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We live in a dangerous, often unstable, and environmentally compromised world. What can academic museums, galleries, and collections do to remedy this situation? If we are dedicated to teaching and training new generations of students and to serving increasingly diverse communities, how do we make a positive difference? And how do we assess the impact that we are making?

**Audacious Ideas** provides a lively platform for the sharing of exciting ideas about how museums, galleries, and collections can serve as change-agents. This year’s program addresses how constituents are adopting new roles and adapting old ones, welcoming new constituencies while keeping current visitors, and enhancing our value as critical partners in higher education while promoting a more just, peaceful, and healthy world.

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Thursday, June 21, 2018
Pre-Conference Activities

9:00 a.m.–3 p.m. | Special Workshop: Bootcamp for Academic Museums
with Jill Hartz and Barbara Rothermel
Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami

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THE INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, MIAMI
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1:00 p.m.  Corporate Sponsors and Poster Session set-up
(3rd floor elevator, lobby and corridor)

2:30 p.m.  Registration Opens
Shalala Student Center (SC)
(3rd floor, top of stairs)

3:30-4:30 p.m. Roundtables (Ballroom)

5:30-6:30 p.m. Throwdowns

6:30-8:30 p.m. Opening Night Reception

Roundtable Sponsorship
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A to Z: Infusing the Encyclopedic Collection with New Life (LAM)
Facilitators: Jon Mogul, Associate Director, Curatorial and Education, The Wolfsonian–Florida International University; Jill Deupi, Director and Chief Curator, Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami; and William Eiland, Director, University of Georgia Art Museum
This Roundtable will focus on clearly articulating the challenges associated with presenting historic and/or encyclopedic collections, as well as sharing information about successful strategies for display and engagement. Participants will be invited to brainstorm collectively and to think expansively about new ways for enlivening such holdings.

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement; Access, Diversity & Inclusion; and Exhibitions & Collections

Room Assignment Key
BW = Ballroom West
BC = Ballroom Center
BE = Ballroom East
IA = Iron Arrow
S = Senate
LAM = Lowe Art Museum

*All programs are at the UM Shalala Student Center (SC) unless otherwise noted
Whose Academic Museum?: Transforming a Community Museum into an Academic Museum for All (BC)
Facilitator: H. Alexander Rich, Ph.D., Curator and Director of Galleries & Exhibitions, Polk Museum of Art, and Assistant Professor of Art History, Florida Southern College

This Roundtable will explore strategies for “academizing” a museum so that it caters effectively to both campus and community audiences. Attendees will learn strategies for engaging all visitors academically and for presenting a museum’s didactic mission as a key draw for students, professors, and general audiences alike.

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement; Access, Diversity & Inclusion; and Exhibitions & Collections

Meeting Them Where They Are: Engaging Students through Exhibitions and Programming in Communal Spaces (S)
Facilitator: Jillian Nakornthap, Exhibitions and Public Programming Associate, Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, The George Washington University

This Roundtable will explore new models for creating exhibitions and public programming in non-traditional locations. We’ll begin the conversation by discussing how the Corcoran School converted a large, open atrium into a communal, multi-disciplinary space where exhibitions, performances, and meetings happen in tandem with one another. Museum professionals will be invited to share how their institutions have moved beyond the “white cube” model and/or seek suggestions on ways to engage their academic community outside of the gallery.

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Stealing Culture: The Intersection of Law and Museums (IA)
Facilitator: Joseph S. Mella, Director, Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery

With Nicole M. Crawford, Chief Curator, University of Wyoming Art Museum and Associate Lecturer, Museum Studies, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research & Center for Global and Area Studies, University of Wyoming; Elizabeth Marlowe, Associate Professor of Art & Art History, Program Director, Museum Studies, Colgate University; Leila Amineddoleh, Founder and Managing Partner of Amineddoleh & Associates, LLP; Darrell D. Jackson, Ph.D., Director, Prosecution Assistance Program, Associate Professor, Law & Adjunct Faculty, African American & Diaspora Studies; and Kayle R. Avery, CAM-ART Provenance Research Project and Exhibitions Coordinator, UW Art Museum

This Roundtable will discuss university museum collections from two angles: 1) how university museums might, in the future, provide a home for private collections of non-AAMD-compliant antiquities (such as those lacking documentation back to 1970), where issues of provenance, cultural property, forgery, etc., can be foregrounded in research, teaching, and displays; and 2) how university museums respond when objects already in the collection are discovered to have been stolen or looted. The varied backgrounds of the participants, from the fields of law, museology and art history, will allow for a rich diversity of perspectives regarding how museums can change their policies to better protect themselves and objects of cultural heritage, and how both sides can work together to create positive change in the role of museum and their collections in society.

