Final Program

OCTOBER 6–9

WESTERN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
in partnership with the
Oregon Museums Association
Welcome to Portland, Oregon, for the Western Museum Association’s (WMA) 2022 Annual Meeting in partnership with the Oregon Museums Association (OMA)! A city of many names – “Portlandia,” “Bridgetown,” and most commonly “City of Roses,” – Portland has always been a place of natural beauty with a vibrant history and locally grown culture. For WMA 2022, Portland is the perfect place where museum professionals from across the West can gather to connect, heal, and learn after years a part.

With the theme of FORWARD, WMA’s 2022 Annual Meeting will focus on the ways museums can be adaptable, FORWARD-thinking institutions. This year’s slate of educational programming – including 36 sessions – will dig into how museums can foster on-going conversations, encourage forward-thinking ideas, and empower future generations for the betterment of the museum field and our global society. Six session tracks are offered to provide cross-disciplinary learning opportunities for all museum professionals, regardless of specialty. Exploring areas outside of your expertise, promotes the integration of ideas from multiple disciplines and fosters the acquisition of knowledge – which in turn, will advance our collective understanding of the field and our work.

During our time here in Portland, you will have the chance to attend a fun array of evening events hosted by some of Portland’s iconic cultural institutions. The first night will kick off with an Opening Progressive Party in New Chinatown/Japantown where attendees will take a walking tour through the neighborhood’s four cultural destinations: Lan Su Chinese Garden, Japanese American Museum of Oregon, Portland Chinatown Museum, and Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. The following three nights will feature a free Shipper’s Party hosted by the Portland Art Museum, a relaxed evening at the Oregon Historical Society, and a fun-filled evening sparked with curiosity at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Institutions such as these, will excite and offer valuable inspiration to take back home.

To better support the current needs of today’s museum professionals, we designed WMA’s 2022 Annual Meeting as a more inclusive and participatory place where you and your colleagues can safely reflect and share discourse on the happenings of the past few years. This is a place where we can all comfortably support one another and in turn, support the future of our field.

Enjoy this opportunity to connect with colleagues and engage in memorable conversations that will bring inspiration to your work over the course of the coming year. We trust that your experiences here will expand your capabilities and shine a light on how your own institution can be adaptable and FORWARD-thinking.

Welcome to Portland!

– WESTERN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION AND OREGON MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION
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WMA 2022 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Pre-Conference Workshops
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Pre-Conference Tours
4:00 pm–5:00 pm Speed Networking (Free)
5:00 pm–6:30 pm Opening Reception (Free)
6:30 pm–9:00 pm Evening Event: Opening Progressive Party in New Chinatown/Japantown

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
8:00 am-8:45 am Morning Coffee
9:00 am-10:45 am Opening General Session & Keynote
11:15 am-12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
12:30 pm-1:45 pm Exhibit Hall Networking Lunch
1:45 pm–3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions
3:00 pm-3:30 pm Exhibit Hall Networking & Refreshment Break
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Making Change Happen with Mike Murawski
3:30 pm–4:45 pm Concurrent Sessions
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Director & Leadership Team Reception
5:00 pm–6:00 pm Happy Hours
7:00 pm–9:30 pm Evening Event: Shipper’s Party at the Portland Art Museum (free)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
8:00 am–8:45 am Morning Coffee
9:00 am–10:15 am Concurrent Sessions
10:15 am–11:00 am Exhibit Hall Coffee Break & Poster Session
11:00 am–12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
12:30 pm–1:45 pm WMA and OMA Community Lunches
2:00 pm–3:00 pm Making Change Happen with Mike Murawski
2:00 pm–3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
3:30 pm–4:30 pm Exhibit Hall Closing Reception (free)
4:30 pm–6:00 pm Leadership Reception
6:00 pm–7:00 pm OMA Happy Hour
7:00 pm–9:30 pm Evening Event: Oregon Historical Society

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
8:00 am–8:45 am Morning Coffee
9:00 am–10:45 am Closing General Session & Panel
11:15 am–12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
12:45 pm-2:00 pm Affinity Luncheons
2:00 pm–4:00 pm Inspiration Stations
2:00 pm–3:00 pm Making Change Happen with Mike Murawski
2:00 pm–3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
3:15 pm–4:00 pm Coffee Klatch and Roundtable Discussions
4:00 pm–5:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
6:30 pm–9:00 pm Evening Event: Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

(Please Note: Schedule and sessions are subject to change)
HILTON DOWNTOWN PORTLAND
2022 Annual Meeting Headquarters
921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97204

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIVITIES
The WMA 2022 Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Downtown Portland.

TRANSPORTATION
Scheduled buses for tours and special events will pick-up guests at the Hilton Downtown Portland. Please consult the Program for shuttle times, and arrive at the pick up location fifteen minutes prior to departure. Buses will return participants to the Hilton Downtown Portland.

REGISTRATION/VOLUNTEER DESK
The registration desk is located on the second floor of the Hilton Downtown Portland. The desk will be staffed during the following times:

Thursday, October 6 8:00 am–6:30 pm
Friday, October 7 8:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, October 8 8:00 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, October 9 8:00 am–5:30 pm

EXHIBIT HALL SCHEDULE
Please visit our Exhibit Hall located in the Atrium Ballroom at the Hilton Downtown Portland. The Exhibit Hall will be open during the following times:

Thursday, October 6 5:00 pm–6:30 pm
Friday, October 7 10:45 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, October 8 10:15 am–4:30 pm

TICKETS
If you registered for an Evening Event or Affinity Luncheon hosted by WMA, your tickets are located in your registration packet. Please present your ticket before boarding buses or entering an event.

GUESTS
Non-registered guests are not allowed to attend Annual Meeting sessions or workshops, but may purchase tickets to attend special social events. Please check with the Registration Desk for availability.

NAME BADGES
Name badges must be worn at all times, as only registered attendees are allowed to attend sessions and workshops.

PROGRAM CHANGES
In the event of changes to the program, an addendum will be available at the Registration Desk.

MESSAGE BOARD
Attendees may post messages, job opportunities, and exchange tickets on a message board located in the Registration area. There is no charge for this service; however, we ask that you be mindful of the limitations of space to accommodate all notes. Commercial ads are not allowed on the board, nor is material of a commercial nature allowed on tables unless arranged in advance with the WMA.

LOST & FOUND
Lost and found articles turned in at the WMA Registration Desk will be held until the end of each day, after which items will be turned over to the hotel’s front desk.

Look for these keys throughout the program to tailor your experience!

BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION
Do any of these sound like a day in your life: marketing, writing a grant proposal, managing digital assets, setting up a business plan, social media, working within a budget, pitching a proposal, or figuring out an ad campaign? If so, come hear colleagues in development, finance, and marketing share best practices.

COLLECTIONS
Calling all registrars, conservators, collection managers, curators, and art handlers! These sessions and workshops focus on what you need to know to safeguard your museum’s collections now and for years to come.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Engaging your museum’s community is essential for remaining relevant, offering new and meaningful experiences, and reaching wider audiences. These sessions provide insight into the process of developing community partnerships, community-based initiatives, and enhancing your mission through outreach.

