

Course Syllabus

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Architectural Finishes - A Hands-on Workshop

A6712

Wednesdays, 9am-1pm, Spring 2018

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The Finishes Workshop provides students with skills to survey, identify and produce a conditions report on architectural finishes. We will also learn how to research and select treatments for these finishes which we will then execute in the field. The field work in this course will help prepare you for professional work in the field of preservation whether you are a designer, administrator, conservator or preservationist.

There are no pre-requirements for this workshop, only your curiosity about the historic building materials at the South Street Seaport Museum. The majority of class time will be spent in the field learning how to examine buildings and their finishes. There will also be lectures, readings, and some laboratory work.

The preserved buildings in the South Street Seaport neighborhood are meant to transport the visitor back to New York's mid-19th century, to demonstrate what life in the commercial seaport was like. At the seaport was a hotel built in 1868 at the corner of Fulton and South Streets. Inside the museum are the remnants of this hotel. It is these fragments of rooms that we will be focusing on in our class. The finishes in the hotel rooms help tell the hidden stories of the people who once inhabited these rooms and our role is to ensure these stories are not lost.

The individual houses on Schermerhorn Row were designated [New York City Landmarks \(Links to an external site.\)](#) in 1968, and the block was collectively added to the [National Register of Historic Places \(Links to an external site.\)](#) in 1971.

1. January 18, 2018 Lecture and discussion of class project.
2. January 25, 2018 Begin Conditions Assessment at Site.
3. February 1, 2018 Complete Conditions Assessment and take samples where needed.
4. February 8, 2018 Finish Conditions Assessment Work at Site.
5. February 15, 2018 Class in lab for production of report and testing. Also Lecture.
6. February 22, 2018 Class in lab to discuss possible treatment options. Also lecture.
7. March 1, 2018 Class in lab to produce treatment specifications and report. Also Lecture.
8. March 8, 2018 Class at site to start test treatments.
9. March 22, 2018 Class at site assessing treatments and beginning treatments.
10. March 29, 2018 Class at site working on treatments.
11. April 5, 2018 Cancelled Make up class or classes in the lab. TBD

12. April 12, 2018 Class at site working on treatments.
13. April 19, 2018 Class at site Presentation to Client.
14. April 26, 2018 Class in Lab to produce Final Treatment Report.

Please note that readings will be given for each class and discussed in class whether we are in the Lab at Columbia or at the site.

Grading:

Attendance	20%
Conditions Assessment Report	20%
Proposed Treatment Report	20%
Presentation to Client	20%
Final Treatment Report	20%

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