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Crowd-Sourced Curating to Engage Current and New Audiences (BE)
Facilitator: Heather Gibson Moqtaderi, Assistant Director & Associate Curator, Arthur Ross Gallery, University of Pennsylvania

This Roundtable addresses ways that crowd-sourcing can be implemented as an audience development strategy. In this context, crowd-sourcing is defined as the process of generating exhibition and programming content through audience member feedback. Participants can expect to learn about how crowd-sourcing has been implemented by various art institutions, along with recommendations for successfully using this technique.

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Mission Change – Revisit Your Mission, Refine your Statement, Reaffirm Your Purpose (BW)
Facilitator: Douglas Perkins, Associate Director, Operations and Finance, Middlebury College Museum of Art

In the current climate of constant social evaluation, friction, and change, it’s crucial for a campus museum to ensure that its mission statement succinctly conveys that purpose and articulates its relationship to social change. Taking the recent process to revise Middlebury College Museum of Art’s mission statement as a point of departure, this Roundtable will explore issues related to an academic museum’s mission and purpose: when or whether to revise a mission statement; setting a reasonable project timeline; solidifying stakeholder buy-in; getting meaningful feedback from reticent staff; including student voices; the role of vision and value statements; dovetailing with the mission of the larger parent institution; and using mission to drive branding.

Categories: Leadership & Advisory Boards and Fundraising & General Operations
Throwdowns
5:30-6:30 p.m. | Ballroom

Art Has the Power to Confront, Challenge, and Converse with the Political and Social World around You—Voces de Resistencia

Madison Auten, Graduate Student, Museum Studies and Anthropology, Union Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

The Union Art Gallery at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is making strides by using art as a vehicle for social and political change on our campus and in our local community. Like many other large universities across the nation, the university and city itself are challenged with issues surrounding race, nationality, and gender. University museums and galleries can be powerful players as agents of change, offering a safe, inclusive, and informative environment that can foster meaningful dialogues on current topics that can affect us as individuals, locally and globally.

Categories: Access, Diversity & Inclusion and Exhibitions & Collections

Beyond Boundaries: Mixing Art and Science in University Museums

Blanca María Cárdenas Carrión, Doctoral Candidate, Philosophy of Science and Science Communications, Universum, Museum of the Sciences, National Autonomous University of Mexico

By mixing art and science, beauty and truth, we can transform university museums into facilities for curiosity, where collections and exhibitions can motivate creative and significant learning among visitors. This presentation deals with disciplinary and epistemological dichotomies, trying to arrive at a more fluid and dynamic way to think of university museums as agents of change to their communities.

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement and Exhibitions & Collections

No Rehearsal Required: Advancing Reflective Judgment with Reader Theatre

John Jay Boda, Doctoral Candidate, Museum Education and Visitor-Centered Exhibitions, Department of Art Education, Florida State University

This emerging and innovative approach within museum education is being used widely in medical and nursing schools to develop empathy and reflective judgment. This audacious, insightful, and participatory approach has the potential to help prepare museum audiences – and staffs, guides, and volunteers – contend with diverse and/or contentious exhibition narratives, content, and/or themes.

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement and Access, Diversity & Inclusion

International Strategies: University Museums Facilitating Cultural Partnerships

Wenjia Qiu, International Collaboration Coordinator, Qian Xuesen Library & Museum, Shanghai Jiaotong University

This presentation introduces the ways in which partnerships between universities and their museums can serve international students. Colleagues from other academic museums are welcome to share similar programs after the presentation.

Categories: Access, Diversity & Inclusion

House Full of Hippos: Seizing an Unusual Opportunity to Create and Fund a Collections Management Learning Laboratory

Rod Bengston, Director, John Young Museum of Art, The University of Hawaii at Manoa

What would you do with a large collection of decorative and fine art objects based on hippos? This is the story of the creation and funding of the M. J. Marks Collection management learning laboratories at the museum.

Categories: Fundraising & General Operations and Exhibitions & Collections

Zines for Progress

N’agelie Lazo, high school student, working with The Wolfsonian, Florida International University

Zines for Progress, an educational initiative by The Wolfsonian–FIU for Miami-Dade Public High Schools, is a program that connects students to art and social justice. Learn from one of their very own high-school zinesters how students can combine art-making and writing skills to create hand-made magaZINES addressing issues faced by their community.

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Introducing Art to STEM Students: Exhibitions and Education Programs at Tsinghua University Art Museum

Mingqian Liu, Ph.D. student, Department of Architecture, Texas A&M University

Through exhibitions and education programs that connected art appreciation with scientific understanding, Tsinghua University Art Museum introduced various forms of visual and material arts to its overwhelmingly STEM student body. This presentation introduces some of the successful practices at this newly opened institution in China to university museum educators who have the similar kind of audience among their students.

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Puerto Rico: Sink or Swim?

Lisa Ortega de Morrow, MFA, Educator, Museum of History, Anthropology and Art, University of Puerto Rico

Life (before and) after Hurricane María. Just the mention of the year 2017 makes many at the University of Puerto Rico cringe. A student strike lasted 71 days. A semester that was barely starting was interrupted by a category 5 hurricane (Irma). As they tried to start off again, yet another interruption: Hurricane María, another category 5. This time, everything changed.

