



THE KREEGER MUSEUM

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The Kreeger Museum Announces New Staff Appointments



Danielle O'Steen, Curator
Photo by Kate Warren



Joanna Baker, Registrar and Collection Manager
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Washington, DC – The Kreeger Museum announces two new staff appointments: Danielle O'Steen joins the Museum as Curator; and Joanna Baker has been promoted to Registrar and Collection Manager. These positions, newly created by director Helen Chason, support the Museum's mission to share art, reflect an increased focus on research, exploration, and stewardship of the permanent collection, and bring new opportunities to collaborate with other Washington, DC arts organizations.

"We are delighted to welcome Danielle to our staff and to announce Joanna's newly expanded role," said Chason. "These new positions are important steps forward for the Museum as we increase our engagement with the arts communities across the city and country; we are thrilled to have Danielle and Joanna with us."

As curator, O'Steen's responsibilities include developing special exhibitions, conducting research related to the Museum's collection, and organizing public programming and gallery talks.

O'Steen has been an independent curator in Washington since 2009. Most recently, O'Steen served as the guest curator for *Charles Hinman: Structures, 1965–2014* at The Kreeger Museum in spring 2019.

"I am excited to be joining The Kreeger Museum at such an important moment of its history," said O'Steen. "I look forward to working closely with the staff to establish an expanded exhibition program and to advance our understanding of the permanent collection."

O'Steen holds a PhD in Art History from the University of Maryland, College Park and an MA from George Washington University. She previously held fellowship positions at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. She has curated exhibitions for the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, Arlington Arts Center, and Flashpoint Gallery, and organized the 2016 Arts in Foggy Bottom Outdoor Sculpture Biennial located in Washington's Historic Foggy Bottom.

Baker joined The Kreeger Museum staff in 2017, as Head of Visitor Services and Private Events. In her new role, Baker will be responsible for managing art conservation initiatives, maintaining collection records and archives, in addition to coordinating loan requests. She will work closely with O'Steen to conduct research on the permanent collection.

“Good stewardship of our collection is paramount,” Baker said. “I look forward to being involved in the daily care of such an important group of artworks, as well as having the opportunity to aid in sharing them with others through loans and internal exhibitions.”

A former Air Force Intelligence Officer, Baker holds a BA from Vanderbilt University and an MA in Art and Museum Studies from Georgetown University. She is currently enrolled in the Museum Collections Management and Care program at George Washington University.

About The Kreeger Museum

The Kreeger Museum is an art museum located in the former residence of Carmen and David Lloyd Kreeger. Designed by architect Philip Johnson, it houses the Kreegers’ collection of 19th and 20th-century painting and sculpture, and African and Asian art. The Kreeger Museum is located at 2401 Foxhall Road NW in Washington, DC.

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