INDIGENOUS
These sessions provide a platform for indigenous and non-indigenous museum staff to explore issues from diverse perspectives, to learn about innovative projects, and to deepen practice-transforming sensitivities.

LEADERSHIP & CAREERPATH
For anyone in the museum field wanting to explore issues related to professional development, institutional governance, unraveling roles and responsibilities, management of human resources, developing leadership capacity, and getting ahead in your career.

VISITOR EXPERIENCE
Educators, designers, curators, evaluators, administrators, and visitors all have their own perspective on the museum-going experience. Hear some great case studies of recent past work and start charting the future of your museum’s experience!

Connect with WMA!
Use #wma2022 and #MoveForwardTogether
Post Pictures on our Facebook @westmuse
Tweet us @westmuse
Tag us on Instagram @westmuse.pics
The WMA Annual Meeting Registration Desk can be found in the Hilton Downtown Portland’s Atrium Foyer on the second floor, and all activities take place in various meeting spaces.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS
Pre-Conference Tours are not included in the Annual Meeting registration fee and require pre-registration was required. Buses will pick up attendees across the street from the front door of the Hilton on the SE corner of SW 6th & SW Salmon. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the below scheduled departures.

1:00pm
PITTOCK MANSION TOUR
Pre-registration required

Completed in 1914, Pittock Mansion is a historic house museum that was originally the family home of Henry Pittock, owner of the Oregonian newspaper. Attendees will be welcomed and provided a brief overview of the Mansion’s history before beginning a self-guided tour of the house, including its period rooms and a temporary exhibit about Oregon’s Black pioneers entitled, Black in Oregon, 1840-1870. Attendees will also be free to explore the grounds and enjoy the breathtaking views of downtown Portland and the Cascade Mountains.

TRANSPORTATION:
Shuttle buses leave from the Hilton Downtown Portland

1:00pm
OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR
Pre-registration required

Tour OMSI's exhibit production shop where their newest traveling exhibition, Creatividad silvestre | Wild Creativity, is in construction and get the inside scoop on its development from OMSIs creative team. Also, see the dynamic Teen Tech Center - a free multi-media, technology-focused maker space for teens ages 13-18 that is off-limits to adults! Come explore a space made especially for teens!

TRANSPORTATION:
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry is a 20-25 minute walk from the Hotel with shuttle buses also providing transportation

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
Pre-Conference Workshops are not included in the Annual Meeting registration fee and require pre-registration was required. Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education is walking distance to the Hilton and no transportation will be provided.

9:00 am – 3:00 pm
CSI: REGISTRARS
Free lunch provided courtesy of Art Work Fine Art Services

Registration is through the Registrars Committee Western Region. For more information on participating or to submit your project for consideration, go to rcwr.org or contact RCWR Vice Chair Beth Sanders at rcwrvicechair@gmail.com. Each year, in conjunction with the Western Museums Association Annual Meeting, the Registrars Committee - Western Region organizes its members to volunteer their professional skills at a museum near where the meeting is being held. Join us for “CSI: Registrars” (Collections Services Initiative), an all-day event of giving back to our collections community!

12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
BREAKING BARRIERS: A CULTURAL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT
Pre-registration required

Museums need to address disability and work to create exceedingly accessible spaces for people with disabilities. During this workshop, participants will learn how a state agency and non-profit teamed up to create accessibility training for cultural professionals across Utah. Participants will dive into some of the accessibility and accommodations content before working to identify deficiencies in their own spaces. Participants will leave having started an Accessibility Plan for their museum. We recommend 2+ participants/museum.

PRESENTERS: Michelle Mileham, Project Manager, Utah Division of Arts & Museums
Jason Bowcutt, Community Programs & Performing Arts Manager, Utah Division of Arts & Museums
Gabriella Huggins, Executive Director, Art Access
Stan Clawson, Consultant, Art Access

12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
MOVING FORWARD WITH COMMUNITIES: CO-CREATING MORE MEANINGFUL AND EQUITABLE EXPERIENCES
Pre-registration required

Museums face barriers as they consider how to move forward in the context of the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and racism. Utilizing community-centered design strategies, museums can improve visitor satisfaction and operationalize commitments to inclusive practices. Join us for a practical and engaging experience as you deeply understand the barriers you’re facing, identify problems within your systems, explore root causes through empathy interviews, and reimagine the experiences, practices, and policies that will meaningfully engage visitors.

PRESENTERS: Daniel Ramirez, PhD, Senior Improvement Advisor, Community Design Partners
Mary Kay Cunningham, Visitor Experience Specialist, Dialogue Consulting
Julie Smith, Founder and Senior Improvement Advisor, Community Design Partners
## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

### WMA BOARD MEETING
**INVITATION ONLY**
10:00 AM–11:00 AM New Board Member Orientation
11:00 AM–4:00 PM Board Meeting

**Location:** Skyline Room (23rd floor)

### OMA BOARD MEETING
**INVITATION ONLY**

**Location:** Broadway I&II

### SPEED NETWORKING
**FREE!**

**Location:** Hilton, Atrium Foyer

Kick off your conference experience with a lively hour of Speed Networking! Bring plenty of business cards and your sense of humor. Everyone is encouraged to join us for a friendly, timed-interval business card exchange social hour. This people-rotating format encourages brief individual introductions between everyone in the room.

### OPENING Reception
**FREE!**

**Location:** Atrium Ballroom (second floor)

Join your fellow Annual Meeting attendees for an Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall. Spend your first evening in Portland enjoying appetizers, drinks, and conversing with colleagues and our corporate members.

### EVENING EVENT
6:30 pm–9:00 pm

**OPENING PROGRESSIVE PARTY IN NEW CHINATOWN/JAPANTOWN**

**Location:** Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education
- Lan Su Chinese Garden
- Japanese American Museum of Oregon
- Portland Chinatown Museum

Closes at 8pm: Lan Su Chinese Garden, Japanese American Museum of Oregon, Portland Chinatown Museum

Refreshments until 9pm at OJMCHE

Attendees can walk (15 minutes) or take shuttle buses from the Hilton Portland Downtown OJMCHE (only) we be serving light bites and drinks

All other venues will close at 8pm

Buses will depart from OJMCHE at 9pm

Join fellow WMA Annual Meeting attendees for a progressive walking tour through Portland's New Chinatown/Japantown Historic District to visit the neighborhoods four cultural destinations: Lan Su Chinese Garden, Japanese American Museum of Oregon, Portland Chinatown Museum, and Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education (OJMCHE). These intimate venues are rich in their respective heritages and reflect Portland's oldest surviving historic neighborhood. After starting at the Lan Su Chinese Garden, attendees can visit the museums in whatever order they wish - networking and socializing along the way. Staff will be available at all four institutions to help interpret the exhibitions and offerings.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

### MORNINGS COFFEE
**FREE!**

Join your fellow Annual Meeting attendees for coffee, while connecting with new colleagues and seeing familiar faces.

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### OPENING GENERAL SESSION & KEYNOTE
**Location:** Grand Ballroom (lower level)

Join us as we welcome attendees to Portland, present the 2022 Awards – the Charles Redd Center Award for Exhibition Excellence, the WMA Leadership Award to an extraordinary individual with a lifetime of achievement in the field, and the WMA Impact Award to a mid-career professional—and get inspired by the 2022 keynote speaker!