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement; Access, Diversity & Inclusion; Collections & Exhibitions; and Fundraising & General Operations

From the Power of Science & Technology to the Power of Culture: The First Science and Technology Museum on Electronics in China was Successfully Established in a University Museum

Ke Zhao, Director, Electronic Science and Technology Museum, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, and Deli Chen, Counselor, Electronic Science and Technology Museum, University Science and Technology of China, Chengdu

The first museum of science and technology in China was successfully established in a university, which indicates that university museums play vital roles as pioneers and explorers. The evolution of science and technology museums in developing countries not only results in the promotion of education and science, but also leads to cultural dispersion and inheritance.

Categories: Exhibitions & Collections and Access, Diversity & Inclusion
In his *The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction* (1935), Walter Benjamin famously examined the impact of modern photographic techniques on the nature of art itself. For Benjamin, the aura of an object was devalued by mechanical reproduction and the ubiquity it fostered. Half a generation later, André Malraux took a rather different stance: In “The Museum Without Walls” (the first chapter of *The Voices of Silence*, which he published between 1947 and 1950), the art theorist argued that the wide availability of printed facsimiles facilitated a kind of ideal art history, in which collections far too vast to fit in any physical museum might be assembled for study. Thus was born the concept of the museum without walls, or, as it is often termed, the “imaginary museum.”

Neither Benjamin nor Malraux lived to see the digital age, but it is not hard to imagine that, if they had, they would consider their theories amplified exponentially by new technologies. Today, anyone with interest and an internet connection can access reproductions of objects that are of extremely high quality—indeed, in many cases, extraordinary fidelity stretches the bounds of credulity. Where, then, does that leave museums, which by their very nature are predicated upon the absolute primacy of original works of art and cultural artifacts, the intrinsic uniqueness of which can only be fully grasped through direct experience? Further, how should museums embrace the possibilities of modern reproductions and yet still confirm that they will always, in the end, be *simulacra*? What strategies might museums develop and employ that would expand the ways direct experience of works of art can inform teaching and learning? And how can we honor our missions while still staying abreast of technological advances and the ever-shifting needs and expectations of our diverse audiences?

Kelly is an art historian specializing in 18th, 19th, and early 20th century American and British paintings. He has written extensively on and organized exhibitions devoted to a wide range of artists, including Thomas Cole, Frederic Edwin Church, Sanford R. Gifford, John Constable, J.M.W. Turner, Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins, George Bellows, Edward Hopper, and Jackson Pollock. Kelly has lectured extensively at museums and universities in America and abroad and has also held curatorial appointments at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. He received his undergraduate training at the University of North Carolina, his M.A. from Williams College, and his Ph.D. from the University of Delaware.
Friday, June 22, 2018

8:00 a.m.  Registration
8:30 a.m.  Welcome
John Versluis, President, AAMG
Marta C. Lourenço, President ICOM-UMAC
8:45 a.m.  Program Overview
Jill Hartz and Barbara Rothermel
9:00 a.m.  Keynote: Franklin Kelly, Deputy Director and Chief Curator, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
10:00 a.m.  Break; Sponsor Tables; Poster Sessions
10:30 a.m.  Plenary Session (Ballroom)
1:30-2:45 p.m.  Session 2
3:15-4:30 p.m.  Session 3

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10:30 a.m. | Plenary Session | Ballroom

**Why We Matter: Reflections on the Importance of Academic Museums**

Representing over a century of leading college and university museums, the presenters will reflect upon the fundamental ideals of academic museums and their essential importance in providing perspective, understanding, values and wisdom to students, faculty and a general public buffeted by the competing concerns of an increasingly fragmented and combative global society.

Panelists:
William Eiland, Director, Georgia Museum of Art
Lyndel King, Director and Chief Curator, Weisman Art Museum University of Minnesota
Andrew Simpson, Honorary Fellow, Department of Ancient History, Macquarie University, Australia
John Wetenhall, Director, George Washington University Museum

**Moderator:** John Wetenhall
International Accreditation with Julie Hart, Senior Director, Museum Standards & Excellence
Did you know that museums outside the U.S. can go through the AAM accreditation process? Learn more about the process and best practices. Share your experiences with accreditation. (IA)

Advisory Boards, including Building a Successful Board Chair-Director Relationship and Representing Demographics in Your Community with Mary Baily Wieler, President, Museum Trustee Association, and Eva Kirsch, director, RAFFMA, Cal State, San Bernardino; also participating are Steven High, director, Ringling Museum; William Eiland, director, Georgia Museum of Art; and Brenda Thompson, board chair, Georgia Museum of Art. (BW)

Decolonizing Learning and the Campus Museum with Celka Straughn, Andrew W. Mellon Director of Academic Programs, Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas (BC + BE)
How can the campus museum serve as a space for developing decolonized modes of learning and deepen student engagement? Additionally, how might facilitating such strategies contribute to new forms of museum practice? This lunchtime conversation invites an exchange of approaches, activities, ideas, and questions.

