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## THE MEANINGS OF MATERIALS

The Twentieth Annual Parsons/Cooper-Hewitt  
Graduate Student Symposium on the Decorative  
Arts and Design

**April 14 and 15, 2011**

**Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum**  
2 East 91st Street , New York, NY  
Target National Design Education Center  
(Ground Floor)

Program:

**Thursday, April 14**

6:30 p.m.

*The Catherine Hoover Voorsanger Keynote Address*

**Thinking about Materials: A Case Study in Plywood,**

Christopher Wilk, Keeper of Furniture, Textiles, and Fashion Victoria and Albert Museum, London

7:30 p.m.

**Reception**

**Friday, April 15**

Session I, 10:30–12:00 p.m.

**The Significance of Bronze to the Reinvention of the Independent Statuette in Renaissance Italy,**

Peter Jonathan Bell, Ph.D. candidate, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University; Research Associate,  
European Sculpture and Decorative Arts, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

**Materials and Microscopes: An Examination of The Paper Museum of Cassiano dal Pozzo,**

Abigail Nova, Tiffany & Co. Foundation Curatorial Intern in American Decorative Arts, The Metropolitan  
Museum of Art, New York

**The Symbolic Materiality of Bernard Palissy: A Case Study of a Platter in the Metropolitan Museum of  
Art,**

Renée DeVoe Mertz, Ph.D. candidate, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, New York

**Discussion**

Break, 12:00–2:00 p.m.

Session II, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

**The 1925 Siégel and Stockman Mannequin: Papier-mâché and the Artificial Ideal,**

Ashley Homitz, Master of Art History, Theory and Criticism candidate, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

**The Politics of Materials: Italy's 'Anti-Design' and Memphis,**

Martina Tanga, Ph.D. candidate in Art History, Boston University, Boston

**From Snow to Plywood: The Material's Role in Green Furniture,**

Claudia Mooney, Assistant Curator and New Media Manager, Chipstone Foundation, Milwaukee

**Discussion**

3:30 p.m.

**Reception**

This symposium is free and open to the public.

For more information, please call 212-849-8344.