



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



We are delighted to announce the appointment of [Amy Whitaker](#), MBA, MFA, as an assistant professor in our Visual Arts Administration M.A. Program.

Amy was a member of the full-time Art Business faculty at the Sotheby’s Institute from 2011-2015, and has also taught at California College of the Arts, the School of Visual Arts, Williams College, and the Rhode Island School of Design. From 2015-2016, Amy was the first entrepreneur-in-residence at the New Museum Incubator, where she also built NEW INC’s professional development curriculum.

Having obtained both an MBA and an MFA in painting, Amy has taught business to artists and designers widely, most recently for the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council and the Actors Fund.

Amy’s new book [Art Thinking](#) (Harper Business), about the intersection of creativity and commerce, was published in July. (You can read an excerpt on [Design.blog](#) or a profile in the [Financial Times](#).) She is also the author of *Museum Legs* (Hol Art Books,

2009) and co-author of *The Social Life of Artistic Property* (with Pablo Helguera, Michael Mandiberg, Bill Powhida, and Caroline Woolard, Publication Studio, 2014), which *ARTnews* named one of “14 New Art History Books to Change Your Mind.” From 2013-2016, Amy served as the president of the Professional Organization for Women in the Arts (POWarts.org), and has served as a volunteer mentor for the TED Fellows since 2013.

VAA ALUMNI EVENTS

On August 11, Alix Hornyan, '10, VAA Alumni Council President, hosted an after work summer social at the **Garis and Hahn Gallery** on the Bowery. About 20 alumni, including Alumni Council V.P. Anna Burden, '15, Kate Beach, '15 and Mary Beth Brown, '15, all gathered to view *Linear Tensions*, an exhibition curated by Alix featuring works by Jillian Clark and Gabrielle Duggan. Despite the tropical weather it was nice and cool inside and everyone enjoyed catching up and mingling with one another over cheese and wine.

Thanks to the co-efforts of members Carli Beseau, '13 and Kate Beach, '15, the Alumni Council offered a special afternoon event on September 17th at **Urban Glass** located in downtown Brooklyn’s cultural district. Urban Glass is the United States’ first and largest artist glass studio and NYC’s leading glass-blowing facility. Our alumni group was greeted by Cybele Maylone, Executive Director of Urban Glass, who gave us a walkthrough of the current exhibition followed by a private tour led by VAA alumna Rachel Feinberg, '06, the organization’s Development Officer who welcomed the opportunity to showcase the facilities and some of the incredible artists who make work there. She introduced us to artist Amy Lemaire who gave us an awesome glass blowing demonstration that demonstrated her dexterity and skill in manipulating the red-hot material.



Rachel Feinberg, '06 and artist Amy Lemaire.

LOOKING AHEAD: Meet Your Mentor is scheduled for Friday, October 28, 6-8:30 pm, Barney Building, Einstein Auditorium

We have a great group of alumni mentors this year. The moderator for our panel is Alix Hornyan, AC President and Associate Director of James Goodman Gallery. VAA alumni are welcome to join us! Efliers sent separately. Speakers include the following:

Sarah Burger, '08, Deputy Director of Member Relations, Clinton Global Initiative

Karen Huang, '09, Director of Development, Dia Art Foundation

Julia Mechtler, '11, Sales Associate, David Zwirner Gallery

Emily Thompson, '07, Fine Art Specialist, Emigrant Bank Fine Art Finance

Pamela Tillis, '92, Director of Public Programs, The New School

Kevie Yang, '11, Associate Vice President & Specialist, 20th Century & Contemporary Art, Phillips



Anna Burden, '15 and Alix Hornyan, '10

SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 12TH

Nora Webb, '13, our AC Treasurer is overseeing our annual holiday party to be held at the **Center for Italian Modern Art (CIMA)** in Soho. Our co-host is alumna Iliaria Conti, '13, Exhibitions & Programs Director, CIMA. All VAA alumni are welcome! All donations of raffle prizes are gratefully accepted! **If you would like to donate: contact vs9@nyu.edu. Money raised from raffle tickets goes to scholarships, Professional Development Grants and Excellence Awards.**

ALUMNI NEWS

Please stay in touch! Keep us posted on any change of position, relocation, contact information or recent professional accomplishments. Contact Vida Schreiber: vs9@nyu.edu.

Congratulations to the following alumni on their recently noted career updates:

Cila Brosius, '16, Post Sale Service Administrator, Christie's

Camille Clech, '16, Photography Studio Associate, Steve McCurry Studio

Sofia Forelle, '14, Studio Manager, Imprint Projects

Karen Gilbert, '12, Sales Director, Richard Taittinger Gallery, NYC

Anna Harsanyi, '12, Project Manager, Guggenheim Social Practice Initiative, Guggenheim Museum

Lyn Hsieh, '07, Department Manager, Museum of Modern Art

Jessica Krueckeberg, '11, Gallery Director, Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN

Sharon Markowitz, '04, Assistant Director of Development, Orchestra of St. Lukes

Sarah Stout Miller, '12, University of Minnesota Foundation, Project Manager, Corporate Relations, Minneapolis, MN

Juliet Vinegra, '16, Assistant to Deputy Director for Education, Museum of Modern Art

This fall we welcomed three new members to the Alumni Council from the class of 2016:

Nancy Harwood, Executive Assistant to Director, Board Liaison, Washington Market School

Caitlin Farrell, Workplace Art & Design Associate, Dow Jones

Jessica Ianuzzi, Community & Development Associate, Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI)

If you have an idea for an event or would like to co-host a casual networking meet up at your venue we welcome your suggestions. Please feel free to contact Alix Hornyan at vaaalumniCouncil@gmail.com

A special thank you to those alumni who contributed to the Carlo Lamagna Fund. Please know that your generosity is much appreciated and will make a meaningful contribution to some of our exceptional students. We are pleased to announce that to date we have raised \$2300. Donations: [Alumni Council Fund](#).