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12:30-1:30 p.m. | Lunch: Please visit our Sponsor Tables and Poster Sessions (3rd floor elevator lobby and corridor)
Enjoy a Lunchtime Conversation: Bring your lunch to one of our conference rooms and participate in one of these discussions:

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Engaging Progress: Responsive Programs at University Museums (BC + BE)

As museums continue to evolve as discursive, participatory spaces, university museum programs increasingly direct the public reception of art history, facilitate dialogue across disciplines, and foster relevant responses to contemporary ideas of art and culture. Long identified as the primary “public” for campus museums, students increasingly join faculty, staff, and community members to bring fresh perspectives as advisors, makers, curators, and participants in museum programs. This panel will explore the role of public programs as a conduit between our diverse publics and as a site to grapple with relevant local and global issues, and demonstrate ways in which the university and the surrounding communities can become reciprocal resources to make change through rigorous, experimental, and engaging programs.

Introductions: Carey Nagle, BNIM

Panelists:
- Claudia Bestor, Director, Public Programs, Hammer Museum
- Sonnet Coggins, Interim Deputy Director and Associate Director of Academic and Public Engagement, Williams College Museum of Art
- Erik L. Peterson, Manager of Family Programs and Student Engagement, Smart Museum of Art
- Molleen Theodore, Associate Curator of Programs, Yale University Art Gallery

Moderator: Emily Arensman, Programs Fellow, Yale University Art Gallery

Category: Audience Development & Engagement

Counter-Programming for the New South (IA)

This panel features case studies from five institutions producing, presenting, and programming alternative-narratives across university museums, galleries, historical spaces, and libraries, highlighting the ever-shifting landscape as the American South continues to redefine its identity. Learn how and why these institutions are confronting and responding to difficult issues such as AIDS/HIV, censorship, stereotypes, and how best to create the opportunity for broad community engagement and further dialogue using historical and creative material.

Panelists:
- Lizz Biswell, Manager of Outreach & Engagement, Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, College of Charleston
- Karen Howard, Director, Winthrop University Galleries, Director, Arts Administration Programs, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Winthrop University
- William David Hiott, Sr., Executive Director & Chief Curator, Department of Historic Properties, Adjunct Instructor of History, Clemson University
- Les Reker, Director, The Rural Heritage Museum, Mars Hill University
- Gretchen Warner, Graphic Designer, Sr., Campus and Community Relations, Robert Woodruff Library, Emory University

Moderator: Caitlin Margaret Kelly, Director, Power Plant Gallery, Duke University

Category: Audience Development & Engagement; Exhibitions & Collections; and Leadership & Advisory Boards

Art Benefits Healthcare (S)

Panelists will discuss ways that academic art museums can use educational practices to support medical training with the aim of building observational and communication skills that strengthen empathy and teamwork and aid in diagnoses.

Panelists:
- Hope Torrents, School Programs Coordinator, Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami
- Lenore D. Miller, Director, University Art Galleries and Chief Curator, Luther W. Brady Art Gallery, The George Washington University
- Jill S. Sanko, PhD, MS, ARNP, CHSE-A, FSSH, Assistant Professor, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies
- Gauri Agarwal, M.D., F.A.C.P., Associate Regional Dean for Medical Curriculum, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- Natalie Wilner, 3rd year medical student, The George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences

Moderator: Hope Torrents

Category: Audience Development & Engagement
**Illuminating Dark Data to Engage Audiences: Integrating Digital Images into Academic and Avocational Knowledge Creation (BW)**

Creating and collecting digital assets by academic museums has become a commonplace activity. But beyond using the images for object documentation, how can digitized collections serve the educational mission of your institution? Attendees will come away with a range of pedagogical applications for digital object-based learning for academic and avocational researchers.

**Panelists:**
- Lana Burgess, Ph.D., Director, Museum Management Program, McKissick Museum, University of South Carolina
- Christian Cicimurri, Curator of Natural Science, McKissick Museum, University of South Carolina

**Moderator:** Lana Burgess

**Categories:** Access, Diversity & Inclusion; Audience Development & Engagement; Exhibitions & Collections; and Marketing & Technology

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**Inspiring Partners (BW)**

This panel explores the profound effect of storytelling in urban and rural communities across the globe. With the support of the Grandmother Project in West Africa, Oglethorpe University Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Jule Collins Smith Museum in Auburn, Alabama, Inspiring Partners brings oral histories to life and demonstrates the modern need to use storytelling as a universal form of human connection and a catalyst for change in community.

