Call for Papers

Symposium in Conjunction with the Special Exhibition
Power Couples: The Pendant Format in Art
October 4, 2019

The Utah Museum of Fine Arts (UMFA) at the University of Utah will host an interdisciplinary symposium to coincide with the upcoming special exhibition Power Couples: The Pendant Format in Art, on view July 11–December 8, 2019, which will examine ideas imparted by two interdependent works—called pendants—from the fifteenth century until the present day. Papers that consider works conceived as pairs in the visual arts, literature, and music are invited, and new research related to pairs in other disciplines is encouraged. What are the artistic strategies at play in the creation of companion pieces? How do the format and display (or experience) of pendants communicate meaning?

Current graduate students, recent graduates, and scholars are invited to apply. Please submit an abstract of 250–300 words and a CV to both leslie.anderson@umfa.utah.edu and iris.moulton@umfa.utah.edu by June 15, 2019. Selected participants will be notified on or before July 15, 2019.

Keynote Speaker | Dr. Wendy N. E. Ikemoto, New-York Historical Society


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