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LECTURE BY DR. JULIA C. FISCHER
THE MONUMENTS MEN: PAST AND PRESENT

The 2014 film *The Monuments Men* popularized the efforts of American and British men and women to protect sites of cultural importance and to recover thousands of artworks and artifacts stolen by the Nazis during World War II, but there is much more to the story than is depicted in the Hollywood film.

Dr. Julia C. Fischer, Associate Professor of Art History at Lamar University, will shed light on Hitler's grand designs for a Führermuseum and his systematic looting of museums and private art collections. She will examine the



Examining Holy Roman relics
in Vienna, 1946

Fischer teaches courses in ancient, Renaissance, and Asian art and art crime. She has written and lectured widely on the Monuments Men. Fischer holds degrees from Loyola University Chicago, the University of Missouri-Columbia, and The Ohio State University. She is recognized as a specialist in Roman imperial cameos, relief sculpture, and iconography.



Examining Edouard Manet's *In the Conservatory* in the Altaussee salt mine. Courtesy of National Archive and Records Administration.

formation and role of the Monuments Men program in Northern Europe and Italy at the end of World War II, detailing their mission, successes, and tragic art losses. She will also discuss the Monuments Men's efforts in Japan, the country hit by more bombs than any other during World War II. Finally, Dr. Fischer will share the ongoing legacy of the Monuments Men by discussing two examples of twenty-first century monuments men.



Register in advance to receive the Zoom link for this lecture:

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