



Presbyterian College

Dr. Laura J. Crary

Dr. Laura Crary, art history professor and chair of the Presbyterian College Art Department, is the college's SCICU Excellence In Teaching award winner for 2022. She holds a Ph.D. and an M.A, both in art history and awarded by the University of Pittsburgh. Her B.F.A. in studio art, including printmaking, fibers, and ceramics, was conferred by Ohio University. Dr. Crary also earned a graduate certificate in Latin American studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

A 20-year member of the Presbyterian faculty, Dr. Crary was the college's first full-time art history professor. She regularly mentors students who conduct art research and present their findings at PC's annual Honors Day Symposium. In addition to a variety of art history classes, Dr. Crary's course load includes introductory courses in Latin American Studies and Women and Gender Studies.

Dr. Crary travels extensively for academic and research purposes. Her PC Maymester trips have included visits to art museums, churches, and galleries in Italy, Spain, England, Cuba, and Greece. Dr. Crary has led numerous domestic art department trips for students to New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh, which was her home for over 30 years. All of her travels aim to show students the vast cultural riches of the world.

Dr. Crary's professional memberships include the College Art Association, the Association for Latin American Art, and the Southeast American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies.