

Katherine Schwab, Ph.D.



Dr. **Katherine Schwab** received her B.A. from Scripps College, her M.A. from Southern Methodist University, and her Ph.D. from the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University.

She is Professor of Art History & Visual Culture in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, Director of the Classical Studies Program, and Curator of the Plaster Cast Collection at the Fairfield University Art Museum at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

A specialist in ancient Greek art and archaeology, her research focuses on the Parthenon sculptural program, especially the metopes. Scans of her metope drawings are on permanent display in the Acropolis Museum. The original drawings formed a traveling exhibition in the U.S. from 2014 to 2018 organized by the Fairfield University Art Museum. Her publications on the Parthenon metopes appear in journal articles and invited chapters to multi-authored volumes. Her drawings and photographs have formed three separate exhibitions at the Greek Consulate General in New York City. Most recently she has served as a scholarly consultant concerning the Parthenon metopes for the Virtual Reality project called Athens Reborn: Acropolis, made by www.flyoverzone.com, which will be launched in April 2022.

Dr. Schwab's other primary scholarly interest concerns the meaning and function of ancient hairstyles beginning with the Caryatids on the Athenian Acropolis. With student models she directed a film, *The Caryatid Hairstyling Project*, which was subsequently screened in Greece and Italy, and in many U.S. locations. This led to a collaboration with her colleague Dr. Marice Rose to publish scholarly articles and to contribute a book chapter in *The Cultural History of Hair in Antiquity* and to co-curate an exhibition, *Hair in the Classical World*, at the Fairfield University Art Museum in 2021. Both Drs. Schwab and Rose were consulted by a journalist in October 2021 in response to a TikTok hairstyle trending among young men. The article appeared in the *New York Times* on 11.11.2021.