

## **Invitation to October 28 Focused Discussion Session (Younger scholars)**

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**From:** Hilary Ballon

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**To:** "Art History Scholars"

**Subject:** Instructions for Mellon Meeting on Art History Publishing Oct. 28

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the **Study on Scholarly Publication in Art History** funded by the Mellon Foundation that Mariët Westermann and I are undertaking. This message contains information about the meeting on Friday, October 28 which will bring together twelve distinguished junior and mid-career scholars.

The meeting will take place at Columbia University, 930 Schermerhorn Hall. We will begin promptly at noon with a working lunch and end at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will explore your views on the current state of scholarly publishing, challenges in getting published, publishing trends and their impact on scholars at different stages of their career, publishing requirements for tenure, and your thoughts on digital publishing and other potential responses to the current situation.

For our study, research on publishing trends in our field is being conducted by Lawrence McGill, Deputy Director of the Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies at Princeton University. In advance of the meeting would you please send him your c.v. and complete the short attached questionnaire. His e-mail address is [lmcgill@princeton.edu](mailto:lmcgill@princeton.edu). The purpose of the questionnaire is to lay the groundwork for the discussion on October 28 and to collect basic data for the final report that Mariët and I will submit to the Mellon Foundation. Your questionnaire responses will be strictly confidential.

Larry McGill will need detailed notes of the meeting in order to prepare his research report. He would like to supplement his notes by taping the proceedings. The tape is for research purposes only and would be destroyed upon completion of the report. Confidentiality is guaranteed. If you have any concerns about taping, please let me know.

For those coming from outside New York City, your travel expenses will be reimbursed. I have attached a Columbia University Travel Expense form which should be completed at the end of trip and returned with receipts to Kate Wittenberg, 507 Butler Library, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. Kate, whom you will meet on October 28, directs the digital publishing initiatives at Columbia and has extensive experience with scholarly publishing. She serves as a consultant on this study.

Again please send your c.v. and the completed questionnaire to Larry McGill ([lmcgill@princeton.edu](mailto:lmcgill@princeton.edu)) as soon as possible. Mariët joins me in thanking you in advance for attending the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on October 28.

Best wishes,  
Hilary Ballon