

Faculty profile



Andrea Heiss

Expertise areas

- Critics reviewing began American culture, including visual art, theater, film and music
- American films about journalists 1935-present
- Vietnam nonfiction by Americans in the Vietnam War
- American literature, especially late 19th and 20th century

Possible collaboration disciplines

- American literary magazines in the 20th century
- From text to film: Adaptations of literary texts and journalistic accounts to film and stage
- Asian-American literature, especially personal narratives, in the 20th century
- Cultural expressions and parallels between modern American artists and selected American writers

Andrea Heiss is the director of the Arts-in-Depth Program at the Missouri School of Journalism and teaches cultural reporting in the magazine journalism area of study. The recipient of two Fulbrights and a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, Heiss earned her doctorate in American Studies at the University of Iowa, her master's degree at Purdue University, and her bachelor's degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from Illinois College.

Her research interests include modern American art, cultural history, new journalism and contemporary literature. Heiss has worked for numerous publications, including the Chicago Sun-Times, Korea Business Week and Modern Fiction Studies. In addition, she has served as a grant writer and consultant to PS1 and the Institute for Art and Urban Resources, a part of the Museum of Modern Art. As a Fulbright professor in South Korea, where she lived for seven years, Heiss wrote and presented about American culture to programs in Thailand, Taiwan, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Russia.

She continues to do research about Americans "on foreign grounds" and is interested in the diverse images of journalists in film. In addition, she believes that it is valuable to chart the evolution of the Pulitzer Prize in Criticism and to note its transformation from a prize in one of the arts, such as music, to the interdisciplinary cultural criticism encouraged in the last decade.



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