Kachina*, 2006  
Painted cottonwood root  
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976-1985

**Talashoma, Wilbert.** Native American, Hopi, born 1924  
*Mudhead Dance Rattle, 20th century*  
Gourd and wood  
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976-1985

**Touvela, Celeste.** Native American, Hopi, active since 1962  
*Koyemsi Mudhead Kachina, 20th century*  
Painted cottonwood root  
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**Collage**

**Kippenberger, Martin.** German, 1953-1997  
*I Love Holztür*, 1985  
Printed papers, adhesive, graphite and blue ink on gelatin silver prints mounted on thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper  
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.  
Gift of Carol O. Selle

**Oehlen, Albert.** German, born 1954  
Three untitled collages, 1984  
Printed papers, Polaroid and adhesive  
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**Lowe, Truman.** Native American, Ho-Chunk, 1944-2019  
Untitled, ca. 1991  
Graphite, watercolor, acrylic, peeled willow stick and copper wire on thick, slightly textured warm white paperboard  
Gift of Nancy K. Lowe

**Schlossberg, Raven.** American, born 1973  
The Whole Football Team*, 2002  
Paper collage with ink and acrylic  
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Tinguely, Miriam.** Swiss, born 1950  
Untitled, 1990 (front)  
Paper collage, ink, gouache, watercolor, fabric and thread on thick, rough white paper  
Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

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**ANONYMOUS.** Native American, Hopi, 20th century
Coiled Basket, late 20th century
Clay
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**LEWIS, Nancy.** Native American, Hopi, active 1960–1980
Cylinder Jar, 1960–1980
Clay
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**MURZEWKA, Vivian K.** Native American, Hopi, 1905–1984
Lid for cylindrical vase, mid-20th century
Clay
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**TONEY, Olive.** Native American, Hopi, 20th century
Molded Vessel, late 20th century
Seed Jar, late 20th century (p. 53)
Clay
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**CHINO, Darrell Tauman.** Native American, Ancoma, born 1982
**Buffalo and Butterfly Bowl,** 21st century
Clay
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**BACHARDY DON.** American, born 1934
Joan Mitchell, April 13, 1966
Graphite, ink, wash and brush on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored paper
Bob Drennon and Bill Faught, January 10, 1981
Pen and ink, brush and wash on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored Strathmore paper
Don Bachardy, August 27, 1995 (below)
Watercolor on medium-thick, rough Lanaquarelle watercolor paper
Gary Bowden, April 14, 1998
Gouache, watercolor, acrylic and ink on medium-weight, smooth white paper
Gift of Don Bachardy and the Christopher Isherwood Foundation

**ANONYMOUS.** Native American, Diné, 20th century
Wedding Basket, late 20th century
Sumac
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**KAGAMI SHUKAI.** Japanese, 1941–2000
**Tea Bowl,** 2001 (below)
Stoneware with white shino glaze
Gift of John C. Weber

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**Tea Bowl,** 2001
Stoneware with white shino glaze
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**ARTSCHWAGER, Richard Ernest.** American, 1924–2013
**Untitled (Washout),** 1997
Charcoal on medium-weight, rough cream-colored laid paper
**Untitled (Stone Wall with Window),** May 1999
Untitled (Doorway), 2003
**Crazy Road,** 2006
Charcoal on medium-weight off-white laid Strathmore cotton Charcoal paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

**KOTON, Tony.** Native American, Hopi, 1930–1982
**Bowl,** 20th century
Clay
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**UNKNOWN.** Japanese, 19th century
**Mingei Tray,** 19th century, Edo-Meiji period
Wood with black and red lacquer
Gift of John C. Weber

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Gouache, watercolor, acrylic and ink on medium-weight, smooth white paper
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drawings

BALTHUS (Belzuz Kraszewski de Rolà), French, 1908-2001
Haut de Hurlevont (Wuthering Heights), 1932
Pen and black ink on medium-weight, smooth cream-colored paper

Étude pour La Famille Mouron-Cassinare (Study for the Mouron-Cassinarie family), 1935
Graphite on medium-weight, smooth cream-colored sketchbook paper

Étude pour Portrait de Princesse Radziwill (Study for Portrait of Princess Radziwill), ca. 1943
Graphite on medium-weight, very smooth glossy tan graph paper

Étude pour Colette de profil (Study for Colette in Profile), early 1950s
Graphite and crayon on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored laid paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
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BASELITZ, Georg. German, born 1938
Untitled, 1963
Ink, wash and white gouache on medium-weight, smooth off-white paper

Wold (Forest), February 1970
Charcoal, watercolor, gouache, metallic pigment and crayon on thin, smooth cream-colored paper

Untitled (head), 1990
Brush, ink and wash on thick, slightly textured white paper

Fabian 50% cotton paper

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BEAL, Jack. American, 1931-2013
At Lee Bottoceur's, n.d.
Charcoal with white gouache on medium-weight, moderately textured off-white paper

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BECKMANN, Max. American, born Germany, 1884-1950
Stehender männlicher Akt mit verschränkten Armen (Standing Male Nude with Crossed Arms) Study for Junge Männer am Meer (Young Men by the Sea), 1904
Graphite on medium-weight, smooth cream-colored paper

Portrait of Elisabeth Goetz, ca. 1924 (p. 58)
Graphite and conte crayon on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
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BERG, Albert. German, 1825-1884
Tropical Landscape, Columbia, ca. 1849-50
Charcoal with stumping on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored laid paper

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Gift of Carol O. Selle

BOURDON, Sébastien (attributed to), French, 1616-1671
Unfinished (head of a woman), 1647
Red chalk with touches of black chalk on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored antique laid paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

BURNETT, Patricia Hill. American, 1920-2014
Portrait of Carol Selle, ca. 2000 (p. 46)
Watercolor and graphite on medium-thick, moderately textured white watercolor paper

Gift of Elizabeth Aguilera in honor of Carol O. Selle, class of 1954

CAMERON, David Young. Scottish, 1865-1945
Moonrise, Isle of Arran, n.d.
Charcoal, graphite and stumping on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper

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Gift of Carol O. Selle

CICERI, Eugene. French, 1813-1890
View of a Plantation, Possibly in Martinique, ca. 1838
Watercolor on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper mounted on medium-thick, moderately textured blue paper

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CLÉRISSEAU, Charles-Louis. French, 1722-1820
Ruined Doorway, n.d. (Set)
Brush with brown and gray wash on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored laid paper on a blue hand-painted French mount

Gift of Sarah M. Bates, class of 1980, and Martha D. M. Notarius from the collection of Thomas (Smith Art Department 1954-1956) and Margaret Dorkey McCormick (Smith Art Department 1955-1957) in memory of Professor Henry-Russell Hitchcock

CORINTH, Lovis. German, 1858-1925
Baumstämme (Tree Trunks), 1898
Charcoal on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored laid PH Bas paper

Dr. Karl Schwartz, 1916
Graphite on moderately thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper

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DAHL, Johan Christian Clausen. Norwegian, active in Germany, 1788-1897
A Megalithic Tomb, 1838
Graphite with white gouache on medium-weight, slightly textured brown paper

Elbsbahnh bei mondlich von der bruch'schen terrace aus (River Barge in Moonlight as seen from Bürh's Terrace, Dresden), n.d.