**OPENING REMARKS**
Jason B. Jones, Executive Director, Western Museums Association
Peter Kulka, Board President, Oregon Museums Association

**WMA PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**
Dana Whitelaw, President, High Desert Museum

**AWARDS PRESENTATION**
Anne Rowe, Director of Collections and Exhibitions, Sunnylands Center & Gardens
Sarah Bloom, Senior Communications Officer for Interpretation & Visitor Engagement, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Dina Bailey, CEO, Mountain Top Vision

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

LESSONS LEARNED FOR NEW LEADERS
Location: Pavilion West
Join four Executive Directors as they share lessons learned and strategies for success for new leaders. The session will begin with a fish bowl conversation between the presenters and then open up to a Q&A.

PRESENTERS: Micah Parzen, CEO, Museum of Us
Felicia Shaw, Executive Director, Women’s Museum of California
Nicole Meldahl, Executive Director, Western Neighborhoods Project
Rosanna Sharpe, Executive Director, REACH Museum

FORWARD THINKING DISASTER PREPARATION: PNW CASE STUDIES
Location: Pavilion East
The focus of this panel is to discuss forward-thinking ideas that can shape how we can address disasters in new ways. Hear case studies, lessons learned, and strategies in the face of common disasters as well as climate change. Discussions focus on one tribe’s response to climate change, and how regional networks aid in disaster preparation and response.

MODERATOR: Siri Linz, Assistant Archaeology Collections Manager, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture
PRESENTERS: Sarah Frederick, Collections Manager, The Museum of Flight
Nicole Davis, Supervisory Archivist, The Museum of Flight
Lia Frenchman, Tribal Historic Preservation Technician, Quinault Indian Tribe
Laura Phillips, Archaeology Collections Manager, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture

MUSEUMS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST HATE
Location: Broadway 1 & 2
Now, more than ever, museums have the opportunity to lead efforts in the fight against enmity and injustice. Whether through neighborhood interactions, programs, exhibitions, collecting, or educational efforts, our organizations are public centers for deterring hate and promoting diversity, understanding, and respect. Panelists from four culturally-specific institutions will consider new insights and approaches for facing the immediate future, drawing upon their institutional approaches to the abovementioned issues.

MODERATOR: Judy Margles, Director, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education
PRESENTERS: Anna Truxes, Interim Executive Director, Portland Chinatown Museum
Elizabeth Nye, Executive Director, Lan Su Chinese Garden
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BUILDING COMMUNITY: DISCOVERING RESOURCES FOR PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Location: Broadway 3 & 4
Having a network of colleagues outside of their immediate co-workers was crucial when disaster struck. The members of the Museum Educators of Puget Sound have leaned into this community for support, resources, and information during the COVID-19 pandemic. Join them for open conversation on what they learned about their identity as museum educators, how they supported each other during different phases of the pandemic, and how to decide what educators can carry forward.

PRESENTERS: Sondra Snyder, Director of Education, Museum of History & Industry
Emily Turner, K-12 & Youth Programs Coordinator, Museum of History & Industry
Nicole Frymier, Former Treasurer of the Museum Educators of Puget Sound
Kate Sorensen, Youth & Children’s Programs Manager, Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm
EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING LUNCH
Location: Atrium Ballroom (2nd floor)
Join your colleagues in the Exhibit Hall where you can explore vendor offerings and enjoy lunch courtesy of the WMA. Make sure to start bidding on the fabulous items in the silent auction that were generously donated by our members. All proceeds benefit the Wanda Chin Scholarship funds to help colleagues attend future Annual Meetings.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

MOVING EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS FORWARD IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE
Location: Pavilion West

Protecting our climate and biodiversity is not just a science problem—it’s a cultural problem with relevance for all cultural institutions. As social spaces and trusted sources of accurate information, museums are well positioned to support productive, solution-focused visitor engagement with climate change and conservation. Join us to share strategies for building climate literacy and exploring community solutions. Presenters will discuss lessons learned from exhibits and programs to move our collective response to climate change forward.

MODERATOR: Victoria Coats, Research, Development & Advancement Manager, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
PRESENTERS: Dana Whitelaw, Executive Director, The High Desert Museum
Lisa Thompson, Exhibit Developer, The Natural History Museum of Utah

MEASURING SOCIAL IMPACT FOR STRATEGIC CHANGE
Location: Pavilion East

A national research study, Measurement of Museum Social Impact (MOMSI), is working to create a survey to help museums measure their social impact. In this session, hear about the study, its history, and the forthcoming toolkit; preliminary social impact data from MOMSI host museums; and host museum perspectives on how to recruit participants through an equity lens and use social impact data for master and strategic planning, advocacy, and community engagement.

PRESENTERS: Emily Johnson, Field Services Manager, Utah Division of Arts & Museums
Dean Watanabe, Vice President and Deputy Director, San Diego Zoo
Dan Keefe, Director of Learning & Engagement, Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens
Lorie Milliard, VP of Possibilities, Thanksgiving Point Institute
Michelie Mieharm, Ph.D., Project Manager, Measurement of Museum Social Impact & Accessibility Coordinator, Utah Division of Arts & Museums

DIGITAL STRATEGY: A MEANS FOR MUSEUM TRANSFORMATION
Location: Broadway 1 & 2

Museums crafting digital strategies for the first time can find the process daunting, so hearing from members of the museum community who have done this work can be a great place to start. This session will address how an institution can develop a successful digital strategy, including how to leverage technology for institutional impact, how to ensure digital efforts are serving a need, and how digital efforts can protect, enhance, and showcase content.

PRESENTERS: Alisha Babbsstein, Archivist, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education
Nik Honeysett, CEO, Balboa Park Online Collaborative
Jack Ludden, Senior Strategist and Innovation Specialist, Balboa Park Online Collaborative
Gail Mandel, Deputy Director, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education

WEAVING A NET(work) OF CARE FOR OCEANIC COLLECTIONS
Location: Broadway 3 & 4

This session explores the training program Weaving a Net(work) of Care for Oceanic Collections: A Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Museum Institute. Participants will discuss the challenges, joys and outcomes of training a cohort of 20 early-to-mid career professionals from 13 island communities, all while navigating COVID-19. The project, which focused on professional development and indigenous approaches to collections, exhibitions, and conservation, began with virtual programming across 7 time zones and culminated in a 4 week in-person institute.

MODERATOR: Noelle Kahanu, Associate Specialist, Public Humanities and Native Hawaiian Programs, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
PRESENTERS: Karen Kosasa, Associate Professor and Director of the Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Program, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
Eric Chang, Coordinator, East-West Center Arts Program, East-West Center
Annie Reynolds, Exhibitions and Collections Curator, East-West Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

3:00 pm–3:30 pm
EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING & REFRESHMENT BREAK
Location: Atrium Ballroom (2nd floor)
Enjoy coffee, tea, and light snacks while perusing exhibitors’ booths, bidding on silent auction items, and networking with peers.
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CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 PM–4:45 PM

CLOWNING AROUND: CREATING INCLUSIVE COLLABORATIONS WITH CARLA ROSSI

Location: Pavilion West

Through exhibitions, programs, and content, the Portland Art Museum, Seattle Art Museum, and Museum of Natural and Cultural History have partnered with Anthony Hudson (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde)—the artist who transforms into Portland’s premier drag clown, Carla Rossi—to initiate intersecting conversations around identity, gender, capitalism, and white supremacy. Come explore ways in which museums can challenge and address these issues while simultaneously creating fun, welcoming, affirmative, and joyful spaces.


