

Fellows Haga Huis September 2023-Augustus 2024

Johan Huizinga Fellow - Name: Josephine Koopman

Research advisors: Eveline Sint Nicolaas & Alexander Dencher



Josephine received her master's degree in Heritage and Memory Studies at the University of Amsterdam in 2022. Her thesis *(post)colonial smellscapes: an inquiry into olfactory heritage* considered the relationships between smell and heritage. The research was carried out in association with the European project *Odeuropa*. Besides the notion of olfactory heritage, she is interested in memories of empire and colonialism. In 2019 she obtained her bachelor's degree in European Studies with a thesis that addressed literary representations of the barbarian. **While at the Rijksmuseum, she will consider snuffboxes from the collection as points of entry to explore the early modern manufacture, trade, and consumption of snuff tobacco**

in the Netherlands.

Dr. Anton C.R. Dreesmann Fellow - Name: Marian (Molly) Leech

Research advisor: Stephanie Archangel



Molly Leech (she/her) is a PhD Candidate in the department of History at the University of Pennsylvania. She holds an MA in Archaeology with specializations in Museum Studies and Archaeology of the Americas from Leiden University and a BA in Anthropology & Sociology from Lafayette College. Broadly, she is interested in interdisciplinary research, material histories, and decolonizing methodologies. Her dissertation research examines the political economy of the seventeenth-century fur and wampum trades in Northeastern America and artisan practices of felting, hatting, and collecting in early modern Europe. **At the Rijksmuseum, she will examine the dialectics of early modern inter-cultural exchange and representation, assessing how Indigenous materials featured in: cultural, economic, and political encounters; visual and textual representations; colonial maps and narratives; and sites of production and circulation. She will interrogate deeper histories of fur and fashion in sixteenth-century Europe, particularly in the Dutch Republic.** Overall, her goal is to explore how Native value systems, diplomatic traditions, and ecological knowledge shaped the terms of exchange in what the Dutch called "New Netherland" and to contribute to urgent conversations around ecological precarity and colonialism and its legacies. Molly is also 2023-2024 Short Term Fellow at the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University and a graduate researcher for the Penn-Mellon Just Futures project, *Dispossessions in the Americas: The Extraction of Bodies, Land, and Heritage from La Conquista to the Present*.