Graphite and wash with white gouache on medium-weight, rough oatmeal paper

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DAUBIGNY, Charles François. French, 1817-1878
Rocky Landscape with Pine Trees, n.d.
Charcoal and graphite on medium-weight, moderately textured tan laid paper

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Degas, Edgar. French, 1834-1917
Femme à l'éventail (Lady with a Fan), 1872 (showed)
Graphite and pastel on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper mounted on laid paper over wood stretcher

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DESCAMPS, Gabriel-Alexandre. French, 1803-1860
Paysage (Landscapes), n.d.
Brown ink and wash on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored laid ledger paper

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DEPEZÈ, Jean-Louis. French, 1743-1804
View of the Apeninnes and of the Biscataica Valley with a Group of Drafsmen, 1777
Watercolor, pen and black ink and charcoal on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored laid paper

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DINZ, Jim. American, born 1935
Hair V, Hair VI, Hair VII, 1961
Charcoal and crayon on medium-weight, smooth off-white sketchbook paper

Flash Study with lights, 1965
Charcoal, crayon and gouache on thin, smooth transparent synthetic vellum

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DIX, Otto. German, 1891-1969
Schindergablen mit Blumen (Trenches with Flowers), 1916
Black conté crayon on medium-weight, smooth beige paper

Klara, 1920
Charcoal on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored laid paper

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DUFT, Raoul. French, 1877-1953
Étude pour l'orchestre théâtre du Havre (Study for Le Havre Theater Orchestra), 1902
Charcoal and white chalk on medium-weight, moderately textured blue-gray laid paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
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ESPADA, Ismene. American, born 1932
Mascarpone, 1990
Gouache, enamel and watercolor on thin, slightly textured cream-colored paper

The Knot, 1990
Ink, gouache and watercolor on thin, moderately textured cream-colored laid paper

The Two-Way Screen, 1990
Ink, watercolor and gouache on thin, moderately textured cream-colored laid paper

Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

FEINKINGER, Lorrain. American, 1871-1956
Wieder Grünstedt (Lower Grunstedt), Sunday, January 26, 1919
Pen and black ink over charcoal on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored laid paper

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FLORES, Camille, French, 1802-1868
Saecis en bord de rivière (Willows by a River Bank), n.d. Charcoal and gouache on medium-thick, slightly textured tan paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

FRIESE, Ernst, German, 1801-1833
Der Tiberinsel in Rom (Island in the Tiber River, Rome), ca. 1833-1837 Graphite on medium-weight, smooth cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

GAMLIN, Jacques, French, 1738-1803
Bacchanale dans un chai (Bacchanale in a Cellar), n.d. Graphite and red chalk on thin, smooth beige paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

GIACOMETTI, Alberto, Swiss, 1901-1966
Titre de femme (Head of a Woman), recto; Etude pour une sculpture (Study for a Sculpture) verso, 1935 Graphite on medium-thick, moderately textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

GOLDSMITH, Tom. American, born 1948
Study for Charlie Hill, 1999 Graphite on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored sketchbook paper
Untitled (landscape), 1999 Two graphite drawings on thick, rough tan torn paperboard
Portrait of Tilly (Dachshund), 2001 Charcoal and graphite on medium-thick, smooth white paper
Untitled (abstract), 2018 Watercolor and ink on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

GOURIE, O. German, 1869-1916
Die Neunsschule (The School for Witches), 1905 Graphite and red chalk on thin, smooth beige paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

HUBBUC, Kat. German, 1891-1979
Studio zu im Hassen erstratn (Study for Rigid with Hat), 1920 Graphite on thick, smooth tan paperboard
Die Österreichische Maler Jungel (Portrait of the Austrian Painter Jungel), 1921 Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured tan paper
Sägeteblizen (Hunter's Still Life), 1921 Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured tan paper
Dei Diean (Divian), study for Der Untertan (The Loyal Subject), ca. 1925 Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper
Figure Study for Der Untertan (The Loyal Subject), ca. 1925 Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper
Study for Schule der höheren Töchten (Girl's Finishing School), ca. 1925 Graphite on medium-thick, smooth buff-colored paper
Self Portrait, ca. 1920s Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured tan paper
Der Croul, 1959 Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

HUT, Paul. French, 1803-1869
Vallée de Saint-Laurent du Pont-Isle, after 1856 Watercolor and graphite on thin, slightly textured off-white J. Whatman paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

HUMMEL, Carl Maria Nicolaeus. German, 1821-1907
Obereise, Switzerland, December 8, 1850 Brown ink, wash and graphite on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

HURSON, Michael. American, 1941-2007
Self Drawing, 1969 Graphite on thin, smooth Canson synthetic vellum
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

IMMENDORF, Jrg. German, 1945-2007
Reichsbahns-Bundesbahn, 1979 Gouache on medium-weight, smooth white paper
Untitled (Study for Sculpture Elbquelle II), 1999 Graphite and ink on medium-thick, moderately textured white paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

ISABEY, Eugène. French, 1767-1855
Paysage de Lande (Landscape in the Landes), n.d.
Black chalk heightened with white, brown, pink and green gouache on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

KLEZ, Paul. Swiss, 1879-1940
Lachendes Mädchen (Laughing Girl), 1905 Graphite and watercolor on thin, smooth buff-colored paper laid down on card
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

KOONING, Willem de. American, 1904-1997
Untitled, 1950 Oil and gouache on medium-weight, smooth cream-colored paper
Seated Model, 1969 (pink) Charcoal and fixative on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

KUNDER, Robert. German, 1810-1889
Taormina, June 28, 1832 Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

KUPKA, Franz. Czech, active in France, 1871-1957
Etude pour les Fous (Study for The Fools), ca. 1899 Charcoal, red, blue and white chalk on medium-weight, moderately textured blue-gray laid paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

LESBOUR, Albert-Charles. French, 1849-1928
Entre la Bouchareah et Cheraghia (Between Bouchareah and Cheraghia, Algeria), 1872
Black chalk on medium-weight, moderately textured tan laid paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

LESIE, Alfred. American, born 1927
Notan Study for the Killing of Frank O'Hara, March 29, 1967 Ink and wash on thick, rough cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

MAINARDI, Andrea. Italian, active 1590-1613
Il Chiostroguimo, Saint Gregory Knealing, Holding a Crucifix, n.d. Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured green paper mounted on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