PRESENTERS: Hana Layson, Head of Youth and Educator Programs, Portland Art Museum
Natali Wiseman, Design Manager, Seattle Art Museum
Lauren Willis, Curator of Academic Programs, Museum of Natural and Cultural History at the University of Oregon

LEVERAGING MAJOR GIFTS TO SUPPORT TRANSFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

Location: Pavilion East

Many museums are beginning to reemerge in a new, hybrid world of fundraising and philanthropy. While some strategies and tactics have shifted, the heart of successful campaigns remains the same: major gifts. Major gifts propel capital campaigns to transformational heights while also inspiring a strong culture of philanthropy. Join us to hear from two museums about the cultivation and stewardship strategies that helped them secure largest-ever gifts in support of their transformational campaigns.

MODERATOR: Frederic ‘Rick’ Happy, Principal and Managing Director, CCS Fundraising

PRESENTERS: Karie Burch, Director of Development, Portland Art Museum
Dana Whitelaw, Executive Director, High Desert Museum

ARCHIVES ALIVE! ACTIVATING ARCHIVES FOR ENGAGEMENT AND EQUITY

Location: Broadway 1 & 2

Exciting possibilities await us when we invest in museum archives! Through archives, relevant and engaging connections happen and a more inclusive, approachable space for community results. Learn how nascent collection and institutional archives expand accessibility, reach new audiences, and create unexpected discoveries that empower and shift narratives. This session will explore approaches to improving collections accessibility and holding space for diverse connections through archives.

PRESENTERS: Linda Waterfield, Head of Registration, Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, University of California at Berkeley
Gina Caprari, Registrar and Collections Manager, The Global Museum and Museum Studies Program, San Francisco State University
Peggy Tran-Le, Research and Technical Services Managing Archivist, Archives and Special Collections at UCSF Library, University of California, San Francisco

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:30 PM–4:45 PM (Continued)

FROM INTENTION TO ACTION: DECOLONIAL PERSPECTIVES FROM THE BURKE MUSEUM

Decolonization heals. Decolonization reconnects people to the natural environment. Decolonization finds common ground. At the Burke Museum, we are embedding Indigenous voices in all aspects of museum practice in ways that promote decolonization and contribute to meaningful systemic change. Join us for a conversation about how we are creating an institutional culture that values and reflects the input of a broader range of voices and thus meets the needs of a broader range of audiences.

MOTERATOR: Polly Olsen (Yakama), Tribal Liaison and Director of DEAI, Burke Museum
PRESENTERS: Dr. Julie Stein, Former Executive Director, Burke Museum
Yellowosh Washines (Yakama), Native American Advisory Board (NAAB) Executive Committee member, Yakama Nation, Dept. of Fisheries
Josephine (JoJo) Jefferson, NAAB Executive Committee member, Swinomish Tribal Preservation Office

5:00 pm–6:00 pm
DIRECTOR & LEADERSHIP TEAM RECEPTION
Location: Skyline (23rd floor)
$35
Join your fellow directors and leadership team members in this special reception.

5:00 pm–6:00 pm
HAPPY HOURS
Pay Your Own Way

NAME (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUM EXHIBITION) DRINK & DRAW
Location: Portland Lobby Bar
Bring your creative spirit and be prepared to have some fun making new connections.
Sponsored by Eos Lightmedia.

EMP HAPPY HOUR
Location: Momo Bar Maximo (Patio)
A casual meetup for EMPs to network, share tools and tricks for overcoming imposter syndrome and building a long-term career, as well as celebrating accomplishments thus far.

INDIGENOUS HAPPY HOUR
Location: Portland Lobby Bar
Enjoy sharing space your colleagues from tribal museums and supporters of Native American concerns. All are welcome.
Sponsored by the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

DEVELOPMENT HAPPY HOUR
Location: Hilton Downtown Portland Lobby Bar
Discuss current challenges and innovations in the field of fundraising, including how to discuss equity with donors, donations through cryptocurrency, etc.
Sponsored by CCS Fundraising

MUSEUM EDUCATORS HAPPY HOUR
Location: Hotel Zags Restaurant & Patio
This happy hour is an opportunity to explore different versions of educator advisory committees and what role they can play in advising museums.

COLLECTIONS HAPPY HOUR
Location: Swine Moonshine and Whiskey Bar
Share stories from the last 2½ years, for a cathartic and beneficial experience, hopefully including some laughs!
Custom-made trophies for the best stories.

SMALL HISTORY MUSEUMS HAPPY HOUR
Location: Punch Bowl Social
Chat about the joys and the pitfalls of practicing history in an era that needs historic context more than ever.

6:00–7:00 pm
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
Before tonight’s Evening Event, take the time to enjoy a dinner on your own, or with fellow WMA friends in one of Downtown Portland’s amazing restaurants.

7:00 pm–9:30 pm
SHIPPER PARTY AT THE PORTLAND ART MUSEUM FREE!
The greatly anticipated annual Shippers Party is an official event and free to all attendees! Light snacks and drinks will keep your energy high as you network and enjoy the galleries of the Portland Art Museum.
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BEYOND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: REAL COLLABORATION WITH TRIBES AND TRIBAL MUSEUMS
Location: Broadway 1 & 2

Tribal land acknowledgements are rapidly growing in popularity among institutions and organizations, taking the form of opening statements in meetings and conferences, signage, or website messages. One might ask why land acknowledgements are being made in a growing number of settings, including the museum. Acknowledgement is a simple, powerful way of showing respect and is intended as a step toward correcting the practices that erase or freeze Indigenous people's history and culture while inviting and honoring the truth. However, the land acknowledgement is also at risk of ending where it began, perhaps well-conceived and received, but merely a symbolic gesture with little to no follow through of engagement and real change. While land acknowledgements are well meaning, they are no substitute for substantive and ongoing tribal relationships and understandings of tribal land claims.

MODERATOR: Roberta “Bobbie” Conner, Director, Tamástslikt Cultural Institute
PRESENTERS: Elizabeth Woody, Executive Director, The Museum at Warm Springs
Rebecca Dobkins, Faculty Curator, Holliie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette University
David G. Lewis, Assistant Professor, School of Language, Culture, & Society, Oregon State University

FROM VISITOR EXPERIENCE TO COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: CENTERING WELL-BEING AND WELCOME FROM THE INSIDE OUT
Location: Broadway 3 & 4

Museum visitor services positions have always been challenging—but perhaps now more than ever. The Covid-19 pandemic brought to light the immense emotional and physical burden on public facing positions and has forced institutions to re-evaluate the ways they care for these staff and volunteers. As we increasingly work to promote a sense of welcome for our external communities, this session will explore how museums can also reflect internally to increase how we promote belonging and well-being for our frontline visitor services teams.

