



Please join us for a **Museums at Noon** presentation!

**Speaker:** Mark Auslander (Director, MSU Museum and Associate Professor of Anthropology and History, Michigan State University)

**When:** 12:00 pm on Friday, December 7

**Where:** Multi-Purpose Room, UM Museum of Art (Room 125)

### **Museums as Sites of Healing: Empathy, Repair, and Critical Reflection**

What are the ethical responsibilities of university museums when our local communities face profound crises and occasions of injustice? How might we foster compassion and promote conversations that can build enduring community bonds, while honoring our academic commitments to promoting critical analysis and stewardship of our scientific and cultural collections?

[Michigan State University Museum](#) Director Mark Auslander explores several instances, in which museums have grappled with moral challenges close to home, including facing up to legacies of slavery on a college campus and the threatened mass eviction of a low-income neighborhood. His primary case study is the MSU Museum's current partnership with the survivors of the horrific sexual abuse crisis at MSU, in which the museum has committed to collecting material culture and narratives associated with the crisis and co-curating with survivors and parents an exhibition on the scandal, its ramifications, and struggles for institutional transformation. What lessons have been learned and how might we, together, chart productive pathways forward?

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