MAHONEY, Karl. American, born 1941
Von Fall Grosz; Franz Jung Gewidmet (From the Grosz case; Dedicated to Franz Jung), 1917 Pen and brush and black ink on medium-weight, smooth beige paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

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MATISSE, Henri. French, 1869–1954
-Jeune femme jouant du violon devant un piano (Young Woman Playing a Violin in Front of a Piano), 1924
Charcoal on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored ivory MBM Ingres d’Arches laid paper folded in half
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
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MITCHNICK, Nancy. American, born 1947
Landscape, 1982
Charcoal on thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

MONDRIAN, Piet. Dutch, 1872–1944
Fields in Twente I (c. 1908)
Charcoal on joined sheets of thick, moderately textured cream-colored paper with serrated edges
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

MÖRGENSTERN, Christian. German, 1805–1867
Landschaft (Landscape), 1834
Graphite on thin, smooth off-white paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

MORLEY, Malcolm. English, 1931–2018
Sunset Cronies, 1981
Watercolor on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored Arches watercolor paper
Untitled (Return of Ulysses), 1982
Charcoal and watercolor on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored paper
Self-Portrait, 1983
Graphite on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored paper from a sketchpad
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

MORSE, Barry. American, born 1940
Hooded Falcon, 1975
Pen and ink with brush and wash on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored laid paper
Gift of the family of Bert and Garrison Fields, in memory of Bert Smith Fields, 1982 Aja Comstock Scholar

Naumburg, Ernst Ferdinand. German, 1797–1855
Marchenbaum (Fairytale Tree), ca. 1820s (below)
Graphite on medium-weight, smooth tan paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

O’NEIL, Robyn. American, born 1977
Only one turned away from the scene—the rest were to blame, 2004 (p. 96)
Graphite on thick, smooth white paper
Gift of Charlotte Feng Ford, class of 1983

OVERBECK-SCHENK, Gerta. German, 1898–1977
Die Christnacht (Christmas Eve), ca. 1920s (below)
Pen and black ink and graphite on medium-weight, smooth off-white printed ledger paper
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Gift of Carol O. Selle

PARROCEL, Etienne (Le Romain). French, 1696–1775
Study for Kneeling Figure in Sainte Jeanne de Valois portée au Ciel par les Anges (Saint Jean of Valois Carried to Heaven by Angels), n.d.
Black and white chalk on medium-weight, moderately textured light brown laid paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

PENCK, A. R. (Ralf Winkler). German, 1939–2017
Callospärer (Cello Player), 1958
Black ink on thick, rough tan cardboard
Untitled (Figures), ca. 1965
Gouache on medium-weight, smooth off-white paper
Untitled (rust and black abstract), ca. 1974
Brush, black ink and rust-colored gouache on medium-weight, smooth white paper
Untitled, before 1980
Pastel on medium-thick, moderately textured tan laid paper
Untitled (1963), 1980
Brush and black ink on very thin, slightly textured beige paper waxed on verso
Untitled (Group Portrait), 1983 (p. 48)
Colored wax crayon on thick, smooth paperboard
Portrait K. H. (Chef d’Oeuvre), n.d.
Graphite on medium-weight, smooth cream-colored paper
Untitled (Berlin Street), n.d.
Graphite and gouache on medium-weight, smooth coated paper
Untitled (red and blue abstract), n.d.
Blue and red watercolor on medium-weight, slightly textured tan paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

PILLS, bidsre-Alexandre-Augustin. French, 1813/15–1875
Design for a Lunette, n.d.
Pen and brown and black ink, charcoal and white gouache on thin, smooth brown paper mounted on card
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

PRELLER, Friedrich. German, 1804–1878
Bauzeituntum (Time Study), n.d.
Graphite, ink and wash on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

REVOLD, Pierre-Henri. French, 1776–1842
Étude de la fontaine d’Hercule (A Study of the Hercules Fountain), 1831
Brush with brown and gray wash on medium-weight, smooth tan paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

RIESTER, James. English, 1734–1802
Lady Hamilton as a Bacchante, ca. 1750
Pen and bistre ink on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored laid paper mounted on card
Untitled (figural scene), n.d.
Graphite on medium-thick, moderately textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

ROSENQUIST, James. American, 1933–2017
Band Aid (White Spot), 1972
Charcoal on thick, moderately textured cream-colored Arches paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

Burial Study, 1951 (above)
Graphite on medium-thick, slightly textured off-white paper
Joan Mitchell, 1960s
Graphite on medium-weight, moderated textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

ROMNEY, George. English, 1734–1802
Lady Hamilton as a Bacchante, ca. 1750
Pen and bistre ink on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored laid paper mounted on card
Untitled (figural scene), n.d.
Graphite on medium-thick, moderately textured cream-colored paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

ROSENQUIST, James. American, 1933–2017
Band Aid (White Spot), 1972
Charcoal on thick, moderately textured cream-colored Arches paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle
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drawings

ROSOFSKY, Seymour. American, 1924-1981
Woodland Scene, 1960
Charcoal on medium-thick, slightly textured
cream-colored paper

The Shooting Gallery, 1961
Ink, charcoal and pastel on thin, slightly textured
brown paper

Portrait of Carol Selle Writing, n.d.
Pen and ink on thin, smooth off-white paper

Man Playing Chess, n.d.
Pen and ink on thin, smooth off-white paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

SCHIRMER, Johann Wilhelm. German, 1807-1863
Studie einer Gruppe von Bäumen (Study of a Group of Trees), n.d.
Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured
oatmeal paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

SCHLICHTER, Rudolf. German, 1890-1955
Die Miss Admiral, 1918
Charcoal on medium-weight, moderately textured
tan laid MBM paper

Frau Margret, ca. 1923-1924
Charcoal on medium-weight, moderately textured
buff-colored paper

Vegetation Study, 1927
Graphite on medium-thick, slightly textured brown paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

SCHNACKENBERG, Roy. American, 1934-2018
Sofa, 1967
Charcoal on thin, smooth buff-colored paper mounted on board

Freud and Friends, 1971
Graphite and paper collage on medium-weight,
slightly textured cream-colored paper

Mozart, Piano, Cow, 1971
Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured
cream-colored paper

Airplane over Lake Michigan, n.d.
Marker and brown ink on medium-weight, smooth
printed graph paper

Seated Nude, n.d.
Pen with brown and black ink on thin, smooth off-white paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

SCHWALEN, Linda. American, born 1939
Cushions and Piano, n.d.
Graphite and gesso on medium-thick, moderately textured
cream-colored Arches paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

SCOBEL, Jenny. American, born 1955
Sleep, 2003
Graphite and plaster on paper mounted on board
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

SELF, Colin. English, born 1941
Sofa Drawing, 1964
Graphite and metallic ink on medium-weight, smooth
cream-colored paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