PRESENTERS: Christina Young, Associate Director, Visitor Experience, Oakland Museum of California
Brandi Shawn-Chaparro, Associate Director of Volunteer & Community Engagement, The Huntington

10:15 am–11:00 am
ACTIVITY STATION: MEDITATION AND JOURNAL-WRITING Location: Pavilion Foyer (second floor)

With this activity, we will join colleagues in a facilitated 30 minute reflection practice. The Leader will provide brief facilitated meditations and writing prompts for reflection. For some, writing can be a mode of expression that allows us to more deeply engage in the process of learning. This will be a good place to reflect on the conference and what we’ve been learning together.

THE LEADER: Ariel Weintraub, Associate Director, Institutional Giving

10:15 am–11:00 am
EXHIBIT HALL COFFEE BREAK & POSTER SESSION Location: Atrium Ballroom (2nd floor)
The perennially popular Poster Session provides opportunities for individuals to present their research, ideas, or programs through illustrated and informative posters, and they want your feedback. Come explore projects and initiatives from around the region in an informal setting.

ACCESSIBILITY BOOTCAMP
PRESENTER:
Eva Laflamme, Program and Grant Coordinator, High Desert Museum

ACCESSIBLE ART EXPERIENCES FOR VISITORS WITH LOW OR NO VISION AT THE CHEECH MARIN CENTER FOR CHICANO ARTS AND CULTURE
PRESENTER:
Clara Dawson, Graduate Student, University of Washington, Museology Graduate Program

HOPE FOR THE BEST, PLAN FOR THE WORST: EMERGENCY PLANNING WITH DPLAN|ARTSREADY 2.0
PRESENTER:
Tara Puyat, Preservation Specialist, Northeast Document Conservation Center

IS THERE A REMBRANDT IN MY WINE GLASS?
PRESENTER:
Kirsten Shilakes, Curator of Multimedia, Art, Food & Beverage Experiences, The Arts Lounge

MUSEUMS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
PRESENTERS:
Armando Manalo, Director of Strategy, Upswell
Tim Hecox, Director of Experience, World Forestry Center

PICTURING JUSTICE: APPLYING SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATIONAL THEORY TO THE MUSEUM
PRESENTER:
Bridget Girnus, Museum Educator, Whatcom Museum

THE PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS
PRESENTER:
Ariel Peasley, Education and Community Engagement Coordinator, Coos History Museum

USING DIGITIZED COLLECTIONS TO TRANSFORM EDUCATION OUTREACH ONLINE
PRESENTER:
Kirsten Butcher, Associate Professor of Instructional Design & Educational Technology, University of Utah

WEAVING HISTORY INTO ART: ENCOURAGING ENGAGING & EMPATHETIC INTERACTIONS WITH DIFFICULT SUBJECTS
PRESENTER:
Laurel Benson Wrench, Public Programs Manager, Gilcrease Museum
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 11:00 AM–12:15 PM

HELPING COMMUNITIES HEAL IN THE WAKE OF LOCAL CRISIS Location: Pavilion West

As natural disasters and crises become prevalent, hear how four museums responded to wildfires and the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Learn innovative ways to help your community heal. Each museum will share how they addressed local crises in thoughtful and meaningful ways while staying true to their missions and protecting their collections. Through partnerships, interactive social media platforms, creative artmaking, reflective exhibitions, collecting oral histories, and developing programs, each museum became a place of gathering, engagement, connection, reflection, and support.

PRESENTERS: Jeff Nathanson, Executive Director, Museum of Sonoma County
Jesse Clark McAbee, Curator of Museums, Museums of Lake County
Carol Oliva, Director of Development, California Indian Museum and Cultural Center
Jessica Ruskin, Education Director, Charles M. Schulz Museum

POLITICS OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Location: Pavilion East

More and more museums, higher learning institutions, government entities, and organizations are adopting land acknowledgments to recognize indigenous populations associated with specific geographic areas. While the intent is noble, land acknowledgments can be problematic in unintended ways. This session will explore the benefits and pitfalls in creating land acknowledgments. Panelists will discuss the process and challenges of developing land acknowledgments for their respective institutions.

PRESENTERS: Adrienne Lalli Hills, Director, Learning & Community Engagement, First Americans Museum
Meranda Roberts, Native American Museum Consultant, Formerly the co-curator of the Native American Hall, Field Museum of Natural History
Mike Murawski, Museum Consultant, self-employed Museum Educator

FACILITATING CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS AROUND EXHIBITIONS Location: Broadway 1 & 2

Museums provide space for people to engage in critical conversations. In this session, participants will hear from four museums on their relationship between the curation/exhibitions and education/community programs departments, how educators navigate complex and sometimes controversial topics with visitors, and how program organizers create public discussions on critical topics. Participants will also have the opportunity to speak with other museum professionals on how they address critical topics and foster dialogue and civil discourse.

PRESENTERS: Amanda Coven, Director of Education, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education
Molly Wilmoth, Bonnie Lee and Oliver P. Steele III Curator of Education & Engagement, High Desert Museum
Eliza Canty-Jones, Chief Program Officer and Editor Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society
Ariel Peasley, Education and Community Engagement Coordinator, Coos History Museum

PRESERVING HISTORY THROUGH RESTORATION: MAKING DIFFICULT CHOICES WITH COLLECTIONS Location: Broadway 3 & 4

Traditional museum conservation fails to address some of the challenges and opportunities inherent in our institutions’ outdoor, macro, and functional artifacts. Whether a lightship, a submarine, a submersible, or your artifact, they sometimes withstand non-standard museum display environments and practices to keep them relevant. Join us for a discussion about preserving historical and educational significance through atypical preservation projects.

PRESENTERS: Beth Sanders, Collections Manager, U.S. Naval Undersea Museum
Richard Peckinsky, Co-Chair, USS Pampanito, San Francisco Maritime National Park Association Board of Trustees
Bruce Jones, Deputy Director, Columbia River Maritime Museum
**PUTTING THE AANHPI INTO DEAI**

The diverse histories, cultures, perspectives, and experiences of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) diaspora are often missing from or kept to the edges of diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion (DEAI) efforts in the museum sector. This session will provide participants an opportunity to consider and reflect upon the narratives that continue to impact AANHPI communities and potential steps that individual and organizational allies can take to improve meaningful inclusion and access.

**PRESENTERS:**
- Edward Tepporn, Executive Director, Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation
- Jennifer Fang, Director of Interpretation and Community Engagement, Pittock Mansion
- Joël Barraquiel Tan, Executive Director, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience
- Noelle Kahanu, Assistant Specialist, Public Humanities and Native Hawaiian Programs, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

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**KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL AND COLLABORATIVE GRANT WRITING**

Writing grant proposals for foundations and government agencies requires collaboration between multiple staff from development, curatorial, collections, education, and community partners. This session will combine individual grant writing instruction with exercises to guide us all toward more collaborative work. Audience members will leave this session having learned how to approach their next grant proposal by improving focus and writing as well as by listening more actively to colleagues’ ideas and needs.