**Panelists:**
- Scott Bishop, Curator of Adult Education, Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, Auburn University
- Elijah Gaddis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, Auburn University
- Anne Gahongayire, External Relations & Partnership Development Officer, Grandmother Project
- Taylor Roberts ’21, intended major Business and Museum Studies, Oglethorpe University
- Dr. Hyojung Cho, Associate Professor, Texas Tech University Museum

**Moderator:** Taylor Roberts

**Categories:** Audience Development and Engagement and Collections and Exhibitions

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**Afternoon Coffee Break Sponsor**

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**Medicine and the Academic Museum (IA)**

As medical disciplines themselves and their relation to society develop, the role of medical collections, often present in universities, changes as well. In this panel, a few examples of this change are highlighted and discussed with a view to both museum and medical ethics.

**Panelists:**

Ondrej Dostal, Director, Mendel Museum, Masaryk University: *(Un)Safe Genetics*

Steph Schotten, Director, Hunterian Art Gallery and Museum, University of Glasgow: *Museums vs. Medical: How to Marry Two Ethical Frameworks*

Magdalene Grassmann, Director, Museum of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy, Medical University of Bialystok, Poland: *The University Museum as a Medical and Cultural Link in an Unstable World*

**Moderator:** Steph Schotten

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**Social Fabrics: Radical Textile Projects on Campus (S)**

This panel discusses five radical textile projects—avant-garde exhibitions and programs featuring fibers and fashion—that impart the urgency of the times we live in, while also emphasizing fun, practical, and innovative practices for visitors to use in their everyday lives. We'll end with a short workshop and discussion (including hands-on knitting and crocheting), addressing the questions: How can campus galleries, often with limited resources, engage and grow audiences while also addressing pressing social and environmental issues? How can we impart the urgency of the times we live in, while also emphasizing fun, practical, and innovative practices for visitors to use in their everyday lives? How can museums harness a connection with our audiences and contemporary artists and professors to build spaces that radically knit together our communities?

**Panelists:**

April Beiswenger, Associate Professor of Theatre; Shan Bryan-Hanson, Director and Curator of Art Galleries and Collections, St. Norbert College: *“Fashion This” Exhibitions and Programs*

John Harness, Program Coordinator, Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago: *Welcome Blanket Exhibition and Sewing & Citizenship Family Day*

Laura McDowell Hopper, Curator, Pick Museum of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University: *Quilts and Human Rights and Storytelling: Hmong American Voices Exhibitions*

Lori Kartchner, Programs Associate, Museum Collections, The Textile Museum, George Washington University: *Stories of Migration: Contemporary Artists Interpret Diaspora Exhibition*

Laura Scheper, Manager of Public Programs, Eskenazi Museum of Art, Indiana University: *“Home Mask Relations” Artist Project and Public Program*

**Moderator:** Erik Peterson, Manager of Family Programs and Student Engagement, Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago

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**Evening (times vary):**

Affinity-themed dinners (pre-registration required)

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*Art can be minimal. Its protection shouldn’t be.*
Paula Gangopadhyay: The Power of Asking...What If?

Paula Gangopadhyay is a respected thought-leader on innovation in education and is the recipient of several state and national awards and recognitions. She was appointed Deputy Director, Office of Museum Services, at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), in January 2016. In her current role, she collaborates with IMLS’s senior leadership on agency priorities, policies, and partnerships, and provides leadership and direction for the museum grants and special initiatives.

Over her professional career of more than twenty years, Ms. Gangopadyay has worked in small, medium, and large museums and cultural organizations, as well as government, business, and education sectors, where she led systemic change and positive community impact at local, state, and national levels. She was appointed by President Barack Obama to the National Museum and Library Services Board in 2012 and served in that capacity for three years. She received her B.A. and M.A. in history from Indore University, India; her post-graduate certification in archival, museum, and editing studies from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA; and an education policy fellowship from the Institute for Educational Leadership.
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Session 1

Charged Spaces: Facilitating Difficult Conversations in the University Art Museum (BC + BE)

This panel explores the ways in which academic museums foster politically charged conversations on campus, specifically addressing public programs, curatorial strategies, and administrative brokering. Panelists will discuss the complexities of collaboration and academic freedom when tackling such sensitive topics, and discuss lessons learned through successes and failures.

Panelists:
Alexandra Chamberlain, Assistant Curator of Exhibits and Education, Galleries & Collections, DePauw University
Craig Hadley, Director and Curator of Exhibitions and Collections with Rank of Assistant Professor, Galleries & Collections, DePauw University
Dr. Annette Loeseke, Lecturer in Museum Studies, New York University, Berlin Campus
Elizabeth H. Manekin, Head of University Programs and Academic Projects, Ackland Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Alana Ryder, Manager, Public and University Programs, Wexner for the Center for the Arts, The Ohio State University

Moderator: Craig Hadley

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement; Access, Diversity & Inclusion; and Exhibitions & Collections
With Our Powers Combined: Museums and Libraries Teaming Up to Teach, Engage, and Serve New Constituencies (BW)

This panel focuses on ways museums and libraries can foster beneficial partnerships on campus and off to create collaborative teaching that is more critical, joint programming that is more sustainable, and interconnected presences that are more visible. Attendees will learn which museum-library partnerships make the most sense, how to identify and begin new joint programs, and how these collaborations can strengthen all organizations involved.

