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FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

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Central to the mission of any university art museum is the advancement of knowledge and learning through the study and appreciation of art. With this idea in mind, we established the Meadows Museum fellowship program in 2011. Since its inception, over a dozen emerging scholars of Spanish art, both pre-doctoral students well as postdoctoral graduates, have taken advantage of this unique opportunity to expand their knowledge of art and experience in museums and nurture their intended curatorial vocations. While in Dallas, fellows become fully immersed in the day-to-day life of the museum’s curatorial department, including, among other tasks, writing gallery didactics, curating exhibitions, giving lectures, researching the collection and potential acquisitions, and contributing to scholarly publications.

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The development and implementation of a program as ambitious as this is the result of having the endorsement and support of key organizations and individuals. We are deeply indebted to the leadership of the Museo Nacional del Prado and their trustees during the period of 2011 through 2018, when the Meadows and this venerable Spanish institution worked closely together to provide fellowships in both venues to promising scholars in the museum field. I am grateful to their former director, Miguel Zugaza, for supporting this initiative, and to Gabriele Finaldi, then the Prado’s deputy director for collections and research, with whom I had the great honor of working closely on designing the plan and co-directing it through that period. In addition to the many people who helped our fellows, I especially want to thank José Luis Colomer, director of the Centro de Estudios Europa Hispánica (CEEH) in Madrid and the Center for Spain in America (CSA) in New York, for making time to mentor and provide support to them during their fellowship tenure. This ambitious, dual-country program could not have been such a success without the involvement of so many.

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Cristina Agüero Carnerero received a BA in art history from Universidad Complutense de Madrid in 2008 and an MA in art history from the Università degli Studi di Bologna in 2010. Following a period at the Instituto Cervantes in Dublin, she received an MPhil in advanced studies in early modern Spanish art from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in 2012, with a focus on works on paper by the eighteenth-century painter José del Castillo. She held the Museo Nacional del Prado/Meadows Museum fellowship in 2012, during which she worked in the department of prints and drawings at the Museo del Prado, and collaborated on the exhibition Roma en el bolsillo: Cuadernos de dibujo y aprendizaje artístico en el siglo XVIII (Rome in your pocket: sketchbooks and artistic learning in the XVIII century), curated by José Manuel Matilla. The following year, she was a fellow in the curatorial department of the Patrimonio Nacional. Recently, she curated the drawings exhibition Carreño de Miranda: Dibujos held at the Biblioteca Nacional de España from in 2017. Agüero Carnerero currently teaches in the art history department at the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia in Madrid where she completing a PhD dissertation on the patronage of the 9th, 10th, and 11th admirals of Castile. As part of this project, she was a visiting researcher in 2016 at the Università degli Studi Federico II in Naples, where she studied the viceroyalty of the 9th admiral of Castile and his embassy of obedience to Pope Innocent X Pamphili.
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