SEURAT, Georges-Pierre. French, 1859-1891
No mains écartées (Nude with Hands Apart), 1877 [selected]
Black conté crayon with charcoal on medium-weight,
moderately textured beige handmade laid Michallet paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

SHAPIRO, Joel. American, born 1941
No Wind, 1973
Pen and ink and colored pencil on medium-weight, smooth
white paper mounted on board

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

Meat (Sketch Red), 1974
Graphite, crayon, casein and ink on paper

Sketch for Meat II, 1974
Ink on thin, smooth cream-colored paper
Gift of Adam Zagorin and the late Perez Zagorin

STACK, Gael. American, born 1941
Untitled (Working Drawing), 1988-1992
Ink and oil on thin translucent paper mounted over
black crayon and graphite on both sides of thin,
smooth tan paper

Ballonin Nuclista, 1996
Oil pastel on paper mounted on thick, smooth white paper
Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

TOEFFFER, Wolfgang-Adam. Swiss, 1766-1847
Landscape, n.d. [selected]
Ink and wash on moderately thick, smooth
cream-colored paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

TURNER, Alan. American, 1943-2020
A Man Under Strain, 1973
Graphite on medium-thick, rough warm white paper

A Slight Misrepresentation, 1973
Graphite on medium-weight, slightly textured
cream-colored paper

Woodlands, Morning, Midday, Evening, 1978
Three sheets: graphite on medium-thick, rough
cream-colored paper

Mask, 1992
Graphite and paper tape on synthetic velum mounted on thick, rough
cream-colored Fabriano paper

Mask, 1994
Gouache and graphite on medium-thick, smooth
cream-colored paper

UNTITLED (Marble and Finger), 2004
Graphite and charcoal on thin, smooth translucent synthetic
velum mounted on thick, rough white Fabriano paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

UNKNOWN. European, 18th-19th century
Figural Group, n.d.
Charcoal, heightened with white chalk on medium-weight,
slightly textured cream-colored paper mounted on
moderately thick, slightly textured green paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

UNKNOWN. 20th century
Portrait of Carol O. Selle, n.d.
Charcoal on medium-weight, moderately textured
cream-colored laid paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

VOUTET, Simon. French, 1590-1649
Head of a Woman in Profile to the Left, n.d.
Black and white chalk on medium-weight, rough
oatmeal paper mounted on card

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

WENGER, Enck. German, 1899-1980
Kostümfest (Fancy Dress Party), 1920s
Black crayon on medium-weight, smooth tan paper

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

Wood, American, born 1939
Kostüm als Minnesängerin (Costume as Minnesingerin), 1978
Graphite on medium-weight, smooth off-white paper

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Gift of Carol O. Selle

The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle
WOLLHEIM, Gert. German, 1894-1974
Self Portrait, September 19, 1922
Gouache on medium-weight, smooth cream-colored paper
Die Losse Doreme (The Sweet Doreme), 1924
Gouache, ink, watercolor and crayon on medium-thick, slightly textured tan paper with a serrated edge
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection. Gift of Carol O. Selle

Installations

DE BEER, Sue. American, born 1973
Disappear Here, 2004
Two-channel video with furniture (two box televisions, pink component box, two pink silk brocade-covered bean bag chairs and green shag rug), 5:00 min.
Gift of Charlotte Feng Ford, class of 1983

musical instruments

UNKNOWN. Japanese, 20th century
Bamboo and Lacquer Mouth Organ (Sho), 20th century, Shōwa period (p. 52)
Bamboo and gold lacquer with silver mouthpiece and fittings
Gift of John C. Weber

paintings

CHEN Xie. Chinese, born 1956
Pine, Clouds, and Flying Waterfalls, 1985 (left)
Ink on paper
Gift of Andrew Goodman and Catherine Grant-Goodman

Sketch for Meat, 1974
Oil on panel
Gift of Adam Zagorin and the late Perez Zagorin

UNKNOWN. Japanese, 19th century
Bamboo, ca. 19th century
Hanging scroll, ink on paper
Gift of Michael and Caín Cunningham in memory of Margarit Anne Cunningham

photographs

ABBOTT, Berenice. American, 1898-1991
Bronx (children and brownstone), ca. 1935
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ALBIN-QUILLOT, Laura. French, 1879-1962
Untitled [Lenci dolls propped on a chair], ca. 1940
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ANDERSON, Susan. American, born 1963
Danica, Age 5, Santa Ana, California from the series
High Glitz, 2005
Archival pigment print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ARNOLD, Eve. American, 1912-2012
A Teacher at the Metropolitan Museum, NYC, 1961
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ASLAN, Nora. Argentinian, born 1937
Alfombra (Rug) No. 7, 1997
Printed photo collage on canvas
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ATTIE, Alice. American, born 1950
In the Market, Mexico, 2000
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

AYERS, Mary. American, 20th century
Dog Resists, St. Pierre, Miguelon, 1928
Toned gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

BARNEY, Tina. American, born 1945
The Puppy, 1994 (printed 2003)
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

BIEBER, Lona. American, born 1949
Dark Yard, 1991
Den, 1991
Gelatin silver prints
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

BREDE, Mona. German, born 1968
Luxor, 2003
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

BRISKI, Zana. English, born 1966
Girls’ Camp, Nepal, 1998
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

BROWN, Sue Lowenthal. American, born 1927
Untitled [masked child in stroller], 1953
Gelatin silver print mounted on board
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

Untitled [strolling], 1950s
Gelatin silver print mounted on board
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

CAFFERY, Debbie Fleming. American, born 1948
Brennan, Franklin, Louisiana, 1984
Rosa and Guadalupe II, 1997
Gelatin silver prints
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

CARTER, Keith. American, born 1948
Juggling with the Moon, 2007
Toned gelatin silver print
Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

CHELSIN, Michal. Israeli, born 1974
Grandfather, 2003
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

CONNER, Lois. American, 1952
Kashgar, Xinjiang, China, 1991 (printed later)
Archival pigment print on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored paper
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

COYNE, Petah. American, born 1953
Untitled #938 from the series Fourth of July, 1995
Nine framed gelatin silver prints
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

DELIUSE, Regina. American, born 1959
Still Life on Wall, Spinozo, Italy, 1981 (printed 2021)
Archival pigment print
The Meredith S. Moody Collection. Purchased with with Hiram F. Moody and Sarah H. Goulard, class of 1967, Photography Fund

ASLAN, Nora. Argentinian, born 1937
Alfombra (Rug) No. 7, 1997
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

UNKNOWN. Japanese, 19th century
Bamboo
Gift of Michael and Caín Cunningham in memory of Margarit Anne Cunningham
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**Photographs**