**PRESENTERS:**
- Ariel Weintraub, Associate Director, Institutional Giving, Oakland Museum of California

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**WMA COMMUNITY LUNCH**

A celebration of the WMA Community with special guest speaker Lisa Sasaki, Interim Director of the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum. She will share her experiences setting up a new Smithsonian museum.

**OMA MEMBER COMMUNITY LUNCH INVITATION ONLY**

Meet your OMA colleagues and hear updates and future plans from OMA. Special speaker Nili Yosha, Artistic and Executive Director of Outside the Frame, an organization that trains homeless and marginalized youth to be directors of their own films and lives. Seating is limited. Special speaker Nili Yosha, Artistic and Executive Director of Outside the Frame, an organization that trains homeless and marginalized youth to be directors of their own films and lives.

Sponsored by Rachael Christine Consulting, Historical Research Associates, Sticky Co.
SHARED LEADERSHIP: MODELS FOR SUCCESS
Location: Broadway 1 & 2
Come hear from three organizations in various stages of implementing shared leadership models: Five Oaks Museum, San Diego Museum of Natural History, and Nesika Wilamut (Portland area non-profit). They will discuss successes, pitfalls, and new ways of approaching leadership in non-profits. Bring your questions, as there will time at the end of the session for Q&A and group discussion.

PRESENTERS: Ariel Hammond, Library Director & Curator, San Diego Natural History Museum
Molly Alley, Co-Director, Five Oaks Museum
Nathaniel Andreis, Co-Director, Five Oaks Museum
Tana Atchley Culbertson, Director of Network Coordination, Nesika Wilamut

STRATEGIES FOR SURFACING TRUTH AND FOSTERING RECONCILIATION FOR RACIAL EQUITY
Location: Broadway 3 & 4
Museums and cultural institutions are often quick to celebrate the progress they have made toward racial equity, while struggling to dedicate time to pause and reflect on what might prevent them from moving forward. Museums & Race offers this session to help museum practitioners foster new dialogic skills to have more truthful conversations, as well as practical ways to move from naming the issues to developing practical strategies to combat harmful behaviors.

PRESENTERS: Jackie Peterson, Owner & Chief Excellence Officer, Jackie Peterson | Exhibit Services and Museums & Race Steering Committee Member
Dr. Karlisa Callwood, Director, Community Conservation Education & Action, Perry Institute for Marine Science; Museums & Race Steering Committee Member

3:15 pm–4:30 pm
EXHIBIT HALL CLOSING RECEPTION
Location: Atrium Ballroom (2nd floor)
FREE!
Join your colleagues for light refreshments and a last visit with our corporate members. The Exhibit Hall Closing Reception is your last chance to bid on silent auction items. All proceeds benefit the Wanda Chin Scholarship funds to help colleagues attend future Annual Meetings.

4:30 pm–6:00 pm
WMA LEADERSHIP RECEPTION INVITATION ONLY
Location: Skyline (23rd floor)
WMA Board members, OMA Board members, Program Committee, Host Committee, and Sponsors gather for drink, food, and conversation.
Sponsored by Sunnylands Center & Gardens

6:00pm–7:00pm
OMA HAPPY HOUR
Location: City Bridge & Tunnel
Refreshments are free; pay for drinks.
Join OMA members and your colleagues across Oregon for light refreshments and drinks.
Sponsored by Art Solutions Lab, CatalogIt, Oregon Heritage and X Gallery Art Storage

6:00–7:00 pm
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
Before tonight’s Evening Event, take the time to enjoy a dinner on your own, or with fellow WMA friends in one of Downtown Portland’s amazing restaurants.

EVENING EVENT
7:00 pm–9:30 pm
OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Enjoy a relaxed evening at the Oregon Historical Society. Visit the recently opened, award winning, Experience Oregon exhibition. The seven-thousand square foot exhibit tells the good, the bad, and the ugly history of the state. All our exhibits will be open – explore Sign of the Times, the history of Motown from the Grammy Museum, an exhibit curated by Immigrant Stories, and a photographic exhibit featuring Oregon State Parks. Heavy hors D’oeuvres and beverages will be served. Relax and wonder around and while catching up with colleagues after the pandemic drought! And be sure to browse the wonderful selections in the museum store.

The Oregon Historical Society is 2 blocks from the Hilton Downtown Portland.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

**SHOW ME THE MONEY: INTEGRATING PAY INTO MUSEUM BEST PRACTICES**
Location: Pavilion West

Paid internships, salary transparency, and livable pay rates have the opportunity to become the rule, rather than the exception at museums. This session will explore these crucial topics and how they are impacting the next generation of museum professionals. Hear from a group of emerging museum professionals with lived experiences, gather information and resources from the National Emerging Museum Professionals Network, and learn how to become an advocate for these best practices at your organization.

**PRESENTERS:**
- Peter Kukla, Planetarium Manager, Eugene Science Center and Oregon Museums Association
- Tamara Maxey, Collections Specialist, Gold Nugget Museum
- Ariel Peasley, Education and Community Engagement Coordinator, Coos History Museum

**THE HORROR-EGON TRAIL! THE CAMPFIRE CONTINUES...**
Location: Pavilion East

Grab a smore and take a seat around the (artificial) campfire as we swap even more unimaginable but true tales of museum craft, such as:
- Ghoulish stories of guest services (The mysterious handprint)
- Hair raising tales of HR (They did what?)
- Truly terrifying tours (I turned around and they were gone!)
- Eerie archival practices (What's in the box?)
- Learn from those who have lived to tell these tales... and share your own if you dare!

**MODERATOR:** Seth Margolis, Director of Education Operations, The Museum of Flight

**PRESENTERS:**
- Molly Wilmoth, Bonnie and Oliver Steele III Curator of Education, High Desert Museum
- Katie Buckingham, Curator, Museum of Glass

**MENTORSHIP: BEST PRACTICES AND INDIGENOUS NOTIONS OF CARE**
Location: Broadway 1 & 2

This session will highlight the mentorship experiences of four indigenous museum professionals who have at various times served as mentors and mentees. What makes a good mentor? What qualities should they have? And when it comes to indigenous staff, are different notions of care involved? Panelists span the gamut from a recent Mellon Fellow to a 20+ year museum professional, from a graduate student to the former Co-Director of a renowned Native American Fellowship program.

**MODERATOR:** Noelle Kahanu, Associate Specialist, Public Humanities and Native Hawaiian Programs, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

**PRESENTERS:**
- Kamalu du Preez, Cultural Resource Specialist, Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum
- Halena Kapuni-Reynolds, Ph.D., Candidate, American Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Jennifer Himmelreich, former Co-Director, Native American Fellowship Program, Peabody Essex Museum
- Hattie Hapai, Long-Term Native American Mellon Fellow, Peabody Essex Museum

**CREATIVE ATTENTION: ART AND COMMUNITY RESTORATION**
Location: Broadway 3 & 4

How can museums support individual and community wellness, belonging, and resilience? Hear a case study from the Palo Alto Art Center about Creative Attention, an initiative that included an exhibition, artist residencies, an art therapy residency, public programs, and wellness programs. As part of the session, participate in a virtual meditation with our wellness program provider and use the prompts created by our art therapist in an artmaking session.

