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Time to Evolve: The Histories and Futures of Two University Natural History Museums

A conversation between:

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University natural history collections were central to the scientific enterprise in the 19th century. Today, these collections document change over time, and play critical roles in research, education, and cultural heritage. However, many museums are under-utilized by their local communities.

In the 21st century, campus and museum leaders must rethink the role of the University Museum. As public appetite for engagement and transparency increases, University Museums are in a unique position to act as a "front door" to academia by offering access to collections and opportunities to connect with the process of scientific research. Some universities are now making significant investments in upgrading their natural history museums, including the University of Washington and the University of Michigan.

Julie K. Stein, Executive Director of the Burke Museum of Nature and Culture at the University of Washington and Amy Harris, Director of the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History will share stories of their institutions' development over time, with particular emphasis on the opportunities presented by their new facilities, both opening in 2019.

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