**Dorr, Nettie.** American, 1893–1988
Embroidery #2, from the series Mother and Child, ca. 1955
Gelatin silver print mounted on board
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Dugan, Jess T.** American, born 1986
A Moment Collected: Photographs at the Harvard University Art Museum, 2008 (printed 2011)
Portfolio of eighteen gelatin silver prints
Gift of Jess T. Dugan

**Eldowy, Gundula Schulze.** German, born 1954
Dresden from the series Der große und der kleine Schritt (The Big and the Little Step), 1987
New York from the series Spinning on my Heels, June 12, 1991 (left, top)
C-prints
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Elliot, Peggy.** American, 20th century
Dancer with Gloves, 1993
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Ess, Barbara.** American, born 1948
Untitled (two figures on curb), 1982–86
C-print mounted on board
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Feininger, Andreas.** American, 1906–1999
Grand Central Station, 1941
Vintage gelatin silver print
U.S. Steel Mill, 1953
Gelatin silver print (modern print)
Gift of Robert Flynn Johnson in memory of Minna Flynn Johnson, class of 1936

**Fleischmann, Trude.** American, born Austria, 1895-1990
Maria, 1926b
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Fougeron, Martine.** French-American, born 1954
Adrian’s Time from the Tête-à-Tête Project, 2007
Digital c-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Frank, Andrea.** American, born Germany, 1970
Beloved Child #6, 2001
Beloved Child #14, 2002
C-prints mounted on aluminum
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Galembo, Phyllis.** American, born 1952
Carneval a Jacmel, Haiti, 2004
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Garoucho, Fler.** Mexican, born 1957
Reina, Guatemala (Queen, Guatemala), 1989
(printed 1992) (left, bottom)
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Gaskell, Anna.** American, born 1969
Untitled #3 (Study for Rapture), 2000-2001
C-print mounted on aluminum
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Geerlinks, Maai.** Dutch, born 1970
Love, 2004
C-print face-mounted to Plexiglas and backed with aluminum
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Genthe, Arnold.** American, born Germany, 1869-1942
Untitled (San Francisco earthquake ruins, horse drawn wagons), 1906
Untitled (San Francisco earthquake ruins, Nob Hill) 1906
Ferrigraph gelatin silver prints (printed later)
Gift of Robert Flynn Johnson in memory of Minna Flynn Johnson, class of 1936

**Graves, Kris.** American, born 1982
American Monuments, 2020 (below)
Portfolio of sixteen archival pigment prints
Purchased with the Josephina A. Stein, class of 1927, Fund, in honor of the class of 1927

**Greenberg, Jill.** American, born 1967
Revelations from the series End Times, 2005
Archival pigment print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Greenfield, Lauren.** American, born 1966
Cibachrome
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Halaban, Gal Albert.** American, born 1970
Cherries from the series About 30, April 2003
C-print mounted on Sintra
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Hanzlová, Jitka.** Czech, born 1958
Petruska, Rokytňík from the series Female, 1998
(printed August 15, 2000)
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Heisz, Hildegard.** German, 1897–1979
Portrait of Ulrike Von Borries, 1930
Portrait of Ulrike Von Borries, 1930
Toned gelatin silver prints
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Ignatovich, Olga.** Russian, 1905–1984
Untitled (Visiting an Exhibition at the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow), late 1930s
Toned gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Jacobson, Jed.** Vicenta. American, born 1977
Sophia, 2003
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Jahoda, Susan.** American, born 1940
In Preparation for Absence, 1999
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

**Jedlicka, Dan.** American, born 1973
Cibachrome
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983
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ruin, mona. american, born 1969
mary-lou lucy-jane, 1999
gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

lange, dorothea. american, 1895–1965
pari lorentz, 1937

type silver print on original mount

gift of robert flynn johnson in memory of

minna flynn johnson, class of 1936

lauri, laura. israeli, born 1952
image of light #4, ca. 2004

digital c-print mounted on paperboard

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

lasserre, juliette. swiss, 1907–?

untitled [four children outside], ca. 1934

untitled [young child carrying a pitcher], ca. 1934

vintage gelatin silver prints mounted on board

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

le, an-m. american-vietnamese, born 1960
tien phuong, 1995 [title]
gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

levitt, helen. american, 1913–2009
mexico, 1941

vintage gelatin silver print mounted on paperboard

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

london, laura. american, born 1969
rock star moment #55, 2000

c-print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

lyons, lisa. american, born 1971
untitled [pool #a], n.d.
c-print mounted on aluminum

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

mark, mary ellen. american, 1940–2015
laurie in the wand b7 batteub, oregon state hospital,
salem, oregon, 1976

gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

mccrum, lindsay. american, 20th century
dress-up princess, 2005

archival pigment print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

mcnab, brian. canadian, born 1971

untitled, from the portfolio terminus, 1998

gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

mcnab, david. canadian, born 1971

untitled, from the portfolio terminus, 1998

gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

misenerger, maria. swedish, born 1965

ten from the series sverigis/schweden, 1997
c-print mounted on paperboard

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

modica, andrea. american, born 1960

platinum-palladium print on synthetic vellum

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

morath, inge. american, born austria, 1923–2002

navalcan bridesmaids, 1955 (modern print)
gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

morris, marianne. english, 20th century

untitled [girl with curtain], 1975
gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

morris, wright. american, 1910–1998

barber shop, ca. 1950
gelatin silver print (printed 1995)
gift of robert flynn johnson in memory of

minna flynn johnson, class of 1936

mozman, rachel. american, born 1972

sisters, coffee table, 2005
c-print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

nadal, judy. american, born 1953

beauty, from the series earth words, 2002
gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

naylor, geoffrey. american, 1915–1989

milk truck, 1942
gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

natale, sue. canadian, born 1940–2015

navalcan bridesmaids, 1955 (modern print)
gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

nave, jess. canadian, born 1971

untitled, from the series games of consequence, 2008

pigment print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

parkar, suelien. american, born 1972

glamour shot, 2006

archival pigment print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

paz, beatrice valdes. american, 20th century

untitled #3, from the portfolio terminus, 1998

gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

pinney, melissa. american, born 1953

emma on swing, 2005
c-print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

quaasik, myst. english, born 1978

porny, woodland, new york from the series pull back the shade, 2004 [edition]

duratrans lightbox

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

papapetrou, polixeni. canadian, born 1960

untitled, from the series games of consequence, 2008

pigment print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

parkar, suelien. american, born 1972

glamour shot, 2006

archival pigment print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

paz, beatrice valdes. american, 20th century

untitled #3, from the portfolio terminus, 1998

gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983

paz, beatrice valdes. american, 20th century

untitled #3, from the portfolio terminus, 1998

gelatin silver print

gift of joe baio and anne griffin, class of 1983
photographs

RECEE, Jane. American, 1868-1961
Easter Lilies (Elinor Sagebeil), 1912
Gelatin silver print from a paper negative
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