**MODERATOR:** Karen Kienzle, Director, Palo Alto Art Center

**PRESENTERS:**
- Julie Forbes, Stress Management Consultant
- Anh Tran, LMFT, ATR-P, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Provision Art Therapist

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**
12:45 pm–2:00 pm
AFFINITY LUNCHEONS

These events require pre-registration.

INDIGENOUS LUNCHEON
Location: Grand Ballroom
Enjoy meeting your colleagues from tribal museums and supporters of Native American concerns. All are welcome! The Luncheon will feature a guest speaker Deana Dartt, PhD (Coastal Band Chumash), Founding Director, Live Oak Consulting, Inc. Discussion will follow.
Sponsored in the Memory of Art Wolf

STORYTellers & SUPPORTERS LUNCHEON
Location: Galleria North
Especially for curators, development officers, educators, evaluators, exhibit designers, and all who make possible the engaging stories that museums tell, but open to all. The recipient of the Charles Redd Award for Exhibit Excellence, Whatcom Museum (Amy Chaloupka, Curator of Art) will present on the winning exhibition, Mary West’s: Artists Shape An American Idea.

REGISTRARS COMMITTEE WESTERN LUNCHEON
Location: Galleria South (lower level)
The Registrars Committee Western Region (RC-WR) Annual Business Meeting Luncheon is open to RCWR members, collection professionals, and related vendors.
Sponsored by Collector Systems

DIRECTOR & LEADERSHIP TEAM’S LUNCHEON
Location: Parlor B&C
Open to Directors, Deputy Directors, CEOs, CFOs, Leadership Team Members, and Trustees, the luncheon will feature guest speaker Micah Parzen, CEO. Museum of Us share about changing the museum’s name and the work that came after.
Sponsored by Mad Systems

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 2:00 PM - 3:15PM

WHAT NOT TO DO: MISTAKES AND LESSONS LEARNED WITH DOCENTS/VOLUNTEERS
Location: Pavilion West
The pandemic fundamentally changed the way in which museums engaged with their volunteers and docents. Join this session, where we will share our stories from the front lines of working with volunteers. In this fishbowl 2.0 session, you will hear from our expert panelists, and then you will have the opportunity to take the mic. If you are looking for a community of practitioners who can support, uplift, and commiserate, this is the session for you.
MODERATOR: Rebekah Harding, Founder and Chief Strategist, Clover Strategic Consulting LLC
PRESENTERS: Doug Jenzen, Vice President of Engagement and Access, Skirball Cultural Center
Alison Heney, PhD, Vice President of Learning and Public Programs, Museum of Latin American Art
Eric Bruehl, Manager, Docent Program, J. Paul Getty Museum
Alandra Virrey, Public Engagement Manager, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes

GETTING STARTED WITH DISASTER PLANNING: A FRAMEWORK TO BUILD ON
Location: Pavilion East
Threats to cultural institutions and their collections can be unpredictable and preparing for any eventuality is an important part of collections stewardship. Step one is to come up with a flexible plan that provides clear instructions in the event of a disaster. This session will walk participants through the construction of an emergency response plan and provide them with supporting resources and a framework to build a robust and flexible disaster plan for their institution.
PRESENTERS: Tara Puyat, Preservation Specialist, NEDCC | Northeast Document Conservation Center

DECOLONIZING INITIATIVES IN ACTION AT THE BURKE MUSEUM AND THE MUSEUM OF US
Location: Broadway 1 & 2
Discussions about decolonization/decolonizing initiatives often rely on abstract, academic language that fails to connect with real world practices. In this session, Burke Museum and Museum of Us staff members will model a decolonized conversation, transparently sharing their experiences in a way that can be applied to many museums. Join us for a robust conversation about how our values impact the way we work, and how we navigate change in ways that build community rather than foster conflict.
PRESENTERS: Polly Olsen, Tribal Liaison and Director of Diversity, Equity, Access, Inclusion and Decolonization/Decolonizing Initiatives, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture
Meghan Rodarte, Decolonizing Initiatives Manager, Museum of Us
Brandie Macdonald, Diversity, Equity, Access, Inclusion and Decolonization Coordinator, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture

MUSEUM PEOPLE: EXPLORING MUSEUM WORKFORCE ISSUES IN 2022
Location: Broadway 3 & 4
This session explores workforce issues through the lens of an organization created in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will facilitate open discussion about issues such as the shift in needed skills, changed business models, and staff fatigue. The goal is to learn from each other by sharing what’s happening across institutions, identifying short- and long-term concerns, and considering barriers and ways to move forward.
PRESENTERS: Rita Deedrick, Volunteer, MuseumExpert.org
Wendy Meluch, Principle, Wendy Meluch Consulting
Jill Stein, Founder and Principle Researcher, Reimagine Research Group
INSPIRATION STATIONS
FREE!
A showcase of ideas / solutions / innovations from around the museum field and provides your chance to talk directly with the folks making them happen. Federal agencies, museum associations, and individuals with great ideas will all be in the mix. This will be a casual way for attendees to encounter new ideas and talk to the people behind them.

COFFEE KLATCH
FREE!
Join your fellow Annual Meeting attendees for coffee, while connecting with new colleagues and seeing familiar faces.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
Location: Atrium Ballroom (2nd floor)
DOCENT PROGRAMS: CHANGE-MAKING POST-COVID
HOSTS: Brandi Shawn-Chaparro, Associate Director of Volunteer & Community Engagement, The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens
Deirdre Araujo, Volunteer Engagement, Exploratorium

HOLLISTIC SUPERVISION: WORKING WITH TODAY’S COLLEGE STUDENT
HOST: Olivia Muñoz, Dean of Students, Pacific Northwest College of Art

IMMERSIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ORIGIN STORIES OF FIRST NATIONS
HOST: Dan Clevenger, Principal, DLR Group

MUSEUM CAPITAL PROJECTS
HOSTS: Alissa Rupp, Principal, FRAME Integrative Design Strategies
Jill Randerson, Principal, Jill Randerson Project Management

MUSEUM COLLABORATION FOR WEST COAST COMMUNITIES’ EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS
HOSTS: Marcie Benne, Engagement Research & Advancement Director, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
Jenny Crayne, Inclusion and Engagement Specialist, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

MUSEUM ON THE MOVE! SCHOOL OUTREACH IMPLEMENTATION
HOST: Glynis Bawden, School Outreach and Teacher PD Manager, Natural History Museum of Utah

MUSEUMS AND VIRTUAL SPACES
HOSTS: Megumi Nagata, Heritage Lead, 4Culture

NATURESCAPE PLAYGROUND: FUN AND LEARNING IN AN EARTHLY SETTING
HOST: Dena Sedar, Education Director, Ute Indian Museum

PULLING THE PAST INTO THE PRESENT
HOST: Nicole Meldahl, Executive Director, Western Neighborhoods Project

TOOLS FOR IMPROVING INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY IN PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS
HOST: Cecilia Nguyen, Senior Exhibit Developer, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: RETURNING DIGITAL RECORDS AND BUILDING AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS
HOSTS: Alyce Sadongei, Project Coordinator, Teaching, Learning & Sociocultural Studies University of Arizona
Kate Stewart, Project Archivist of the Doris Duke Native Oral History Revitalization Project, Arizona State Museum

USING EMPATHY TO CREATE MEANINGFUL OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES
HOST: Axel Estable, Director of Learning and Engagement / Curator of Curiosity, Thanksgiving Point Institute

VOLUNTEERS AND THE VIRTUAL REALM: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE
HOST: Host: Rebecca Harmsen, Volunteer Services Specialist, Museum of Flight

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

**COLLABORATION TOOLS FOR EXHIBITION PROJECTS**
Location: Pavilion West

Collaboration can be sticky. Lots of ideas, feedback, and opinions contribute to making exhibitions great, but can also be challenging to manage. This session will share nuts and bolts tools for delivering and asking for feedback, decision-making and feasibility, and improving transparent accountability. Participants will share areas of collaborative work they find challenging and begin to match that with other participants who might have tools and solutions to share.

