Ms. Tania Sammons receives the 2014 Kahlil Gibran International award.



The George and Lisa Zakhem Kahlil Gibran Chair for Values and Peace at the University of Maryland, and the International Association for the Study of the Life and Works of Kahlil Gibran have selected Ms. Tania Sammons to receive the 2014 Kahlil Gibran International Award for the outstanding services that she has rendered in fostering the Kahlil Gibran and Mary Haskell heritage, superbly represented in the exclusive collection of artworks at the Telfair Museums in Savannah, Georgia.

Ms. Sammons scholarly work on the art of Kahlil Gibran and the paintings housed at the Telfair Museum will also be recognised. One major contribution worthy of distinguished mention is Ms. Sammons paper entitled "Kahlil Gibran's Visual Representation of the Feminine Divine", which was delivered at the Second International Conference on Kahlil Gibran in May of 2012, and just published in the book The Enduring Legacy of Kahlil Gibran.

Ms. Sammons is currently the Senior Curator of Decorative Arts and Historic Sites at Telfair Museums overseeing daily operations of Owens-Thomas House. Her work on Kahlil Gibran and Mary Haskell over the last 20 years will cumulate in the soon to be completed biography on Mary Haskell.

The George and Lisa Zakhem Kahlil Gibran Chair for Values and Peace has become universally recognized as the leading source of Gibran studies. Scholars from several countries, including Germany, India, China, Lebanon, France, Italy, Australia, Canada, and Curacao have recognized the importance of the activities of the Gibran Chair.

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