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[James Hankins receives Kristeller Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

James Hankins, professor of history and general editor for I Tatti Renaissance Library at Harvard, has been awarded the Paul Oskar Kristeller Lifetime Achievement Award from the Renaissance Society of America. He is the the youngest recipient of the award, which has previously gone to two other Harvard professors, James S. Ackerman in 1998 and Lewis Lockwood in 2008. Harvard PhDs who have won the award are F. Edward Cranz and John W. O'Malley.

For more information on the award and past winners, please visit the Renaissance Society of America's [website](#).

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[Lizabeth Cohen named Dean of Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study](#)



Lizabeth Cohen, Howard Mumford Jones Professor of American Studies and interim dean of the [Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study](#) since last July, has recently been named dean by Harvard President Drew Faust.

“Liz Cohen is a distinguished and imaginative scholar with a deep knowledge of Radcliffe and Harvard and a strong dedication to Radcliffe’s pursuit of new ideas and collaborations across the academic disciplines, the professions, and the creative arts,” said Faust in announcing the appointment. “She is an experienced academic leader with a talent for nurturing creativity and spurring cooperative effort, and as interim dean she has already strengthened Radcliffe’s ties to people and programs across Harvard and beyond. Her wide span of intellectual interests, her spirited curiosity, and her incisive intelligence promise to serve the institute well.”

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study to further success in its mission to create and disseminate bold new thinking in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, and the arts,” said Cohen. “In my eight months as interim dean, I have learned how much the institute has to offer — advancing the research of Harvard faculty and students, providing intellectual invigoration to our interdisciplinary fellows, sustaining the world’s preeminent research library on the history of women, and pursuing programs to share this wealth of new knowledge with wider audiences close to home and increasingly around the world.”

Read the full story in the [Harvard Gazette](#).

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[**Maya Jasanoff wins National Book Critics Circle Award**](#)

Professor Maya Jasanoff has won the National Book Critics Circle Award in general nonfiction for her work “Liberty’s Exiles: American Loyalists in the Revolutionary World”. The [National Book Critics Circle awards](#) honor the best literature published in English in six categories: autobiography, biography, criticism, fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

Read the [Harvard Gazette story](#).

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