Panelists:

Jennie Davy, Exhibits Manager, William & Mary Libraries
Kyle McQuillan, Mosaic Fellow, William & Mary Libraries
Alexander Watkins, Assistant Professor, Art & Architecture Librarian, University of Colorado Libraries

Moderator: Hope Saska, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, University of Colorado Art Museum

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement and Collections & Exhibitions

Questions: A Case Study in Student-Driven Exhibitions and Ethical Curation at Winterthur

Leah Sweet, Lynch Curatorial Coordinator of Academic Programs, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University: Temporary or Permanent? Leveraging University Class Sessions to Revamp Collection Displays and Interpretive Resources

Moderator: Leah Sweet

Categories: Access, Diversity & Inclusion and Exhibitions & Collections

First Listen: Advocating for Equity and Inclusion (IA)

The panel will discuss strategies, techniques, and resources used by their own institutions to address diversity issues as a catalyst for change in academic museums. Learning outcomes will include methods of reaching new and culturally aware audiences through education and research initiatives.

Panelists:

Paige Willis, Education Program Assistant, Harn Museum of Art, University of Florida
Scott Bishop, Curator of Adult Education, Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Arts, Auburn University
Liam Sweeney, Analyst at Ithaka S+R (Andrew W. Mellon Foundation case study of Spelman College Museum of Fine Art)
Makeba Dixon-Hill, Curator of Education, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art

Moderator: Paige Willis

Categories: Leadership & Advisory Boards; Collections & Exhibitions; Access, Diversity & Inclusion; and Audience Development & Engagement

Decolonizing Museum Collections and Practices in the Context of University Learning (S)

Through a series of case studies, this panel explores decolonization of university-related museums as a key component of serving as more inclusive and equitable change-agents on campus and beyond. Topics include honoring indigenous knowledges and object histories, fostering collaborative partnerships, acknowledging the impact of colonialism on specific peoples and broader institutional, intellectual, and educational practices, exhibiting museum collections derived from colonial trade, shifting interpretation from owner-centric object stories to more comprehensive narratives, and negotiating potential tensions between academic and general public audiences.

Panelists:

Juliette Bianco, Deputy Director, and Jami Powell, Associate Curator of Native American Art, Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College: Practicing Positionality: Opening Spaces for Dialogue in a Teaching Museum
Catharine Dann Roeber, Brock W. Jobe Assistant Professor, Decorative Arts and Material Culture, and Josh Lane, Curator of Furniture, Winterthur Museum: One Cabinet, Many
Building Diversity & Inclusion (BW)

This panel explores ways museums can build diversity and inclusion. The University of Richmond Museums examine student engagement with Spanish-speaking communities, which includes addressing social inequality awareness, fortified citizenry, and mutual appreciation. The “Encountering Fife” project in Scotland seeks to give refugees the opportunity to share experiences of their new lives on the east coast of Scotland by creating a photographic exhibition in partnership with local secondary school pupils. Those attending the session will consider the practical ways in which university museums can support the integration and personal development of immigrants and what challenges and pitfalls they might encounter while doing so.

Panelists:
Martha Wright, Coordinator of Visitor and Tour Services, University of Richmond Museums:
“It’s All about the Experience: Inclusion through Collaboration between Spanish in the Community class and UR Museums

Matthew Sheard, Learning & Access Curator, Museum of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland:
“Championing Inclusion among Refugee Communities at the Museum of the University of St. Andrews

Moderator: Martha Wright

Categories: Access, Diversity & Inclusion and Audience Development & Engagement
Saturday, June 23, 2018

Addressing the Academic Museum’s Social Origins, University History, and Indigenous Communities (S)

Sponsored by Mathers Museum of World Cultures

This panel approaches the value of academic museums from a range of perspectives: the important role of collectors in the development of knowledge and research; the use of diverse collections to build inclusive experiences among specialists and the broader community; and how to create meaningful and socially inclusive displays using contemporary museological methodologies, emphasizing the cooperation with different target groups and stakeholders of the museum and offering a curator tool kit.

