



Healy Hall - Philodemic Room

WASHINGTON, DC

The Philodemic Room in Healy Hall is a historic space on Georgetown University's main campus in Washington, D.C. It is home to the weekly debates of the Philodemic Society, one of the oldest student debating societies in the United States and the oldest secular student organization at Georgetown.

The overall project goal is to create a welcoming and functional space that can adequately support meetings, events, and other functions by the Philodemic Society and the university community, and is reflective of the values of these communities. Our conservators performed several tasks: survey the plaster, millwork, and stone; evaluate the decorative historic finishes; conserve/restore the original finishes; and design, fabricate, and install new decorative elements in select areas in the space.

We performed surveys on three occasions. During the first survey, conservators performed a limited visual investigation of the plaster finishes, as well as decorative finishes investigation. General cracking, finish damage, and improper repairs were recorded. Exposure windows were created to uncover historic design schemes, and microscopy was performed to identify and match colors.

The second survey was a comprehensive, close-range visual and tactile investigation of the in-situ plaster elements, decorative finishes, and millwork throughout the space. The purpose of the survey was to further assess the conditions and provide recommendations for the treatment in support of the restoration of the Philodemic Room...

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PROJECT DETAILS

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