**PRESENTERS:**
- Joey Scott, Exhibitions Project Manager, Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Emily Saich, Director of Exhibition Projects, Monterey Bay Aquarium (and Western Regional Representative of NAME)
- Andrea Mode Andrews, Senior Manager of Exhibition Production, Obama Foundation

**LABELING LEGACIES – APPLYING TODAY’S LANGUAGE & IDENTITIES TO HISTORICAL FIGURES**
Location: Pavilion East

How do museums and historians shape a person’s legacy, for better or for worse? Join us for small group conversations as we investigate the stories of aviation pioneers Pancho Barnes and Amelia Earhart through an LGBTQ+ perspective. We’ll consider the wider challenges of representing the diverse ethnicities or sexual/gender identities of historical individuals with today’s language, and examine how what museums say (and don’t say) about a person’s life has a profound impact on visitors.

**PRESENTERS:**
- Shae Skager, Administrative Coordinator, Education, The Museum of Flight
- Sean Mobley, Social Media and Content Marketing Specialist, The Museum of Flight

**LOOKING AHEAD: MUSEUMS AND YOUTH COLLABORATING IN CLIMATE JUSTICE**
Location: Broadway 1 & 2

The future of museums as meaningful institutions lies in shifting away from neutrality, addressing social topics of interest. Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) led an exploratory, symbiotic Youth Advisory Research Board focusing on climate change education. The goal of this session is to share lessons learned, best practices, and challenges. This session will be useful to attendees interested in youth programming and social action. Key aspects explored are program design and development, youth as researchers/advisors, and youth-created programming.

**PRESENTERS:**
- Rebecca Reilly, Teen and Adult Engagement Assistant Manager, OMSI
- Fabiana Barrientos, Youth Climate Ambassador, OMSI
- Cyrus Lyday, Teen Engagement Educator, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

6:00–7:00 pm
**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**
Before tonight’s Evening Event, take the time to enjoy a dinner on your own, or with fellow WMA friends in one of Downtown Portland’s amazing restaurants.

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Portland, Oregon’s largest and most populous city, is known for its outdoor adventures, eco-friendliness, locally-made brewpubs, and coffee shops on every corner. Its residents are friendly and uniquely hipster, and just about everyone has an outdoor hobby. Portland’s iconic Washington Park encompasses sites from the formal Japanese Garden to the Oregon Zoo, and the city as a whole, is a thriving arts community. Divided into five neighborhoods, (Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, Southwest, and North Portland) – which are referred to by locals as “quadrants” – each has its own unique community and vibe to experience. As a 2022 Annual Meeting attendee, you’ll be in the heart of the city. Downtown Portland, the perfect place for exploring its many unique offerings.

NICKNAME: “City of Roses”
SLOGAN: “Keep Portland Weird”

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE
A place of natural beauty and about 60 miles east of the Pacific Ocean, Portland sits along the Columbia and Willamette rivers in the shadow of snow-capped Mount Hood, not far from the vast Oregon coastline. Willamette Valley, and epic waterfalls. Though much of downtown Portland is relatively flat, the region is filled with gorgeous foothills.

Despite its reputation for rain (the city sees approximately 154 rainy days a year), Portland doesn’t even make the top ten U.S. cities with the highest annual rainfall. It’s not that Portland gets a lot of rain it just rains often and very sporadically. Portlanders call the intermittent rains “Portland mist.”

In Portland the summers are short, warm, dry, and mostly clear, while the winters are very cold, wet, and overcast. During October, the month of the Annual Meeting, the average high temperature is 64° and the average low is 46°. So, make sure to pack layers and be prepared for microbursts of rain.

GETTING AROUND & TRANSPORTATION
Portland is known for having one of the easiest, most tourist-friendly public transportation systems in the US. From Portland’s TriMet buses and light rail trains, to the Streetcar and taxis, the city makes it extremely easy and affordable for anyone to get around.

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Excellence
We challenge museums to strive, because we believe that all museums have the potential to have an extraordinary impact on the lives of others.

Leadership
We promote the professional development of all staff, volunteers, and trustees and seek to enhance their positive change and growth, because we believe that all individuals have the potential to be leaders.

Collegiality
We provide opportunities for individuals to connect and develop lifelong relationships, as they create a community of colleagues who support each other’s institutional endeavors and personal well-being.

Fun
We believe that good humor facilitates learning and institutional endeavors and personal well-being.

Trust
We respect one another and trust in the integrity of our diverse museum community. Inclusion: We encourage differences of opinions and perspectives, and unfamiliar ideas, for they enrich our association.

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Sustainability
In seeking innovation, we take a measured and calculated approach to decisions and initiatives, as we appreciate that our actions today affect our future success and vitality.
ABOUT THE OREGON MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

MISSION
Founded in 1978, the Oregon Museums Association (OMA) is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and services to museums, cultural institutions and associated professionals throughout Oregon.

The Oregon Museums Association empowers Oregon’s museums to thrive. Valuing inclusion and friendship, OMA strengthens connections throughout the Oregon museum community with:
• Lively discussion and networking at in-person events and via online media
• Insightful programming and training at our annual conference and workshops
• Targeted advocacy to advance the museum field

VISION
Museums reflect, enrich, and engage Oregon’s diverse communities as essential drivers of economic and cultural vitality. OMA envisions a world where museums across Oregon:

Reflect. Celebrate and respond to diverse populations; honor and demonstrate excellence in diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility; and practice community-based models of collecting, preserving and exhibiting that are accountable to historically marginalized communities.

Enrich. Are a source of joy; provide experiences that catalyze dialogue and positive social change; promote scholarship and access to museum resources; and are supported and abundantly funded.

Engage. Inspire communities through meaningful encounters with objects, displays, interactives, living stories and programs; engage audiences to expand their knowledge of history, art, culture, science and nature; and become conveners of community.

DEAI STATEMENT
The Oregon Museums Association (OMA) is committed to advancing diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion (DEAI). For Oregon’s museums to build stronger connections with community members and support a more educated and culturally vibrant society, museums must address historical and contemporary systems of oppression. OMA pledges to use our platform and resources to dismantle systems, celebrate diversity, and amplify the voices of underrepresented communities.

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