Introductions: Judith Kirk, Mathers Museum of World Cultures

Panelists:

María Molina Leon, Director, Museo Universidad Panamericana: *The Social Origin of University Museums as Agents of Change: Knowledge and Development of Generations through Donations of Heritage*

Karin G. Weil, Director, Dirección Museológica, Universidad Austral de Chile: *The Documentation of University Collections: An Exercise in Inclusion and Equity within and Beyond the Campus*

Marian Raisma, Director, University of Tartu Museum: *Touch of the University Spirit: How to Create an Inclusive and Meaningful Exhibition about University History*

Luisa Fernanda Rico Mansard, Coordinator, University Seminar of Museums and Museographic Facilities, Universum, Museum of the Sciences, National Autonomous University of Mexico: *Knowledge to Come and Go in University Museums*

Moderator: Karin G. Weil

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Scott Legge, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, Macalester College

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Art in Public Spaces: Controversies over Representations (BW)

At a time when social justice movements have highlighted the inequity between whose history is publicly visible and whose history is invisible, what is the role of the campus art museum in shaping the contested meaning of public art? This panel provides attendees with an expanded meaning of public art that includes not only site-specific installations, but also portraits of university leaders and art circulating in campus loan programs; strategies for managing the competing interests of stakeholders; and suggestions for avoiding pitfalls and building alliances.

Panelists:
- Meghan C. Doherty, Ph.D., Director, Doris Ulmann Galleries Curator, College Art Collections Assistant Professor, Art History, Berea College
- Daniel Feinberg, Assistant Professor of Design and Sculpture, Berea College
- Saralyn Reece Hardy, Marilyn Stokstad Director, Spencer Museum of Art, The University of Kansas
- Jane Becker Nelson, Director & Curator, Flaten Art Museum, St. Olaf College

Moderator & Panelist: Jennifer Reynolds-Kaye, Ph.D., Curator of Education and Academic Outreach, Yale Center for British Art, Yale University

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**Techniques Used and their Improvements to Preserve the Germplasm of Plants for Museum Collections; Sri Lanka Scenario, especially in Educational Purposes**  
Professor A.A.Y. Amarasinghe, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, with Dr. D.M. Suratissa, Department of Zoology, University of Colombo  
This poster presents the best techniques for conserving and preserving ex-situ and in-situ plant germplasm, based on practical classes with university students.  
*Categories: Exhibitions & Collections*

**Volunteer Management in University Museums**  
Silvana Arago Telona, Assistant in the Department of Museological Studies, Museum of the Sciences, National Autonomous University of Mexico  
This poster deals with the advantages and impact of a volunteer program at university museums. By recognizing the voluntary work as a topic of our interest, we can identify the different departments where volunteer effort is needed, as well as its value for the university. Our aim is to highlight how volunteers can increase our sense of belonging and identification to a specific community.  
*Categories: Access, Diversity & Inclusion*

**The Role of Outdoor Museum Techniques in Zoological Education Programs: the Sri Lankan Experience while Teaching Wildlife Biology at the Undergraduate Level**  
Dr. D.M. Suratissa, Department of Zoology, University of Colombo, with Professor A.A.Y. Amarasinghe, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka  
Because the preparation of museum specimens and maintaining voucher specimen collections for exhibition purposes are no longer encouraged by the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance and regulations imposed by ethical committees, teaching zoology-related subjects has become more difficult. This study suggests that the proper use of museum techniques can be effectively utilized to address this situation while supporting quality teaching.  
*Categories: Exhibitions and Collections*

**A Minimally Expensive Exhibition Sharing Program for the University Museum Network and Transnational Collaboration of University Museums**  
Jeng-Horng Chen, Director, NCKU Museum, and Associate Professor, Department of Systems & Naval Mechatronic Engineering, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan  
For university museums that barely manage to maintain daily operations and fundamental duties, the possibility of participating in traveling exhibitions seems unrealistic because of the cost involved. This poster proposes a solution to this challenge by having network members share the cost of manufacturing an exhibition.  
*Categories: Fundraising & General Operations; Exhibitions & Collections*
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Museum Commons: Connecting Diversities of Collections, People and Places
Yu Homma, Research Fellow, Keio University Art Center, Tokyo
This presentation introduces the concept of “Museum Commons,” which considers a university museum as a new connecting hub for collections, people, and places in and outside the university. The poster shares and discusses the challenges of surveying “invisible” collections in the university, communicating with people from various sectors, and opening research activities to broader contexts.

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The Value and Strategies of a New Interdisciplinary Course
W. Mei-Fang Kuo, Associate Curator, National Cheng Kung University Museum, Tainan, Taiwan
University museums have a diversity of collections, both tangible and intangible. This poster invites students to visit a campus historical site to learn more about the university’s heritage and stimulate their interest and connection to the university.

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Expanding the Network: Science and Arts Communication Training in a University Art Museum
Olivia Miller, Curator of Exhibitions and Education, The University of Arizona Museum of Art
Working with the Pacific Science Center and Conner Prairie Living History Museum, The University of Arizona Museum of Art has recently expanded its educational offerings by integrating a Science and Arts Communication Fellowship, which trains scientists and artists to facilitate interactive experiences with the public that encourage wonder, curiosity, and discovery. Attendees at this poster session will leave with concrete examples of communication activities, ways to adapt the framework to fit the needs of museum staff and fellows, and ideas to sustain the program moving forward.

