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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The fall semester is already upon us after what seems like a shorter summer than usual! Indeed, with the procedures that needed to be put in place for online teaching, less time than usual was left for fieldwork, research trips and vacation. And for most faculty a whole semester of online teaching will be a new experience. However, a few fully online courses were offered by some of our graduate students over the summer, and we have learned quite a lot from their experiences. Moreover, we have been fortunate in drawing on the expert advice of alumna [Alexandra Makos](#), who, after completing her master's in art history, went on to earn a PhD in online learning from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. We are optimistic about the plans we have in place and look forward to a

productive semester for faculty and students alike.

I am especially pleased to be launching a new speaker series for the department, with our first talks taking place in October and November. We have also started an equity and diversity forum for faculty and graduate students, as it is incredibly important that we properly address systemic racism in our discipline. Please check our [website](#) for future announcements on initiatives arising from this forum.



— **Carl Knappett**
Professor & Chair

NEWS AND EVENTS



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, U of T's spring Convocation 2020 ceremony was presented virtually on June 2. Please join us in congratulating our graduates and wishing them all the best in their future endeavours: Emma Fried (MA), Paula Gheorghiane (PhD), Howard Joseph Goren (MA), Loredana Granata (MA), Grace Guest (MA), Sara Siu-Yan Ho (MA), Abdelrahman Kamel



Congratulations on Tenure & Promotion!

We are delighted to announce that on July 1, Professor [SeungJung Kim](#) achieved tenure and was promoted to the rank of associate professor. Professor Kim's main research interests include the idea of a "temporal revolution" during the heyday of Greek Classicism, an idea that will be further explored in her upcoming book, *Toward a Phenomenology of Time in Ancient Greek*

(MA), Elin MacRae (MA), Matthew A. Mancini (MA), Gabriel Marcuzzi Herie (MA), Kristian Martin (MA), Mila Christine Miller (MA), Lejla Pepeljak (MA), Niharika Russell (MA), and Sabrina White (MA). The virtual ceremony is available on [U of T's YouTube page](#).

Art (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming). We are truly fortunate to have such incredibly gifted and dedicated faculty working in our midst and representing us throughout the country and across the globe. Please join us in congratulating Professor Kim on this wonderful achievement.



Art History Speaker Series

The Department of Art History Speaker Series will feature a diverse range of art historians discussing the past, current and future contours of the discipline globally. Speakers have been secured for October 23 and November 20 and talks will be held virtually. Please visit [the Department of Art History website](#) for further announcements and details.



In Solidarity with the Black Community

The Department of Art History shares the profound concerns that have arisen in response to the recent events in the United States and Toronto. The department has issued a statement on anti-Black racism in consultation with its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group. The full statement is available for review on our [website](#).



HASA 2020 Symposium Journal Now Available!

The History of Art Students' Association (HASA) is excited to announce that the 2020 issue of their Annual Symposium Journal is now available! Their theme, Art and the Nature of Change, as exemplified by the research of their eight contributors, is meant to highlight how art never functions independently from its environment and moment in history, but rather evolves with it and often works to be a visual relic of what is temporal and ephemeral. To download a copy of the journal, please visit the [HASA website](#).



Welcome to New Affiliate Faculty

We are pleased to announce the following faculty appointment to the department:

- Michael Galaty, professor, status only. Galaty is director of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology and professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Michigan.

2020 SSHRC CGS Award Winners

In June, Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council announced the recipients of its Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program (October 2019 competition). Please join us in congratulating our students, Rhiannon Vogl and Alistair Watkins, for their outstanding work and the impressive recognition that it has received! Full details are available on [the Department of Art History news page](#).



Support the Department

Our department is committed to the education of our talented students in a broad range of artistic endeavours from prehistory to the present. We strongly believe that students capable of critically reflecting on the power of art and architecture to shape culture and society will become responsible and sensitive global citizens. Please consider [supporting us](#) and our ongoing dedication to excellence.



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