



Costume Society of America

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JOIN THE COSTUME SOCIETY OF AMERICA AS A STUDENT MEMBER TODAY!

The Costume Society of America (CSA) advances the global understanding of all aspects of dress and appearance. We work to stimulate scholarship and encourage study in the rich and diverse field of costume. Our primary membership consists of individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds, both generalist and specialist, who share a passion for the history and serious study of costume. We seek members who are involved in the study, education, collection and preservation, presentation and interpretation of dress and appearance in our PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE societies.

Advantages of Student Membership:

NETWORKING: Members of the CSA include museum curators university professors, fashion industry personnel, costume designers, buyers/auction house employees...the list goes on and on. By attending CSA events, students gain valuable face time with these professionals. These lasting acquaintances connect students with internships, jobs and other valuable opportunities.



AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: The CSA recognizes contributions of student scholars. Several monetary awards and scholarships are available to students, both through their regional sites and through the national scholarship committee. Awards such as the Stella Blum Research Grant aid students in advancing the understanding of fashion, costume and textile studies in a significant way.

STRENGTHEN YOUR RESUME/CV: Student members have the opportunity to present their work at CSA national and regional symposiums, receive admirable scholarship and research opportunities, and even serve as a board or committee member. Being a part of a nationally recognized society displays to potential career prospects your commitment to your chosen field.

DISCOUNTS: Students receive significant discounts on CSA membership, national and regional symposia and events, and all eligible retail discounts under membership.



BASE membership for one year includes:

- * Annual issue of DRESS
- * Access to the CSA Members Only site
- * CSA News – announcements, member news, calendar of events
- * Varied regional publications
- * Discount on CSA Series publications
- * Discounts on CSA-sponsored meetings and study tours
- * Eligible to apply for CSA grants and awards
- * CSA E-News
- * CSA Communities for the Study of Dress and Fashion (CSDF) Forum

Student Price: \$45.00 – (must provide proof of enrollment)

For more information on student membership and to enroll, please visit
www.costumesocietyamerica.com/detailed_benefits.htm.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR.....

The 38th Costume Society of America Annual Symposium May 31 – June 2, 2012 Atlanta, Georgia



**ATL Global Gateway:
Dress Scholarship in the 21st Century**

Ways to Get Involved: Presenting your work at the CSA Annual Symposium is both a fun and rewarding experience. Your work doesn't have to be groundbreaking, just something you find interesting and that you think others want to hear about as well. Advantages to presenting at the Annual Symposium include exposing your work to, networking with, and receiving helpful advice from CSA members.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH: Many students write papers based on subjects that interest them for class. Topics drawn from a thesis, chapters from a dissertation, or even aspects of an independent study are great places to start. These are often the most popular types of presentations at the Annual Symposium.

EXHIBITIONS: Have you interned or worked at a museum with a fascinating collection? Discovered an interesting detail about an object you think others should know about? Consider presenting your research on these subjects

ISSUES IN THE COSTUME AND TEXTILE FIELD: What kinds of issues have you come across concerning conservation, exhibition mounting, historic or field research, design and industry, etc.? Presenting your thoughts on these matters, or discussing ways you remedied difficult situations, allows CSA members a chance to both learn from your experiences and provide expertise feedback.

CSA ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO CONSIDER PRESENTING A RESEARCH EXHIBIT: Contact research exhibit committee.

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING:

The CSA is always looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the Annual Symposium. Contact volunteer committee chair.

For more details about the Annual Symposium, please visit
www.costumesocietyamerica.com/natsym.htm

or email Jose Blanco F (jblanco@uga.edu) or Patricia Hunt-Hurst (phunt@uga.edu).



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