

Ashley Nicole Williams

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Education

- In Progress** **Ph.D., Museum Education and Visitor-Centered Curation, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL**
- 2017** **M.A., *magna cum laude*, Art History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL**
Qualifying Paper (QP), *The Mosque Lamp of the Mamluk Ruler Karim al-Din within the Cross-Cultural Contexts of Abrahamic Traditions*, supervised by Dr. Esra Akın-Kıvanç.
- 2015** **B.A., *magna cum laude*, Art History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL**
Area of focus: Art History
- 2012** **A.A., *magna cum laude*, Pasco Hernando State College, Spring Hill, FL**
Member: Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Psi Beta Psychology Honor Society, The International Club

Selected Experience

- July 2021 – Present** **Museum Educator, Gadsden Arts Center and Museum, Quincy, FL**
- Aug. 2020 – July 2021** **Lead Educator, Glazer Children’s Museum, Tampa, FL**
- May 2019 – Aug. 2020** **Gallery Assistant – Educational Initiatives, Gallery221@HCC, Tampa, FL**
- Sept. 2018 – Aug, 2020** **Educator, Glazer Children’s Museum, Tampa, FL**
- June 2018 – Aug. 2018** **Assistant Camp Teacher, Glazer Children’s Museum, Tampa, FL**
- Jan. 2018 – Feb. 2019** **Curriculum Developer, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL**
- Aug. 2016 - May 2020** **Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL**
Courses: Introduction to Art, Marta Slaughter, Online
Film Arts, Maureen Cox-Brown and Laura Colkitt, Online
19th Century European Art, Professor Elisabeth Fraser, In Class
Visual Cultures of the Middle East, Dr. Esra Akın-Kıvanç, In Class
Italian Renaissance Art, Professor Helena Szepe, In Class

Publications

- 2020** *At Home Activities with the Glazer Children’s Museum: Cave Painting with Ashley*, Tampa Bay Parenting Magazine. Tampa, Florida: 16 – 17.
- 2019** *Book Learning: Make the Library Part of Your Family’s Routine This School Year*, Tampa Bay Parenting Magazine. Tampa, Florida: 16 – 17.

- 2018** *Collective Flow: Zakriya Rabani's Divine Decks: Tampa*, University of South Florida MFA Graduating Exhibition Catalog, Tampa, Florida: University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum.
- 2017** *Gradual Flux: Kate Alboreo's Plantomachy*, University of South Florida MFA Graduating Exhibition Catalog, Tampa, Florida: University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum.
- 2016** *Recognizing the Unfamiliar: Merritt Fletcher's Fertile Ground*, University of South Florida MFA Graduating Exhibition Catalog, Tampa, Florida: University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum.

Conference Presentations

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- April 2017** "Contemplating God Through Light: The Mosque Lamp of Karim al-Din within the Cross-Cultural Contexts of Abrahamic Religions" Midwest Art History Society Annual Conference, *Panel on Islamic Art*, organized by Dr. Emily Neumeier, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.
- March 2017** "Light and the Abrahamic Religions: A Cross-Cultural Study on the Mosque Lamp of Karim al-Din," *Crossing Borders, Challenging Boundaries*, International Graduate Historical Studies Conference, organized by Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.
- March 2017** "Collecting as an Identity: Exhibiting Hagop Kevorkian in New York" University of South Florida Graduate Student Research Symposium, organized by the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.

Invited Lectures

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- December 2017** "A Tale of Two Lunches: Cezanne's *Luncheon on the Grass* and Manet's *Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe*," in *19th Century European Art* taught by Professor Elisabeth Fraser, School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.
- March 2016** "Light and the Abrahamic Religions: A Cross-Cultural Study on the *Mosque Lamp of Karim al-Din*," in *Visual Cultures of the Middle East* taught by Dr. Esra Akin-Kıvanç, School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.
- September 2016** "Touring the Renaissance: An Exploration of Florence through the phone app, *Hidden Florence*," in *Renaissance Art* taught by Professor Helena Szepe, School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.

Internships

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- March 2017** **Installation Assistant, Gallery 501**, Tampa, FL
- May 2014 – Aug 2014** **Education Department Intern, The Dali Museum**, Saint Petersburg, FL

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

2020	Finalist with the Glazer Children's Museum, The Kids in Museums' <i>Family Friendly Museum Award</i>
2020	Treasure Tampa Grant, Creative Placemaking \$30,000, contributing grant proposal writer with Gallery221@HCC for NEST (Nourishment, Education, and Social Terraces)
2017	James Rosenquist Scholarship for Conference Travel, University of South Florida, to attend the International Graduate Historical Studies Conference in Mount Pleasant, Michigan
2017	William D. Cuttler Student Travel Grant, Midwest Art History Society, to present at the MAHS annual conference
2015 -2016	University of South Florida Art Department Scholarship
2015-2016	Carolyn M. Wilson Scholarship, University of South Florida
2013	University of South Florida Talent Grant, for undergraduate tuition
2010-2015	Florida Academic Scholarship, State of Florida, undergraduate tuition waiver
2010	P.E.O. National Women's Philanthropy and Education Grant, for undergraduate tuition
2010	Top 10% Academic Merit Scholarship, Pasco Hernando State College, for undergraduate tuition
2010	D.A.V.A. Academic Scholarship, for undergraduate tuition
2010	Nature Coast Tennis Foundation Academic Scholarship, for undergraduate tuition

Languages

Arabic	Beginning reading and writing Courses: Directed Study at Johns Hopkins University with Mr. Mohamed Derbi Directed Study at the University of South Florida with Ms. Salwa Amer
French	Intermediate reading and speaking Courses: French I and II with Ms. Julie Dell-Jones

Affiliations

Midwest Art History Society
Florida Art Education Association
National Art Education Association