



The Northwest Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in Italy Announces Its 2010 Fellows



The Northwest Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in Italy (NIAUSI) has announced its selection of 2010 Fellows: architect Lesley Bain, writer Gabriela Denise Frank, and a photographer/architect team of Lara Swimmer and Robert Zimmer. From now through the Fall, the fellows will travel to NIAUSI's Civita Institute, located in Civita di Bagnoregio, an ancient hill town located 60 miles north of Rome, to conduct their study.

The two-month fellowship has been awarded to Gabriela Denise Frank, a Seattle writer who will continue her explorations of the interface between social connection, food, sustainability, the built environment, and urban vitality from August to October 2010. Upon her return, she will host a series of events and publish a monograph of personal essays based upon observations and experiences gained from her time in Civita.

Lesley Bain, a Seattle architect who received a one-month fellowship, will spend the month of June exploring the intimate pedestrian streets and pathways of Civita, gathering design lessons to help inform public realm design in the Pacific Northwest.

Architectural photographer Lara Swimmer and architect Robert Zimmer will travel to Civita from September through late October. The duo will spend their one-month fellowship documenting the town's structures and periphery landscape, returning to Seattle to create a photographic map of Civita via digital photo montage.

Also completing work this year are 2009 Fellows Jennifer Milliron, Edward LaLonde, and Perri Lynch. Architects Milliron and LaLonde are traveling to Civita in March and April to investigate the implications of extreme topography on spatial organization and the activities of everyday life. Artist Perri Lynch will spend her time in residence investigating sound as a spatial force in Civita's landforms and architecture. Her work will employ field recordings, video and photographs as source material for public art, paintings, and live performances in Civita—and ultimately, the Pacific Northwest.

Since its inception, NIAUSI has awarded more than 30 fellowships and will continue to build this important professional, academic, and intercultural link between the Pacific Northwest and Italy. Over the past 29 years, the organization has evolved to focus on the nexus of the complex urban design issues we face in the Pacific Northwest, promoting cultural exchange and excellence in the design of the built environment.

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