Renger-Patzsch, Albert. German, 1897-1966
Crystal Study, 1920s
Vintage gelatin silver print
Gift of Robert Flynn Johnson in memory of Minna Flynn Johnson, class of 1936

RICHARDS, Patricia. American, 20th century
Please Mom . . . They’re Doing it Again!!, 1998
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ROBERTS, Huly. American, born 1951
Woman with Baby, 1991
Digital c-print with acrylic
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ROBBER, Cristina. Spanish, born 1949
“La Maya.” Colmenar Viejo, Madrid, 1991
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

ROSS, Judith. American, born 1946
Portrait from the series Euraian Park. Weatherly, PA, 1982-1988
Toned gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

SCHORR, Colleen. American, born 1963
Smoke Ring, 1999
C-print mounted on aluminum
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

SCHWARTZ, Robin. American, born 1957
Towers, 2006
Walker’s Forest from the series Amelia’s World, 2007
C-prints
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

SIKKA, Bhanu. Indian, born 1973
Girl in Red Dress, 2006
Archival pigment print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

SOLOMON, Rosalind Fox. American, born 1930
Iraba Jocopilas, Todos Santos, Huehuetenango, Guatemala, 1978 (printed 1982)
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

SONNEMAN, Ew. American, born 1946
New York, 1970
Gelatin silver print mounted on paperboard
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

STEIN, Amy. American, born 1970
Return from the series Domesticated, 2005-2010
Digital c-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

STERNBACH, Jon. American, born 1953
The Passengers (Perfect Fit), ca. 1975
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

STONE, Erika. American, born Germany, 1924
Girl Behind Screen Door, Canada, 1956
Ferrotyped gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

STRASSHEIM, Angela. American, born 1969
Untitled [girl in window], 2004
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

STRAUS, Anna. Swiss, born 1947
Sonja and Linda, 1982
Gelatin silver print on canvas
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STRELOW, Liselotte. German, 1908-1981
Beaus and child., 1947
Ferrotyped gelatin silver print
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STREY, Anna. Japanese, born 1986
Nectar Peach, 2011 (printed 2012)
Nectar Mix, 2012 (left)
Color digital prints with applied glitter on medium-thick, rough cream-colored paper
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STROILO, Katarina. American, born 1970
Doubletake #8, 1999
C-print
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VAN LANMUIR, Ines. Dutch, born, 1963
Final Fantasy, Caroline, 1993
C-print face-mounted to Plexiglas backed with aluminum
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

VAN MANEN, Berit. Dutch, born 1942
Norbouquet (Yolanda and His Baby), 1994
C-print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

VLČKOVA, Tereza. Czech, born 1983
C-print
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WALKER, Samuel Brooks. American, born 1987
Polaroid Tech Photo Division, Floor, Waltham, MA, 2011
Polaroid Tech Photo Division, Waltham, MA, 2011
Walden, Concord, MA, 2011
Eminent Domain, Concord, MA, 2013
Archival pigment prints on thin, smooth cream-colored paper
Gift of Jeanne and Richard S. Press

YAMPOLE, Marianna. Mexican, born United States, 1925-2002
Canicua (Caress), 1989
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

YLLA, Camilla. Kiffler. Hungarian, 1911-1955
The Little Elephant, early 1950s
Vintage gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983

WILLIS, John. American, born 1958
First Blizzard, December, Camp Oceti Sakowin, ND, 2016
(2018)
Lakota Prayer Ties Placed by the Confluence of the Cannonball River and Missouri River, Camp Oceti Sakowin, North Dakota, 2016
(2018)
Non-Native Allies circling Native Water Protectors to protect them from arrest during a street action that stopped traffic outside the Federal Building in Bismarck, ND, 2016
(2018)
Outside the Federal Building, Bismarck, ND, 2016
(2018)
Road Side Action to Raise Awareness, North Dakota, 2016
(2018)
Watching The Thanksgiving Day Stand-Off with Police on Turtle Island, 2016
(2018)
Archival pigment prints on medium-thick, smooth white paper
Gift of Ralph and Nancy Segall

Yampolsky, Mariama. Mexican, born United States, 1925-2002
Canicua (Caress), 1989
Gelatin silver print
Gift of Joe Baio and Anne Griffin, class of 1983
prints

**ALCALAY, Albert.** American, 1917–2008
Ragged Country, 1960
Etching, aquatint and spit-bite aquatint on medium-weight, moderately textured cream-colored paper
Transferred from Smith College

**BATES, David.** American, born 1952
Lounge King, 1998
Woodcut, etching, screenprint and collage on medium-thick, slightly textured white paper
Gift of Nina B. Shapiro, class of 1970

**DIUQUID, Leslie.** American, born 1986
Untitled (upside-down woman) from the portfolio Continuum, 2019
Screenprint on medium-thick, moderately textured pink Mohawk 111# paper
Purchased with the Janice Carlson Oresman, class of 1955, Fund

**GILLESPIE, Gregory Joseph.** American, 1936–2000
Red Head, 1986
Two-color lithograph on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored Rives BFK paper
Untitled (figure with large penis), 1980s
Lithograph on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
Gift of Peggy Gillespie, Trustee of the Gregory Gillespie Revocable Trust B

**GILLESPIE, Gregory Joseph.** American, 1936–2000
Fertility Shrine, 1980s
Two-color lithograph on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
Untitled (Animals), 1980s
Lithograph on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored Arches paper
Gift of Jay Gillespie

**HOBBS, LaToya M.** American, born 1983
Mrs. Burroughs from the portfolio Continuum, 2019 (left)
Three-color woodcut on thick, moderately textured white Mohawk 111# cover paper
Purchased with the Janice Carlson Oresman, class of 1955, Fund

**HUBBUTCH, Kat.** German, 1891–1979
Self Portrait in Studio, ca. 1920s
Drypoint and graphite on medium-thick, smooth tan paper
The Carol O. Selle, class of 1954, Drawing Collection.
Gift of Carol O. Selle

**HUNT, Eugena A.** Native American, Kwaguluht, 1946–2002
Babies, n.d.
Screenprint and lithograph on medium-thick, smooth cream-colored paper
Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**JAMES, Terrell.** American, born 1955
Baby Doll, 2004
Soft-ground etching on medium-thick, slightly textured warm white Arches paper
Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

**KATZ, Al.** American, born 1927
Maria I from the series Maria, 1992
Etching and aquatint printed in color on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
Gift of Nina B. Shapiro, class of 1970

**KOZLOFF, Joyce.** American, born 1942
Pictures and Borders II, 1977
Lithograph printed in color on medium-thick, slightly textured cream-colored paper
Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

**MACK-WILLIAMS, Jennifer.** American, born 1979
Future Undetermined from the portfolio Continuum, 2019
Woodblock and screenprint on thick, smooth white Mohawk 111# cover paper
Purchased with the Janice Carlson Oresman, class of 1955, Fund

