



**“The Thomas Cole National Historic Site is a real gem in the cultural world of the Hudson River Valley. Even more, they have established a key center for the study of Cole and the Hudson River School.”**

Franklin Kelly, National Gallery of Art

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Dear Friend,

Marianne Lockwood  
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We invite you to join us for the third 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.

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Guests can choose to join the event in person at The Century Association in New York City or by virtual live stream on **Monday, April 4, 2022**.

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The featured scholars will be **Franklin Kelly**, Senior Curator and Christiane Ellis Valone Curator of American Paintings at the National Gallery of Art, who is curating our 2022 exhibition; **Asma Naeem**, The Eddie C. and C. Sylvia Brown Chief Curator at the Baltimore Museum of Art; **Stephanie Sparling Williams**, Andrew W. Mellon Curator of American Art at the Brooklyn Museum; and our **2021 Class of Cole Fellows**.

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Continuing the important work that Thomas Cole began as a mentor and leader, the Thomas Cole National 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.

Stephen Dunn  
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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 museums.

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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 **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**, 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

Lisa Fox Martin  
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# Featured Scholars



**Franklin Kelly**

Senior Curator and Christiane Ellis  
Valone Curator of American Paintings  
National Gallery of Art



**Asma Naeem**

Eddie C. and C. Sylvia Brown  
Chief Curator  
Baltimore Museum of Art



**Stephanie Sparling Williams**

Andrew W. Mellon Curator of  
American Art  
Brooklyn Museum

## Class of Cole Fellows

Proceeds from the 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Isabelle  
Bohling**

Issy received her BA in Art History and Psychology from Mount Holyoke. Her research includes the history of land protection in New York, arts educational programming, and 2023 exhibition development.



**Adaeze  
Dikko**

Adaeze received their BA in Political Science & Africana Studies and a minor in Museum, Memory & Heritage studies from Tufts. Their research includes the residents of the historic property during Cole's residency.



**Brooke  
Krancer**

Brooke received her BA in History and minor in Art History from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research includes Thomas Cole collection work and 2022 exhibition development with Franklin Kelly.



**Oriana  
Tang**

Oriana received her BA in English from Yale University. Her research includes transcriptions of Cole's original writing, including *Catskilliana*, and interpretive text for the collections highlights website page.

# The Scholars' Dinner

Monday, April 4, 2022

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 or make a reservation online at [thomascole.org/2022scholarsdinner](http://thomascole.org/2022scholarsdinner).

*You and your guests will have the option of attending in person or virtually by live stream.*

*Please confirm your attendance preference by Wednesday, March 16.*

## ***The American Art Table***

One table of up to 10 for cocktails and dinner, pre-event tour of The Century's art collection, optional full-page ad in the evening program, 2022 exhibition catalogues for all guests, 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, optional half-page ad in the evening program, and 2022 exhibition catalogues for all guests

\_\_\_\_ Table(s) at \$7,500 = \_\_\_\_\_

## ***The American Art Ticket***

Cocktails and dinner for one, pre-event tour, and the 2022 exhibition catalogue

\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) at \$2,500 = \_\_\_\_\_

## ***The Fellowship Ticket***

Cocktails and dinner for one, and the 2022 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:*

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Card Number Expiration Security Code

**Please respond by Wednesday, February 16, to be included in the printed invitation. Seating is limited.** Reservations are also available by emailing [jgreim@thomascole.org](mailto:jgreim@thomascole.org). *The non-tax-deductible portion of each in-person ticket is \$200.*

\*The Kindred Spirits Society is a community of forward-thinking cultural patrons whose members are invited to private events, talks, and tours

# **The Scholars' Dinner**

Hosted by the Thomas Cole National Historic Site  
at The Century Association, New York City

## **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 2022**

Guests can choose to join the event in person at The Century Association or virtually by live stream. We ask that you confirm your preference by Wednesday, March 16.

The event will follow all New York and CDC guidelines. At the moment, The Century Association Covid-19 protocols are as follows:

- Upon arrival, members and guests will be asked to show proof of vaccination before entering.
- Proof of vaccination may be provided through:
  - Excelsior Pass
  - NYC COVID Safe App
  - CDC Vaccination Card
  - NYC Vaccination Record
- All attendees will be required to wear masks when entering, exiting, and traversing public spaces, elevators, and stairs in the clubhouse. Masks may be removed while inside the private event space and while eating or drinking. Of course, any who wish to wear a mask may do so.