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## The 2019 American Ceramic Circle Book Award

The American Ceramic Circle Book Award, established in 2005, recognizes English-language publications that advance the study of ceramics, present new scholarship and interpretations, and, in doing so, become important and standard references in the field.

This year, eligible publications released in 2018 were reviewed. Two stood out as especially exemplary. The 2019 American Ceramic Circle Book Award goes to *American Art Pottery, The Robert A. Ellison Jr. Collection*, authored by Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen, Martin Eidelberg, Adrienne Spinozzi and published by the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Yale University Press. An honorable mention goes to *A Princely Pursuit, The Malcolm D. Gutter Collection of Early Meissen Porcelain* by Maria L. Santangelo in association with Malcolm D. Gutter, published by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, in association with Hirmer Verlag.

Nearly a decade in the making, *American Art Pottery* celebrates and documents Robert J. Ellison Jr.'s extraordinary gift of over 300 examples of American ceramics to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Ellison's collection provides the framework for the authors' exhaustive and exquisitely illustrated investigation of the American Art Pottery movement. Drawing on countless primary sources, many newly discovered via digitization, the authors have infused familiar subjects with fresh insights and produced what will be known as the standard reference for this material.

*A Princely Pursuit* also celebrates a transformative institutional gift—the gift of Malcolm Gutter's collection of early Meissen porcelain to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. A significant new contribution to the literature on Meissen, this book is a skillful blend of scholarship and personality, providing a highly readable, but informed and revelatory academic discussion of the subject.

Suggestions or recommendations for books published in 2019 to be considered for the 2020 American Ceramic Circle Book Award can be sent to ACC Book Award Chair Amy Dehan at [amy.dehan@cincyart.org](mailto:amy.dehan@cincyart.org).