Andrew W. Mellon Conservation Fellow

The University of Miami Libraries (UML) and Lowe Art Museum offer a post-graduate fellowship in paper conservation for a 2-year term beginning June 1, 2017. Reporting to the Associate Dean for Collection Strategies (UML) with a matrix reporting relationship to the Assistant Director for Collections and Exhibitions in the Lowe Art Museum, the Andrew W. Mellon Conservation Fellow will provide conservation services for the rich paper-based collections held in UML and the Lowe Art Museum. The Fellow will design and conduct condition surveys across library and art collections. The Fellow will plan and implement appropriate conservation treatment and housing solutions using institutional and outsourced resources as appropriate. The Fellow will conduct document examination, analysis, and treatments for rare books, other distinctive collections materials, or works of art on paper. The Fellow will collaborate with conservation staff, curators and digital program team members from the Libraries and Museum in preparing collections for digitization, exhibitions, loans, and outreach events. The Fellow will conduct preservation assessments of material being considered for addition to the Lowe Art Museum and UM Libraries collections, facilitating separate and joint (multi-format) acquisitions between the Lowe and Libraries.

The Andrew W. Mellon Conservation Fellow will have opportunities to engage in research, condition surveys, item-level treatment in the conservation laboratory, preventive conservation activities, exhibit and loan preparation, as well as conservation outreach. To further enhance training opportunities, inter-departmental collaboration is encouraged between conservators, digitization specialists, digital humanities researchers, curators, preparators, and other library and museum staff. The Fellow is expected to conduct an annual public lecture and carry out a publishable capstone research project.

This Fellowship is made possible thanks to a generous grant awarded to the University of Miami by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant is dedicated to fostering collaboration between the Lowe Art Museum and University of Miami Libraries through their shared effort to further faculty engagement with historical and artistic collections. In addition to supporting postgraduate fellowships in campus engagement and the conservation of art and archival works on paper, it establishes a programming fund to incentivize faculty to engage with University collections and enable the development of joint public programs that highlight these collections.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Graduate degree in conservation from a recognized program OR a Master’s degree plus work or apprenticeship experience equivalent to that provided by a graduate degree in conservation.
- A minimum of one year of practical experience beyond graduation
- Relevant experience with data collection and analysis.

UNIVERSITY: The University of Miami is one of the nation’s leading research universities in a community of extraordinary diversity and international vitality. The University is privately supported, non-sectarian institution, located in Coral Gables, Florida, on a 260-acre subtropical campus. The University comprises 11 degree granting schools and colleges, including Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Communication, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Music, Nursing, and Marine and Atmospheric Science (www.miami.edu).
The UM community includes approximately 10,849 undergraduates, 5,952 graduate students, and 15,091 full and part time faculty and staff.

**THE LIBRARY:** The University of Miami Libraries (library.miami.edu) provide faculty, students, researchers, and staff with the highest quality access to collections and information resources in support of the University's mission to transform lives through research, teaching, and service. The Libraries rank among the top research libraries in North America with a collection of over 3.75 million volumes and 104,330 current serials titles, including 102,726 electronic journals. The Otto G. Richter Library lies in the center of the Coral Gables campus and serves as the central library for the University. Other University of Miami libraries include the Paul Buisson Architecture Library, the Judi Prokop Newman Business Information Resource Center, the Marta & Austin Weeks Music Library, and Rosenstiel Marine and Atmospheric Science Library. The University also has independent medical and law libraries.

**THE LOWE ART MUSEUM:** The Lowe Art Museum (www.miami.edu/lowe) is located on the campus of the University of Miami at 1301 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, Florida. With a permanent collection of 19,000 objects spanning 5,000 years of world culture, the Lowe is committed to serving as a vital resource for education and enrichment through art. Its dynamic permanent and temporary exhibitions establish the Lowe as a keeper of memories, a showcase for masterworks, an igniter of awe and wonder, and a bridge between yesterday and today.

**SALARY AND BENEFITS:** Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. This is a non-tenure track faculty appointment at the Librarian Assistant or Associate Professor rank. The position offers a comprehensive benefits package including: TIAA-CREF; medical and dental insurance; life, disability, and long-term care insurance available; tuition remission; 13 paid holidays; and 22 days annual vacation. Additional employment benefits available include credit union; Employee Assistance Program; bookstore, and sporting event discounts; optional fee-based membership in a state-of-the-art wellness center, and no state or local income taxes.

**APPLICATIONS:** Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. On-line applications should be submitted here and must include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and the names of three references.

The University of Miami is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. The University has a strong commitment to diversity and encourages applications from candidates of diverse cultural backgrounds.