



The Humanities Foundation News



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Letter From the Director



Your Boston University Humanities Foundation is striving to find new ways to promote and enhance the work of humanities scholars. Our new website shows some of the many activities we have funded during the current year, including a well-attended conference honoring the late Eve Sedgwick and a splendid exhibition of historic architectural drawings from New England. We have an active reading group discussing “Judgments of Value,” this year’s theme, and we shall soon announce a similarly broad theme for next year. We rejoice that we have again been able to award a large number of fellowships to senior and junior faculty who will pursue projects next year as Faculty Fellows, and we look forward to a robust pool of applications for humanities enhancement projects. Let me take this occasion to remind everyone that we welcome applications not only for events taking place in academic year 2010-11, but for events that will take place in 2011-12 and beyond. Let me also emphasize that this is *your* Humanities Foundation; it is only as strong, vibrant, and interesting as *your* ideas.

Yours for the Foundation,
James Winn

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Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellows 2009/2010



Clockwise from top left: Charles Griswold, Dorothy Kelly, Nina Silber, Christopher Martin, Shahla Haeri, Michael Zell.



Charles Griswold — Professor, Philosophy
Self and Other: Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Adam Smith on Freedom, Authenticity, Sympathy, and Narrative

Shahla Haeri — Associate Professor, Anthropology
Women, Religion, and Politics: Crafting Grassroots Democracy in Iran (2008/09 Fellow)

Dorothy Kelly — Professor, Romance Studies
Living in Death: The Material Past in Balzac, Flaubert, and Baudelaire

Christopher Martin — Associate Professor, English
The Figure of Retire: Constituting Old Age in Early Modern English Literature

Nina S. Silber — Professor, History
The Civil War in American Life, 1929–1941

Humanities Foundation Junior Fellows 2009/2010



Mark Alonge— Assistant Professor, Classical Studies
Liturgy and literature: a hymn to Zeus from Crete



Peter Bokulich— Assistant Professor, Philosophy
Description and Possibility



Deborah Burton— Assistant Professor, Music Theory
Puccini the Musician



Gina Cogan— Assistant Professor, Religion
The Princess Nun: Bunchi, Sovereign Power and the Family in Early Modern Japan



Christopher Lehigh— Assistant Professor, Religion
Music Hath Charms



Paolo Scrivano— Assistant Professor, Art History
Architecture and Planning Between Italy and the United States, 1945–1965



Andrew Shenton— Assistant Professor, Music & Theology
Music in World Religions

Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellows 2009/2010 (Cont...)

Michael Zell — Associate Professor, Art History
For the Love of Art: Gift Giving, Amateurs, and the Poetics of Painting in Seventeenth-Century Dutch Culture

Faculty Project Highlights 2009/2010

The Humanities Foundation is supporting a number of faculty projects over the 2009/2010 academic year. Here are a few of the highlights.

The Boston University Junior Faculty Gender & Sexuality Studies Group —*Honoring Eve: A Symposium Celebrating the Work of Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick (1950-2009)*, October 31, 2009. bu.edu/honoringeve



Keith Vincent, Erin Murphy and Hal Sedgwick

Art History, The BU Art Gallery at Stone Gallery, and Historic New England— the art exhibition, *Drawing Toward Home: Designs for Domestic Architecture from Historic New England*. November 18, 2009— January 17, 2010, and the related symposium, *January 16, 2010*.



BU Professor Keith Morgan and BUHF Director James Winn at the opening reception of the BUHF sponsored exhibition *Drawing Toward Home* at the BU Art Gallery.

College of General Studies Humanities Division — *Poetry Series*, a year long series of poets reading their works, including: Simon Armitage, a poet from the UK, September 21, 2009; David Ferry, Boston, October 29, 2009; Tomaz Salamun, a Slovenian poet, November 5, 2009; Michael Hofmann, poet and translator of German, February 5, 2010



Ken'ichi Sasaki, Meiji University, Tokyo, at the East Asian Archaeology Forum

The International Center for East Asian Archaeology & Cultural History — *The East Asian Archaeology Forum*, a year long series of lectures including: Yukiki Ono, October 6, 2009, “Current Issues in Archaeological Cultural Resource Management in Japan;” Kay Makino, October 27, 2009, “Clay Pipes and Betel Nuts: Archaeology at Banten Lama (Indonesia) and the Maritime Silk Road;” Ken'ichi Sasaki, November 6, 2009, “The Archaeology of Keyhole Tombs: Political Structure in Early Kofun Period Japan (ca. AD 250-400);” and Dr. Bryan Miller, December 4, 2009, “Exotic Materials and Power Politics in the Xiongnu Empire.”

College of Communications, Film & Television Department — *Ulrike Ottinger: A Critical Symposium, October 22, 2009*. *Ottinger is a German independent film maker.*

Humanities Foundation Junior Fellows 2009/2010 (Cont..)



Keith Vincent— Assistant Professor, Modern Languages & Comparative Literatures
Haiku in Prose: Shaseibun and the Abortive Beginnings of Japanese Realism

Junior and Senior Research Fellows 2010/2011

The Humanities Foundation Executive Committee has selected the Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellows and the Junior Fellows for the 2010/2011 academic year.

Congratulations to:

Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellows

Gene Jarrett, English	Jonathan Klawans, Religion
James Johnson, History	David Kopp, Musical Theory
Patricia Johnson, Classical Studies	Manfred Kuehn, Philosophy
Deborah Kahn, Art History	James Siemon, English
	Alan Smith, Romance Studies

Humanities Foundation Junior Fellows

Amy Appleford, English	Susanne Sreedhar, Philosophy-
Ketty Nez, CFA Music Studies	Daniel Star, Philosophy
Carrie Preston, English	

Humanities Foundation Executive Committee 2009/2010



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Kecia Ali, Assistant Professor of Religion
Allison Blakely, Professor of History and African American Studies
Bonnie Costello, Professor of English
Abigail Gillman, Professor of Modern Languages & Comparative Literature
Patricia Johnson, Professor of Classical Studies
Irit Kleiman, Assistant Professor of Romance Studies
Fred Kleiner, Professor and Chair of Art History
Joshua Rifkin, Professor of Music (College of Fine Arts)
Allen Speight, Professor of Philosophy