

## **Alison Gilchrest**

Alison Gilchrest serves as Program Officer for Arts and Cultural Heritage at [The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#) where she oversees grantmaking in art history, conservation, and museums. Her portfolio includes initiatives aimed at developing field capacity for threatened and underserved bodies of cultural heritage, building and diversifying training pathways in the academic art history, curatorial, and conservation professions, and promoting the health of the arts sector more broadly through programs that address financial literacy, emergency planning, and the demonstrating the public value of the arts. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2005, Ms. Gilchrest held positions in conservation and curatorial departments of the National Gallery of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and most recently, the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Ms. Gilchrest holds a MSIS degree with a concentration in museum information systems from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree in the history of art from Bryn Mawr College.