

ART HISTORY, PHD

The Department of Art History offers programs leading to the master of arts and the doctor of philosophy. Students enjoy close interaction with their mentors and benefit from superb resources for interdisciplinary research. Faculty members have international reputations in their specialties, regularly receive prestigious awards, lecture widely, and serve on major professional boards. Graduates of the department teach at the post-secondary level or pursue careers in museum and curatorial professions, private galleries and auction houses, library or archival work, architecture and historical preservation, and conservation. The Department encourages diverse approaches to the study of art, architecture, the built environment, visual and material culture, and curation. Our faculty includes specialists in a wide range of critical areas of research and teaching expertise that can be explored on our website (<https://arthistory.wisc.edu/faculty/>). The department is housed in the Conrad A. Elvehjem Building with the Chazen Museum of Art (<http://www.chazen.wisc.edu/>), which has a broad historical collection with several areas of particular strength, an active acquisitions program, and facilities to host major traveling exhibitions and exhibition courses. Graduate students use these collections for research and publishing projects. They may also have the opportunity to work on exhibitions in special classes or as project assistants. Our building is also home to the Kohler Art Library, which contains an excellent collection of published materials and full range of periodicals.