Welcome to our 2017–2018 fellows. This year’s class is our largest yet, a diverse group of individuals from established scholars to recent college graduates. For a list of fellowship types, awardees, and their project titles, visit our website.

Upcoming Events

Byzantium, the Arabs, and the Rise of Islam

Colloquium in memory of Irfan Shahîd (1926–2016)
October 13, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Georgetown University and Dumbarton Oaks
Leading scholars come together to discuss areas that interested the late Irfan Shahid. Speakers use a wide array of sources, from epigraphic and archaeological materials to the canon of Arabic poetry, to examine relations between Byzantium and its Arab neighbors.
The Byzantine Neighborhood: Urban Space and Political Action

The 2017 Byzantine Studies colloquium

November 17, 8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Fellowship House

Drawing on archaeology, architecture, administrative history, and literature, speakers share multidisciplinary work exploring neighborhoods as spatial, social, and political entities that mediate between communities and the state, and thus contribute to the establishment and maintenance of political sovereignty. Learn more.

Single-Concert Tickets Now Available for Music at Dumbarton Oaks Concert Series

Join us for an exciting season of music! For the first time, you can subscribe to the series or buy tickets to a single concert. This year we welcome talented ensembles and soloists from Belgium, Brazil, Spain, and Hungary, all making their Dumbarton Oaks debut. The season concludes with the Knights, an audience favorite. Tickets are $54 per person, or a full-season subscription is $350. For more information, email concerts@doaks.org or call 202-339-6436. Visit us online to buy tickets.

Excerpting the Past
Laura Pfuntner investigates hermaphrodites in Byzantine and ancient texts

Professor Pfuntner, who recently spent one month as a researcher at Dumbarton Oaks, is examining passages treating hermaphrodites in the 1st-century-BCE Bibliotheca historica of Diodorus Siculus —passages that for the most part survive only in the 9th-century excerpts of the Byzantine scholar Photius. Learn more about Pfuntner’s research.

The Benton Gospels
Dumbarton Oaks Museum acquires rare Greek manuscript

Brought to the United States in 1844 by the Reverend George Benton, the so-called Benton Gospels are a 10th-century Greek manuscript containing the partial text of the four Gospels of the New Testament. Likely the oldest Byzantine gospel book in the United States, it is of dramatic historic and scholarly significance. Learn more about the acquisition and Dumbarton Oaks' collections.

New from Dumbarton Oaks Publications
Fall catalogue welcomes new entries in ongoing series

In need of a good book? We’ve got several new works coming out, including Knowing Bodies, Passionate Souls: Sense Perceptions in Byzantium, the polished results of our 2014 Byzantine symposium, and Justinianic Mosaics of Hagia Sophia and Their Aftermath, the latest entry in our Dumbarton Oaks Studies series. Find a book.

From the Archives
The first postcards

In this month’s post, archivist James Carder takes us back to 1945, when Dumbarton Oaks commissioned its first postcards. The twelve black-and-white cards, printed by the DC firm Judd and Detweiler, depict views of the gardens and grounds as they existed nearly seventy-five years ago. Learn more and see scans of the postcards.

On View
Discover Dumbarton Oaks’ collections in a series of special exhibitions:
Women in Art, 1850–1910

Early Bliss Acquisitions: Collecting in Paris and London, 1912–1919

Ancient Bronzes in the Dumbarton Oaks Collections

Ancient Textiles

Imagining the Empress: Theodora in Popular Culture, 1882–1922

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