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PARKER LESLEY APPOINTED TO CURATORIAL STAFF OF NATIONAL GALLERY

WASHINGTON, D.C. October 7, 1974. Parker Lesley, Professor of Art at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, has been appointed a curator at the National Gallery of Art, it was announced today by J. Carter Brown, Director of the Gallery.

Mr. Lesley's responsibilities at the National Gallery include acting as a curator of 18th & 19th century European painting and the decorative arts in the Gallery's collection, and research on all these.

At Old Dominion University, where he has been Professor of Art since 1959, Mr. Lesley taught courses in Christian art, seventeenth-century painting, Oriental art, and American art. His numerous publications include the highly praised scholarly volume "Renaissance Jewels and Jewelled Objects" published by The Baltimore Museum of Art in 1968, and the "Handbook and Catalogue of the Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection of Russian Imperial Jewels" in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond which appeared in 1960. He has also published articles in Art in America, The Art Bulletin, and The Art Quarterly.

Mr. Lesley was Keeper of the Department of Exhibitions at (more)

He was Assistant Professor of Art and Architecture at the University of Minnesota from 1939 to 1942, and Curator of European art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, where he published a handbook of their medieval collection.

Mr. Lesley received his Master of Fine Arts Degree in Art and Archaeology from Princeton and his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Stanford University. He is a Chevalier of The Order of Polonia Restituta, and holds The Honor Medal for Art and Science of the House Order of Orange-Nassau from The Netherlands.

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