

## **NIAUSI Announces the 2012 Fellows**

In late October, the jury for the 2012 NIAUSI Fellowships met to review a remarkably accomplished group of applicants. After much thoughtful discussion, three fellows were chosen for Civita residencies.

Our two month fellowship, which has been renamed the "Astra Zarina Fellowship" in honor of the 30th anniversary of NIAUSI's founding, was given to **Sharon Mentyka** for a two month residency. Sharon is a graphic designer practicing in Seattle. She will be working on a series of storytelling maps, using visual means to create an "atlas" designed to envision Civita through multiple lenses, some of which might include culture, geography, food, history and the built environment.

The jury awarded **Don Fels** a one month fellowship. Don is a Seattle artist, writer and teacher who will use his time in Civita to pursue his interest in the relationship between commodity production, culture, and landscape, with a particular focus on alum and its historic role in the region.

**Liza Mickle**, a planner and historic program specialist for the City of Portland, Oregon, was given a one month fellowship to investigate adaptive reuse in Civita and the surrounding region, while researching Italian strategies and approaches with the intent of finding commonalities that will be useful to her work here in the Northwest.

NIAUSI is grateful to the jurors for their participation and to the SRG Partnership (<http://www.srgpartnership.com/>) for once again hosting the deliberations.

WE WISH ALL OUR FELLOWS WELL.