**MARTIN, Delta.** American, born 1972
Star Watcher from the portfolio Continuum, 2019
Inkout, collage and hand-stitching on thick, slightly textured white Mohawk paper
Purchased with the Janice Carlson Oresman, class of 1955, Fund
**prints**

**RIVERS, Larry.** American, 1925–2002

*Drawn from the Collection* (Portrait of Carol Selle), 1984

Photolithograph printed in color on handmade paper mounted on wood

Gift of Elizabeth Aguilera in honor of Carol O. Selle, class of 1954

**ROMMEL, Julia.** American, born 1980

*Homes, Including My Own*, 2014

Intaglio on folded and collaged Revere Standard White Suede paper

Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

**ROSENQUIST, James.** American, 1933–2017

*Note to Our Higher Selves from the portfolio Continuum*, 2019

Screenprint on medium-thick, moderately textured cream-colored paper

Purchased with the Janice Carlson Oresman, class of 1955, Fund

**SANTANA, Stephanie.** American, born 1984

*On the Road to the Pueblo*, 1929

Linocut on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper

Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

**TUTTLE, Martha.** American, born 1989

*Water/Skin*, 2018

Relief and digital printing on laminated paper with natural pigments mounted on paperboard

Gift of Ann Jackson, class of 1970

**VALDES, Manola.** Spanish, born 1942

*Reina Mariana I*, 1986

Etching and collage on Arches paper

Gift of Nina B. Shapiro, class of 1970

**WORD, Tamayo K. S.** American, born 1983

*Starshine & Clay from the portfolio Continuum*, 2019

Linocut, gouache, acrylic ink and collage on thick, smooth blue Mohawk 111# cover paper

Purchased with the Janice Carlson Oresman, class of 1955, Fund

**YOSHIDA, Toshi.** Japanese, born 1911–1995

*Shirakawa*, 1938

Woodblock print, ink and color on medium-weight, slightly textured cream-colored paper

Gift of Robert Flynn Johnson in memory of Minna Flynn Johnson, class of 1936

**prints**

**DEWART, Murray.** American, born 1947

*Christmas Bombing of Hanoi*, 1972 (cast 2020)

Bronze

Gift of Murray Dewart

**EDAAKIE, Rita.** Native American, Zuni, 20th century

*Owl and Baby*, late 20th century

Clay

Gift of Katherine Gabel, class of 1959, and Dean of the School for Social Work, 1976–1985

**LOWE, Truman.** Native American, Ho-Chunk, 1944–2019

*Water Spirit #15*, 1991

(Mid-20th century)

Milled lumber, peeled willow sticks and Luma color

Purchased with the Kathleen Compton Sherrerd, class of 1954, Acquisition Fund for American Art

**sculpture**

**JACK, Deborah.** Dutch, St. Maarten, born 1970

*the water between us remembers, so we wear this history on our skin, long for a sea-bath and hope the salt will cure what ails us*, 2018

Single-channel color video, 15:42 min.

Purchased through the efforts of students in the class “Collecting 101,” January 2021

**JULIEN, Isaac.** British, born 1960

*Lessons of the Hour: Frederick Douglass*, 2019

Single-channel color video, 24:45 min.

Purchased with the Madeleine H. Russell, class of 1937, Fund, and funds from the Contemporary Associates, Smith College Museum of Art

**MESSNER, Ann.** American, born 1952

*Disarming Images*, 2005

Three-channel DVD, 60:00 min.

Gift of Ann Messner
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louis bach
Custodian

Whatever Louis Bach sets out to do, he gives it 100 percent and then some—and that includes his custodial duties at SCMA. He worked in different areas of campus before being assigned exclusively to the museum in 2005 until his retirement in November 2020. Louis graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and served as an officer on a ship until an accident affecting his eyesight made him ineligible to sail. Louis went to work as a laser welder and did that while raising a family in Florence, Massachusetts, where he and his wife have lived for more than 35 years. In retirement, he is working to help his brother clear debris from three acres of pine trees—and rooting for the Red Sox, of course!

JUST DO IT
I always did everything in my power to do a good job. Sometimes that meant taking a few extra minutes to clean a gallery before a last-minute VIP visit, which I was always happy to do. I didn’t always go through the formality of getting a work order because that would take too long—better to just get it done—and I know people were always appreciative. Wherever I’ve worked I’ve always wanted to make a difference. That’s just me.

FAVORITE WORK OF ART?
I know it sounds funny, but I never really took the time to explore the galleries—I was always focused on working! Maybe I’ll finally get to do it in retirement, though. [Security Manager] Ann Mayo encouraged me to put my name in to be a member of the Safety Team; I thought that was an honor. So who knows, maybe you’ll see me back there someday.

NOT ALWAYS SMOOTH SAILING
After high school I applied to three places: Maine Maritime [Academy], Mass Maritime, and the U.S. Naval Academy. I’ve always liked navigating and going on the sea; it’s something that’s just in your blood, I think. I couldn’t get enough of the ocean. There was one time we were crossing the Atlantic to Africa in a 230-foot ship, and we ran into a hurricane.

It was pretty rocky and people were getting seasick, but I loved it and took over everyone’s watches. The ship would go from underwater, where you’d see dolphins, and then point to the sky and you’d see the stars. It was fascinating.

LIFELONG SPORTS FAN
I’m addicted to baseball. I actually played it most of my life, and I was pretty good; fast, too. We’d have to do sprints during practice at Mass Maritime. One day the Red Sox organization was there watching us, and they invited me to go do a tryout in Pittsfield, MA. I got halfway there, changed my mind, and turned around. I ended up quitting altogether after my sophomore year but I still love the sport. I even played for Smith’s adult co-ed softball league until I injured my Achilles tendon on a pop fly play, and that was that.

WHAT HE’LL MISS
Definitely the people. I liked them and I knew they liked me, because I was good at my job. The worst thing someone ever said about me was that I tried too hard. But if that’s the worst thing you can say about me, I’ll take it.

people: making it all possible
margi caplan
Associate Director of Marketing and Communications

As a longtime communications professional, Margi Caplan isn’t used to being the subject of the story—but after 35 years in the museum field and 22 of them at SCMA, she has some wonderful experiences to share. Margi had a hand in the creation of several SCMA’s signature projects and programs: the artist-designed gallery bench project “Please Be Seated”; Northampton’s Arts Night Out (dubbed “Second Friday” by SCMA); the comprehensive wayfinding project; the museum’s rebrand and new website, SCHEMA; and more. Margi saw many changes here over the years, most notably the transformation of the building itself soon after she started, as well as the evolution of the virtual museum. Throughout it all her goal stayed the same: to partner with colleagues to provide broad access to and visibility for the wonderful work of the museum and its unique collection. In retirement, Margi looks forward to spending more time with family and friends (human and canine), volunteering, reading, swimming, hiking, practicing yoga and exploring art and culture of all kinds.

