



“The Scholars’ Dinner is the perfect occasion to celebrate our debt to past art historians and our obligation to mentor future ones.”

Morrison H. Heckscher

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Dear Friend,

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As we embark on a new decade, we invite you to join us for the second annual Scholars’ Dinner featuring the leading American art scholars of today and the emerging American art scholars of tomorrow. The evening is hosted by the Thomas Cole National Historic Site at the Century Association in New York City on **Monday, April 6, 2020.**

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The featured scholars will be **Morrison H. Heckscher**, Curator Emeritus of the American Wing at The Metropolitan Museum of Art; **Graham C. Boettcher**, R. Hugh Daniel Director at the Birmingham Museum of Art; **Shannon Vittoria**, Research Associate in the American Wing at The Metropolitan Museum of Art; and our **2020 Class of Cole Fellows.**

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Continuing the important work that Thomas Cole began as a mentor and leader, the Thomas Cole Historic Site serves as a catalyst for advancing the conversation in American art. Join us in supporting a bright future for new scholarship in this important field.

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All proceeds from the event will underwrite the annual Cole Fellowship at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site, a research and professional development program launching the next generation of leaders in the arts.

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Cocktails will begin in the Billiards Room at 6 pm followed by a seated dinner in the Art Gallery at 7 pm and remarks by the featured scholars at 8 pm. Please respond by **Monday, February 3, 2020**, to be included on the printed invitation. We look forward to a memorable evening with you and all our colleagues in American art.

With warm regards,

Elizabeth B. Jacks
Executive Director

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Featured Scholars



Morrison H. Heckscher
Curator Emeritus, American Wing
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Graham C. Boettcher
R. Hugh Daniel Director
Birmingham Museum in Art



Shannon Vittoria
Research Associate, American Wing
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

2020 Class of Cole Fellows

Proceeds from the 2020 Scholars' Dinner will underwrite the Cole Fellowship program, a full-year residency at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site for exceptional emerging scholars. This annual program, now in its 10th year, addresses an urgent need to steward talented young people into the field of American art by giving them significant responsibilities, a network of colleagues, and the satisfaction of seeing their work immediately put into practice.



Anne Comer

Anne received her B.A. from Bard College. Anne is researching digital education games. Her project will build on the site's education initiative using American art to teach American history in school classrooms.



**Hampton
Des Smith**

Hampton received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Hampton is researching the complex portrayal of Native Americans in Thomas Cole's paintings.



Marissa Hamm

Marissa received her B.A. from The College of Wooster. Marissa is researching life at the Thomas Cole site in the decades following Cole's death in 1848. Her project will inform future on-site interpretation of Thomas Cole's legacy.



Alex McCarty

Alex McCarty received his B.A. from Santa Clara University. Alex is researching Thomas Cole's legacy as a proto-environmentalist and how to make the organization's operations more environmentally sustainable.

The Scholars' Dinner

Monday, April 6, 2020

The Century Association, 7 West 43rd Street, New York, NY

Please list me as a member of the **Benefit Committee** and register my reservation as follows:

The American Art Table

One table of up to 10 for cocktails and dinner, pre-event tour of the Century's art collection, full-page ad in the evening program, the 2020 exhibition catalogue, and membership in the Kindred Spirits Society*

____ Table(s) at \$10,000 = _____

The Fellowship Table

One table of up to 10 for cocktails and dinner, half-page ad in the evening program, and the 2020 exhibition catalogue

____ Table(s) at \$7,500 = _____

The American Art Ticket

Cocktails and dinner for one, pre-event tour, and the 2020 exhibition catalogue

____ Ticket(s) at \$2,500 = _____

The Fellowship Ticket

Cocktails and dinner for one, and the 2020 exhibition catalogue

____ Ticket(s) at \$1,500 = _____

The Friends Ticket

Cocktails and dinner for one

____ Ticket(s) at \$750 = _____

Sponsor a Scholar

I wish to sponsor one or more scholars to attend the dinner at \$500 each.

Donation = \$ _____

Make a Gift

I am unable to attend but wish to support American art scholarship.

Donation = \$ _____

*All proceeds underwrite the
Cole Fellowship program.*

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

Full name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If you would like to fulfill your pledge now, please send a check or provide your credit card details below:

Cardholder Name Signature Billing Zip

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Please respond by Monday, February 3, to be included in the printed invitation. Seating is limited.
Reservations are also available by calling 518.943.7465 x 6 or online at thomascole.org/scholarsdinner.
The non-tax-deductible portion of each ticket at all levels is \$200.

*The Kindred Spirits Society is a community of forward-thinking cultural patrons whose members are invited to private events, talks, and tours with American art scholars throughout the year.