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TO: Michael Hanlon
City Clerk

FROM: Matt Tuerk 
Mayor

DATE: October 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Jessica Ambler	Arts Commission	1/3/2026
Victoria Beck	Arts Commission	1/2/2027
Daniel Djuro-Goiricelaya	Arts Commission	1/2/2027
Kyle Edwards	Arts Commission	1/3/2026
Abigail Simmons	Arts Commission	1/3/2026

Jessica Ambler, Victoria Beck, Daniel Djuro-Goiricelava, and Kyle Edwards will replace four vacant seats on the Arts Commission as artistic professionals living and/or working in the City of Allentown. Abigail Simmons will replace Max Weintraub on the Commission as representation for the Allentown Art Museum.

Jessica L. Ambler, Ph.D.

Director, Martin Art Gallery
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Jessica Ambler earned her Ph.D. in art history from the University of California, Santa Barbara. After working as a Curatorial Assistant and Department Administrator at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, she was an adjunct professor at numerous universities before working at Rago Arts and Auction Center in the Trusts, Estates, and Appraisals Department. Dr. Ambler completed her Certificate in Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts in 2017 and is currently an Accredited Member of the Appraisers Association of America. Dr. Ambler was the Head of Research for The Heller Group, an art advisory in New York City specializing in modern and contemporary art and the Curator + Artist Relations for Loupe, Inc., a visual art streaming service. She is currently the Director of the Martin Art Gallery at Muhlenberg College and an Executive Committee Member of Museum and Library Alliance of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

EDUCATION

- 2007-2011 *Ph.D. with Distinction*
History of Art and Architecture, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2004-2007 *M.A. with Distinction*
History of Art and Architecture, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1999-2003 *B.A. with Honors*
Art History and a Minor in Classics, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2017 *Certificate in Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts*
New York University, School of Professional Studies

CURRENT POSITION

12/22-Present *Director, Martin Art Gallery, Muhlenberg College*

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

- 6/10-11/22 *Curator + Artist Relations, Loupe, Inc.*
- 12/20-12/22 *Owner, Ambler Appraisals, LLC*
- 11/17-11/20 *Head of Research, The Heller Group, LLC*
- 11/15-11/17 *Independent Contractor, Rago Arts and Auction Center, Trusts, Estates and Appraisals Department*
- 1/12-1/14 *Curatorial Assistant and Department Administrator, Santa Barbara Museum of Art*

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present Curation of multiple spaces at Muhlenberg College, including the Martin Art Gallery and Baker Center for the Arts Galleria
- 2021-2022 Curation of private streaming channels for NCTA and Vista Lounge, Caesars Palace as well as curation of streaming channels for Apple TV, Amazon Fire, Samsung, Pluto, Xumo, and LG, Loupe, Inc.
- 2017-2020 Corporate collection curation, The Heller Group
- 2012 *Art on a Human Scale: Antiquities from the Permanent Collection*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art
- 2012 *A Patriot for Beauty: A Selection of Lithographs by George Bellows*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art
- 2012 Juried and curated the Santa Barbara Sculptor's Guild Annual Show

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 10/21-Present *Lecturer, Princeton Adult School, Humanities*
- 8/21-12/21 *Adjunct Faculty, Caldwell University, Department of Art*
- 8/21-10/21 *Adjunct Faculty, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Interior Design/Art History Departments*
- 1/15-12/17 *Adjunct Faculty, Montclair State University, History Department*
- 1/14-12/17 *Adjunct Faculty, Southern New Hampshire University, Humanities*
- 8/14-5/17 *Adjunct Faculty, SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology, Department of Art History*
- 1/11-12/11 *Adjunct Faculty, Westmont College, Department of Art*
- 1/05-6/13 *Adjunct Faculty, University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Art History*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Museum and Library Alliance of the Greater Lehigh Valley, Executive Committee
Appraisers Association of America, Accredited Member
College Art Association, Member
Association of Academic Museums and Galleries, Member
Association of Arts Administration Educators, Member
Association of Art Museum Curators, Member