

# Flexing the Museum

The Global Museum in the 21st century?

## Christina Olsen

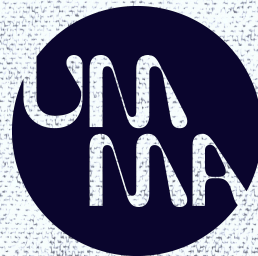
Director, U-M Museum of Art

Exploring museums across Argentina, the UK, Belgium and Portugal visited on a recent sabbatical, museum director Christina Olsen wrestles with museums' changing shapes and missions, ethics and publics in a wide-ranging conversation about why and how art museums matter in the world today.

Christina Olsen is the director of the University of Michigan's Museum of Art. Olsen has more than 25 years of leadership experience in museums, and lectures and writes frequently on the future and changing role of art museums. She received her PhD in art history from the University of Pennsylvania.



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