Categories: Audience Development & Engagement; Access, Diversity & Inclusion

Museums as Change-Agents: Increased Inclusive Capacity Building at a Small Museum through Incorporating 3D Technologies into Exhibit and Educational Programs
Dr. Eileen Johnson, Director of Academic and Curatorial Programs, and Chair, Heritage and Museum Sciences, Horn Professor of Museum Science, Museum of Texas Tech University; Dr. Stance Hurst, Field Manager, Lubbock Lake Landmark, and Graduate Faculty, Heritage & Museum Sciences, Texas Tech University; and Jessica Stepp, Administrative Intern, Museum of Texas Tech University
3D technologies provide for experiential interaction opportunities in museum exhibits and sharing collections but each museum must weigh the costs and benefits for themselves. Outcomes from incorporating 3D modeling and 3D printing into an exhibit at the Lubbock Lake Landmark suggest the learning curve to provide an informative visitor experience is steep, but the low costs of these rapidly evolving technologies provide an accessible and exciting set of tools in which to engage visitors more fully with both tangible and intangible heritage.

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International Education and the University Museum
Ashley Simmons Coffey, Graduate Student, University of Kentucky Art Museum
This poster will discuss ways museums and galleries can engage in campus internationalization through the curriculum and co-curricular programming. It will present how to organize internationally themed programming, recruit students and staff to participate, and how such programs will benefit both the university museum and gallery and the university’s international education office.

Categories: Access, Diversity & Inclusion; Exhibitions & Collections

11 Teaching Innovation Programs in a New University Museum in Spain. The Case of Learning Palliative Care in Medicine Contemplating Rothko
Elisa Montserrat Rull, Director of Communication and Corporate Development, University of Navarra Museum
The museum at the University of Navarra in Spain serves as an international center in which the arts are used for research and teaching with an interdisciplinary perspective. Its innovative programs, which cover such subjects as law, communications, science, medicine, education, and psychology, encourage faculty and students to think and learn in expansive ways.

Categories: Collections & Exhibitions

Rhythmic Light: Contemporary Cuban Photography by Arien Chang Castán and Leysis Quesada Vera.
Roberto Vasquez, Undergraduate Student, Gund Gallery, Kenyon College
Guided by museum staff at the Gund Gallery, a student team participated in all aspects of the curatorial process, from research to final exhibition design. The exhibition brought together the work of two contemporary Cuban photographers – Arien Chang Castán and Leysis Quesada Vera – who intimately portray everyday life in Cuba. The poster will present the curatorial process, its challenges, and outcomes. Attendees will come to value our attempts to engage the larger campus community through multiple interdisciplinary lectures, literary and audiovisual supplements for the exhibition, and –hopefully– a publication.

Categories: Access, Diversity & Inclusion; Exhibitions & Collections

The Ghent University Museum: From Hidden Collections to Full-blown Museum
Dominick Verschelde, Mcs., Collection Manager, Zoology Collection, Ghent University Museum, Belgium
Ghent University decided to combine its collections, botanical garden, and archive into one Academic Heritage unit for which the collections, in their turn, are to be combined into one grand museum, which will be open to the general public. In cooperation with an external company of scenographers, the different curators and collection managers are now working on the story, object choice, and layout of the permanent exhibition, while the building for the future museum is being renovated and adapted. Different museum tasks and responsibilities are being redirected to the curators and collections managers and their job descriptions altered accordingly. This poster presents the story, scenography, layout and selected chosen objects, as well as the new roles of our curators and collections managers.

Categories: Exhibitions and Collections; Audience Development and Engagement

Intercultural Competence at the Teaching Museum
Anne Tiballi, Director of Academic Engagement, Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania
This poster provides an overview of the ways in which educators and museums can create programs that achieve intercultural competence goals within the higher education curriculum using object-based learning. Drawing from collaborations between the Penn Museum and University language programs, medical residents, and K-12 education in the Philadelphia area, the poster presents strategies for selecting artifacts, developing classroom activities, and creating assessment tools to test specific elements of intercultural competence.

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**Secrets to Reaccreditation Success for Academic Museums**  
With Julie Hart, Senior Director, Museum Standards & Excellence  
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Current Legal and Ethical Issues for Museum Professionals**  
With Dr. Jill Deupi, Director and Chief Curator, Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami; Barbara Chamberlain, Director Art Collection Management, AIG; and Diego Figueroa-Rodriguez, Of Counsel, DLA Piper; Emily McDonald-Korth, President and Chief Analyst at Longevity Art Preservation, LLC  
9 am–12 p.m.

**Let’s Go Digital! Photogrammetry and 3D Modeling**  
With Jessica Stepp, Administration Intern, Museum of Texas Tech University, and graduate student; and Dr. Stance Hurst, Field Manager, Lubbock Lake Landmark, and graduate faculty, Texas Tech University Heritage & Museum  
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Build Your Own Beacon-Enabled App**  
With Douglas Perkins, Associate Director, Operations and Finance, Middlebury College Museum of Art  
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