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Dear Majors in Art History and Archaeology,

Welcome back to Washington University!

As of this fall, I am the new Director of Undergraduate Studies and will be working with all of you in the coming semesters.

I would like to invite you to a reception on Monday, September 14 at 5:15pm in Kemper 211 to say hello, have a bite to eat, and discuss a variety of matters of interest to majors. Information about the senior honors thesis, study abroad, major requirements, internships, the Kemper Museum volunteer docents program, and other matters will be on the table.

We will also discuss preliminary planning for a new MAJORS COLLOQUIUM, which will be offered as a one-credit course next spring, meeting once a week. The colloquium will offer the opportunity for you to meet and discuss a variety of issues of concern to majors in art history and archaeology. Possible topics will include:

- finding internship and fieldwork opportunities
- graduate school in art history and archaeology
- careers in museums, galleries, publishing, libraries, and academia
- how to transition from a major in art history and archaeology to graduate work in law, business, and medicine
- planning for an honors thesis in art history and archaeology
- how to make the most of the undergraduate program in art history and archaeology
- recent trends and new work in the field of art history

I am eager to hear your questions and receive any feedback regarding the Major's Colloquium.

Following the meeting, I will hold open office hours from 6-7pm.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Nancy Rubin by Friday, September 11 so that we have an accurate count for food and beverages. Of course, if you are able to come at the last minute, please feel free to do so even if you haven't RSVPed. Also, if you have any friends who are planning to sign-up for the major but have yet to do so, please encourage them to attend this session. They can complete the registration for the major that evening.

I very much look forward to seeing you on September 14.

Best wishes,

Professor Walker