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### Christian Kleinbub Wins 2013 Arlt Award in the Humanities

Washington, DC – The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has awarded the 2013 Gustave O. Arlt Award in the Humanities to Dr. Christian Kleinbub, Associate Professor of History of Art at The Ohio State University. The awards ceremony was held during the CGS 53rd Annual Meeting.

The Arlt Award is given annually to a young scholar-teacher who has written a book deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to scholarship in the humanities. Dr. Kleinbub becomes the award's 42nd recipient for his book, *Vision and the Visionary in Raphael* (The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2011). He received his PhD in Art History from Columbia University in 2006.

Dr. Kleinbub's book explores the mastery of Raphael's paintings and offers new appreciation for the transformative affect his work had on Renaissance art. The manifestation of heavenly beings and prophetic visions to human eyes were a central theme for Raphael. In the book, Kleinbub analyzes the supernatural scenes in Raphael's paintings in the context of the naturalistic style for which Renaissance artists are known. He reveals often-overlooked details that bring to life the fascinating contrasts hidden within some of the world's most recognizable paintings.

*Vision and the Visionary* was selected to receive the Arlt Award for the impact the book has had since its publication. Nominators praised the book for advancing the discourse on Renaissance art among students, academics, critics, and art aficionados alike.

Created in 1971, the Arlt Award honors the first president of CGS. The winner must have earned a doctorate within the past seven years from, and currently be teaching at, a North American university. Nominations are made by CGS member institutions and are reviewed by a panel of scholars in the field of competition, which rotates annually among seven disciplines within the humanities. This year's field was The Arts (Art History/Criticism/Conservation and Music). The winner receives a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and travel to the awards ceremony.

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*The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is an organization of over 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada engaged in graduate education, research, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. Among U.S. institutions, CGS members award 92% of the doctoral degrees and 78% of the master's degrees.\* The organization's mission is to improve and advance graduate education, which it accomplishes through advocacy in the federal policy arena, research, and the development and dissemination of best practices.*

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