

The Victorian Society in America Washington Metropolitan Chapter and the Alumni Association of the VSA Summer Schools

**— invite prospective students for the 2009 VSA London and
Newport Summer Schools to the Summerville Mansion on Columbia
Road NW, DC for a recruiting reception with illustrated talks and
information.**

When: Friday, January 23, 2009 7:00 pm
Where: 2007 Columbia Road, NW, Washington D.C.
Cost: There will be no charge, registered guests welcome. Potential
candidates for the 2009 Schools and School alumni should attend.
Invited Speakers: **Marissa Hershon and Natillie Rauch**, Graduate Students in
the History of Decorative Arts at the Smithsonian/Corcoran,
and Alumnae of the 2008 Newport Summer School

Invitations are being extended to prospective applicants from nearby academic institutions and from our Chapter membership, as well as to Chapter members who are VSA Summer School alumni. Please register for the Washington, D.C. reception by contacting:

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About the VSA Summer Schools

The Victorian Society in America sponsors Summer School programs in Newport, Rhode Island and London, England. These programs provide in-depth study of the multi-faceted architecture and culture of the nineteenth century. The courses include lectures by leading experts, site visits, and guided tours. Financial assistance may be available from the VSA and/or the Washington Chapter for qualified applicants. In 2008 our chapter provided partial scholarships for our speakers at the Newport School. They have kindly agreed to share their experiences with us. The 2009 Summer Schools are:

The 29th Annual American Summer School, Newport — May 29 - June 7, 2009
Cost: \$2,300 (This does not cover transportation to/from the school.)

The 35th Annual London Summer School, London — July 11 - 26, 2009
Cost: \$4,300 (This does not cover transportation to/from the school, but the London Summer School cost does include breakfasts and dinners.)

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About our venue



House Pictures by Jerry Peters; Alumna Photos by the VSA Summer School

The Summerville Mansion is owned by Bruce Johnson, an architect and member of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the VSA. The mansion is a 1900 brownstone and brick townhouse built for Thomas Summerville of Summerville Plumbing Supply. Among the features are custom woodwork, a carved fireplace in the main stair hall, gothic tracery and inlaid Italian mosaic floors.

About the Speakers

Marissa Hershon is originally from Charleston, South Carolina, and received a bachelor of arts in Art History (cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She has previously worked at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, where she curated a micro-exhibition on British Women Silversmiths for the museum's twentieth anniversary installation of the permanent collection. She is currently a graduate student in the Masters Program in the History of Decorative Arts at The Smithsonian Associates and Corcoran College of Art + Design. She is also a docent at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.



Natillie Rauch is currently pursuing her Masters in the History of Decorative Arts at The Smithsonian/Corcoran College of Art and Design and will be petitioning her thesis in the coming spring. Before moving to Washington, DC in 2005, Natillie participated in an intensive course on 19th and 20th Century Design at Sotheby's Institute of Art in London after her graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she earned a B.A. in Religious Studies in 2004.



Directions to Summerville Mansion

2007 Columbia Rd. NW is marked by the "A" box near map center. Parking is severely limited. Use of Metro is highly recommended.

The address is just south of Columbia Rd. and Wyoming Ave, NW and 0.5 mile north of the Dupont Circle Metro Station at Connecticut Ave. and Q St., NW.

Metrobus and Metrorail service:

For directions phone (202) 637-7000 (select trip planner) or consult:

http://www.wmata.com/rider_tools/tripplanner/tripplanner_form_solo.cfm.

