

MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM FALL 2017 LECTURE SERIES

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION: Conversations about the past, present and future of university museums

When the University of Michigan was first imagined in 1817, its founders envisioned museums as essential to the ambitious educational system they sought to create. The University's first museum opened to the public in 1841, the same year the first class of students arrived in Ann Arbor. Today, ten U-M museums and multiple galleries house vast collections, host numerous exhibits, and engage thousands of students in their classrooms, labs, and public spaces.

In the University's bicentennial year, this series invites leaders from U-M museums to engage in conversations with museum leaders from peer institutions. Our speakers will review the history of their institutions, discuss current initiatives and priorities, and explore their visions for the roles and contributions of museums in the university of the future.



Hall of Evolution, Ruthven Museums Building, 1928 (Bentley Historical Library)



Preliminary schematic design of Michigan gallery (Great Plains Exhibit Development/University of Michigan)

October 24 University Natural History Museums: Portals of Discovery in the Anthropocene

A conversation between:

James Hanken, Director, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University

Diarmaid O'Foighil, Chair, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, U-M

(Note: West Conference Room, Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington Street, 4th floor; 6:30 pm)

November 28 Learning by Leading: A New Model for Expanding Museum Impact

A conversation between:

Kathleen Socolofsky, Director, Arboretum and Public Garden, University of California, Davis

Bob Grese, Director, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, U-M

December 5 Time to Evolve: The Histories and Futures of Two University Natural History Museums

A conversation between:

Julie Stein, Executive Director, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, University of Washington

Amy Harris, Director, Museum of Natural History, U-M

December 12 Museums of the Past into the Future: The Oriental Institute and the Kelsey Museum

A conversation between:

Chris Woods, Director, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago

Terry G. Wilfong, Director, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, U-M



**Unless noted, all lectures will take place in the
Helmut Stern Auditorium, University of Michigan Museum of Art
6:30 pm**

All events are free and open to the public.
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