Art History Graduate Organization Constitution (AHGO)

Fall 2013

The name of this organization shall be the Art History Graduate Student Organization (AHGO).

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a forum for ideas by students – only present and by proxy – that would enrich the experiences of students in the Art History Graduate program. Our goals are:

1. To increase communication among all students in the graduate program, including non-matriculated and part-time students.
2. To foster contacts with alumni of the program and invite them to talk about their experiences post-Temple
3. To encourage more opportunities for intellectual and social activities including but not limited to museum trips, guest lectures, and informal gatherings.
4. To aid advisors in the recruitment of prospective students
5. To assist new students via mentors and programs as they begin the Temple University Art History Graduate Program.

All officers must be a matriculated student in the art history graduate program in the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. The following eight positions have been established:

1. President: Responsible for running and organizing monthly meetings, elections, and the annual new student orientation.
2. Vice President of Faculty/Student Communications: Responsible for maintaining communication with the art history department faculty members on behalf of AHGO
3. Vice President of Events: Responsible for organizing AHGO events, including but not limited to lectures, socials, and symposia.
4. Treasurer: Responsible for collecting dues, fundraising, and allocating AHGO funds.
5. Secretary: Responsible for recording and distributing minutes from every AHGO meeting and maintaining the Art History List Serve.
6. Website Manager: Responsible for maintaining AHGO’s website and blog.
7. Doctoral Representative: Responsible for attending all AHGO meetings and speaking on behalf of the doctoral students in the graduate program. Additional activities may include workshops for the Qualifying Exams, dissertation proposals, and fellowship applications.
8. Masters Representative: Responsible for attending all AHGO meetings and speaking on behalf of the masters students in the graduate program. Additional activities may include workshops for the Comprehensive Exams, thesis proposals, and internship applications.

Elections are held annually at the end of the fall semester. All officers’ terms end at this election, although they may run for their previously held position again or run
for a new position. The organization may also request an officer’s resignation if it agrees that the individual is not satisfactorily performing the duties of that office. If an office is vacated, nominations to fill the position will be made immediately and a vote held at the next monthly meeting.

Any student, full-time, part-time, or non-matriculated, currently or previously enrolled in an Art History graduate level course at Temple University may become a member of AHGO. Tyler School of Art students are welcome to participate in outings, lectures, or programs planned by AHGO.

The treasurer will be responsible for the collection and disbursement of funds. All officers must agree upon any of AHGO’s expenditures. Annual dues of $10 will be collected by the Treasurer at the first AHGO meeting in the fall semester. Some activities planned by the organization may require participants to pay part or all of their expenses, such as transportation or entrance fees.

Meetings will be held on the last Thursday of every month. Time of meetings will be determined per semester based on the art history department’s graduate course times. Members will be reminded at the end of each meeting of the next meeting’s date. The secretary will also send out an email reminder for each meeting. New events and proposals for AHGO will be discussed at each monthly meeting and will be voted on by all AHGO members present.

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any member of AHGO and a final decision to amend will be decided by the executive board. Proposed amendments to the constitution will be distributed via email.

At time of ratification this organization is not affiliated with any other universities, colleges, or organizations.