

DESTINATION LONDON FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Allen



Mrs. Elizabeth Allen has a BA in Humanities from Middlesex University and an MA from the Courtauld Institute of Art. Her initial research and publications were in eighteenth century British art, patronage and collecting. Her current research focus continues this interest with an examination of the reception of early Renaissance art in England in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Mrs. Allen has been with the University of Maryland since 1997, and teaches *Art and Society in the West from the Renaissance to the Present* for Destination London. She has held teaching posts at a number of institutions including the Open University, and Christie's Education, has worked for the major museums and galleries in London, including the British Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, and the Royal Academy, and continues to lecture at the National Gallery.

Mr. Michael Berlin



Mr. Michael Berlin has a BA and an MPhil in History from the University of Kent. Mike is a specialist in the social history of early modern London with a focus on the history of London's guilds. His most recent work has been on twentieth-century social history, including the RMT transport union and the British New Left. Mr. Berlin has taught *History of London* for the University of Maryland since 2011. He also teaches for Birkbeck College and the Foundation for International Education, and contributes regularly to BBC radio and television programmes.

Miss Christine Hoenigs



Miss Christine Hoenigs holds a Magister Artium in English and German Literature and Linguistics from Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, Germany. She is currently completing an English Literature PhD focusing on the performance history of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, and is particularly interested in performance analysis and British theatre history. As a dramaturg, assistant director and language coach she has worked for a number of German and English theatres, including for Alan Ayckbourn at the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough. Miss Hoenigs has been teaching *Introduction to Shakespeare* and *Introduction to Theatre* for Destination London since September 2012. She also teaches classes on Shakespeare and Theatre for Hollins University, Florida State University and Hendrix College, as well as private German and Translation courses.

Dr. Nicholas James



Dr. Nicholas James is a freelance consultant, lecturer and researcher. He holds a BA (law) from University of Oxford, an MA (prehistory) from the University of London, an MA (anthropology) from the University of Michigan and a PhD (anthropology) from the University of Birmingham. Dr. James maintains interests in the social anthropology and history of eastern England, Central Mexico, and eastern India. He has been with the University of Maryland in 1995, and teaches *Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics* for Destination London.

Mr. Arthur Kilgore



Mr. Arthur Kilgore has a BA in International Studies and History from the American University and an MA in Maritime History from the Greenwich Maritime Institute. He teaches Politics and International Relations for the London School of Economics, SOAS University of London, Birkbeck University of London, and City University. His main research interests are political culture and international organisations, reform in the UN system, and the bureaucratic politics of alliance building (specifically the Anglo-American naval alliance). Mr. Kilgore teaches *International Political Relations* for Destination London and has been with the University of Maryland since autumn 2004.

Dr. Katy Layton-Jones



Cultural historian Dr. Katy Layton-Jones grew up in South Manchester. Originally an art historian, she received her B.A. in Fine Art and Art History from Goldsmiths College, University of London. As a postgraduate, she changed both subject and location and completed an M.Phil. in eighteenth-century history at the University of Cambridge. She remained at Cambridge for her PhD, which focused on popular images of British townscapes in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In 2006, she moved to the University of Liverpool where she was engaged on the Liverpool Parks and Open Spaces research project. Dr. Layton-Jones has taught *History of London* for Destination London since 2010. She also lectures for Colgate University, Oberlin College, and the Open University and has taught subjects ranging from urban conservation to the birth of consumer society.

Dr. Richard Weight



Dr. Richard Weight studied history at Trinity College, Cambridge, then completed a PhD at University College, London. After a spell as a Fellow of the Institute of Historical Research in London, he became an independent author and broadcaster. He is currently a Visiting Professor at Boston University and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Society of Arts. His speciality area is national culture, identity and history. Dr. Weight also makes documentaries for radio and television on many aspects of British life. He has taught *British Life and Society in a Cross-Cultural Context* for the Destination London programme since 2014.