EARLY INSPIRATION
Growing up in a suburb of New Haven, Connecticut, I often biked to the Yale University Art Gallery to seek inspiration and sanctuary in favorite corners of the museum. I’d spend long stretches of time wandering, reading and sometimes doing homework in the company of art from around the world. Another favorite spot was the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, where in 1984 I took my first museum job after completing a two-year work/study program in arts administration. During my time as marketing and membership director there, I co-founded and co-directed a free, city-wide museum festival.

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING
In 1998, after seven years as membership director of what is now the Morgan’s Museums, I joined the staff of SCMA just as it was about to embark on its first major renovation and expansion since the 1970s. The run-up to the reopening included many new initiatives and programs—I think my team and I coordinated 20-something events over seven months! Those early years were especially formative and memorable as I established deeply meaningful connections and friendships with museum coworkers as well as staff and faculty across campus and members of the museum’s advisory committees. These relationships nurtured and inspired me and made it possible for me to do my job.

PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS
When Martha Ebner joined the marketing and communications team in 2000, she and I quickly formed a seamless partnership, one that only grew stronger over time. Together, we were a privilege and a joy to mentor and work with our department’s three fabulous post-baccalaureate fellows—Jessica Berube, Charlotte Hecht and Tiffany Cho. I was also so lucky to work alongside fantastic Smith students, including Shama Rahman ’13, who helped create and coordinate the very first Night at Your Museum. Collaborating across all departments at SCMA, and with Office of College Relations staff and others on campus, to make visible the museum’s beloved collection and more than one hundred changing exhibitions over two decades, was truly extraordinary.

REPORTING LIVE FROM THE LOD
Partnering with the museum’s education and curatorial teams on hundreds of programs brought me in contact with many renowned artists and thought leaders over the years that led to so much wonderful learning—and also some laughs. In 2003, as part of the pre-promotion for the newly renovated museum—and while she was still working for a Western Massachusetts radio station—Rachel Maddow agreed to do an on-air remote broadcast about SCMA’s new artist-designed restrooms. She set up a makeshift “studio” on the museum’s lower level, between the two restroom doorways, and offered commentary and feedback on each one throughout her show. As you might imagine, she was funny, down-to-earth . . . and totally up-front about the fact that her favorite was the women’s restroom!

WITH GRATITUDE
Just as I had the chance to grow up in the galleries of awe-inspiring museums, my time at SCMA provided my own two, now grown, children with a similarly awesome yet grounding environment in which to dream, stretch, experiment, learn and grow in the company of artworks that became like treasured friends. And over two-plus decades here, I, too, was able to dream, stretch, experiment, learn and grow—and for that, I’m ever grateful.

molly hoisington
Assistant Preparator

An artist herself, Molly Hoisington is passionate about art history and objects in general—just one reason she was drawn to the job of a preparator, caring for and conserving SCMA’s collection. She started in that role in 2019 after four years as part of the museum’s security team with Rick Turschman, whom she first met when the two worked together at the Gardner Museum in Boston. There, Molly held several roles, including collections maintenance technician, before leaving in 2012 to pursue her MFA in Studio Arts at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is currently a preparator at the Hood Museum at Dartmouth College. When she’s not handling artwork—her own or that of others—Molly enjoys sewing, dancing and spending time with her wonderful kitty, Babypie.

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In her 18 years in security at SCMA, Deb Kowal’s responsibilities have included work behind the scenes as a security systems specialist as well as in the galleries as a guard. While she’s especially drawn to the art after 1800 found on the third floor, Deb herself is a bit of a Renaissance woman: a voracious reader, fan of the paranormal and adjunct faculty member at American International College in Springfield, MA, where she teaches psychology. Deb is a lifelong resident of Northampton, but she is getting ready to relocate to New Hampshire for family reasons. And although moves can be unsettling, Deb is not easily rattled—she’s a ghost hunter, after all.

FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS
I probably read between 15 and 20 books a month, and I usually have at least two or three going at the same time. Even as a very young child, I always had a book in my hands: at the kitchen table, in the car, everywhere. At the museum, there’s a painting by John Peto that I love that’s essentially all these hard-cover books piled on a 10-cent remnant table; every time I’d look at it, I had an urge to save those books from getting thrown out or destroyed.

INSPIRATION EVERYWHERE
Visitors to the museum always get really excited about the artist-designed restrooms. People often ask upon arrival, “Where should I start?” and when we tell them “Make sure to stop by the bathroom,” they look at us funny but inevitably say “I’m so glad you told me to go!” Over the years I think we’ve inspired a large number of people to go home and redecorate their own.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT
For five years I’ve also worked overnight security at Historic Deerfield, responsible for a whole campus with 22-plus buildings. It involves things like bat wrangling and visiting dark basements in the middle of the night to make sure nothing’s leaking. There was the time a local dairy farm’s cows got loose at 2 a.m. and were making their way down the middle of the street. You won’t see this at SCMA!

KEEPING IT POSITIVE
There’s an emerging field of psychology that’s all about staying present, finding joy in nature and slowing down—it’s called “positive psychology.” I’ve been taking courses in it and bringing what I’ve learned to my students. The research shows that people are more creative and relaxed when they’re outdoors; even studying a textbook outside under a tree, they’ve found you retain more information than doing that at a desk. I’ll encourage my students to do an assignment outside and come back and tell me how their perspective has changed. I’m hoping to run seminars and retreats with this as the focus.

WHAT SHE’LL MISS
I have really enjoyed the quiet times at the museum before we open to the public or after we’ve closed; it’s just so peaceful. The coolest thing is walking through a gallery and realizing you’re alone with all this amazing art. There’s no feeling like it.

scma by the numbers
July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021

- Annual budget: $2,338,139
- Museum attendance: 4,607
  - Smith College students: 3,022
  - Other Five College students and faculty: 153
  - Children and youth: 695
  - Adults: 827
- Virtual programs:
  - Student programs: 10
  - Public/member programs: 20
  - Attendees: 1,096
  - Watching from: 10 countries
- Academic visitors:
  - Pre-K-12 students: 695
  - College students: 2,999
  - College class visits: 120
  - College courses served: 47
- SCMA online:
  - Website pageviews: 97,990
  - Blog Posts: 48
  - YouTube video views: 8,872
  - Facebook followers: 7,915
- Online shop purchases:
  - Books: 514
  - Smithie mugs and dishes: 219
  - Puzzles: 144
- Works in permanent collection: 28,205
- Art acquisitions:
  - Gifts: 262
  - Purchases: 12
- Memberships: 432
  - Director’s Associates: 7
  - Tryon Associates: 24
  - Contemporary Associates: 6
  - Student through Patron levels: 395
- Membership revenue: $305,061
- Endowment comparison:
  - FY16: $40.9 M
  - FY21: $64.4 M

*Includes virtual programs, academic visits, limited on-site gallery hours