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H2CU student and faculty meeting in NY



On May 10 Prof. Grimaldi has met the H2CU students, former students and professors in New York.

Group picture, thanks to Giulio Bosco and Andrea Petroselli

APAHA excavation in Villa Adriana

My name is Anna Tartaro, I am a PhD Student in Classical Archaeology from the University of Rome "Sapienza". Beginning June 2013, I have been taking part in the Advanced Program of Ancient History and Art (APAHA), an international archaeological research program created by Columbia University and the Italian Academy, in collaboration with the University of Rome "Sapienza" through H2CU. The main aim of APAHA is to combine the American and European disciplinary traditions in order to train junior scholars in advanced approaches in archaeology, integrating theoretical and technical knowledge. After two successful excavation campaigns in Castellammare di Stabia, NA (2011-12) and a survey campaign in Latium (2013), the APAHA program will focus on the Villa of Hadrian (Tivoli, RM), the Emperor Hadrian's magnificent residence (2nd century AD), from the summer of 2014 on. The Villa's study will be fulfilled by means of archaeological excavations (enhanced by the use of experimental technology), on-site workshops and seminars, and visits to the neighbouring historical sites. Collaboration with Columbia University has been a wonderful professional opportunity for me, and I am very grateful to H2CU for making it possible.



Italian Academy Fellowship

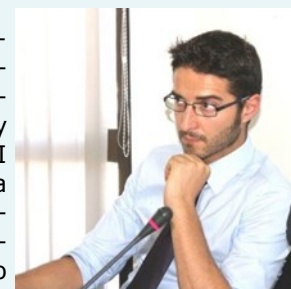
Dr. Patrizia Tosini, Assistant professor in History of Art (Renaissance and Baroque) at Università di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale was selected for the Italian Academy Fellowship in 2013. "I stayed at H2CU Residence in January-May 2014, with a fellowship from the Italian Academy – Columbia University, as advanced researcher. In this period I worked on an ongoing book about landscape frescoes in Rome and Latium palaces and villas, during the Cinquecento. The period was tremendously productive and I had the opportunity to visit many important libraries and museums in NYC, and the USA. I also participate to the 60th Conference of Renaissance Society of America. The Columbia provided me a wonderful place where studying, and the privilege of H2CU Residence was an essential benefit to live in NYC."



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H2CU Students' Corner: Marco Colangeli Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

I had the fortune to be granted a full scholarship by H2CU to attend a dual degree program in Environmental Sciences at Pace University (NY) and lived in the beautiful College Italia for a semester. The classes at Pace have been truly informative and the exposure to a different university system enriched my academic profile greatly. During my time in New York I was accepted as an intern at the United Nations Secretariat where I served for six months in the Energy and Transport Branch. My M.Sc. thesis was in fact a feasibility assessment of the sustainability of bioethanol production and use in the Dominican Republic transport sector. At my return to Italy I was hired by the External Relations office of the Tuscia University and I taught environmental science courses to American college students. A year later I applied for a position at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and obtained a position as Programme Adviser within the FAO Energy Team. Two years later I was promoted Lead Technical Officer at FAO and continued working on sustainable bioenergy projects in developing countries such as Indonesia and Colombia. My work at FAO is extremely rewarding as I get to manage projects for the sustainable development of the local energy sector. I often travel to project locations and meet the local stakeholders including ministry officials, local research institutes, NGOs and private sector representatives. Together we discuss the environmental, social and economic implications of bioenergy in their country and produce policy advice that work towards improving the performances of the sector. The experience in New York, the immense amount of knowledge I have been exposed to, and the numerous job opportunities I had ever since I was selected for the H2CU scholarship have been fundamental in shaping my professional profile and without this outstanding programme I would have never achieved the goals that my career has offered me thus far.



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