Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs
Smithsonian Institution
National Museum of American History
Kenneth E. Behring Center

We are seeking an Associate Director for the Office of Curatorial Affairs (OCA) who will be primarily responsible for the National Museum of American History’s exhibitions, collections and research functions. The Associate Director will provide dynamic and thoughtful leadership, vision, support and direction to the OCA in the planning, development and implementation of exhibitions, collecting, research publication and programming. The Associate Director will take the lead in articulating the intellectual framework for short- and long-term planning, actively engaging the public in museum activities and developing a wide range of future exhibits and programs including on-site, traveling and digital initiatives.

The Associate Director will nurture the intellectual life of the museum. The Associate Director will develop and balance broad guidelines and objectives for scholarly and collections activities, and leverage his/her knowledge of professional standards, best practices and issues related to historical research, material culture and museum management, including collections management, exhibitions and public service. The Associate Director will work collaboratively with other members of the Museum’s Senior Management team and serve as key advisor to the Director on scholarly and collections programs and issues.

Candidates should have a demonstrated ability to think and interpret material culture and archival resources. Experience working with material culture or in museums and management experience in large, complex organizations are requirements. Ph.D. in American Studies, History, Public Humanities, or Science and Technology Studies is strongly preferred.

This is a Trust (non-Federal) position. The salary range is $150,000 - $192,300 annually with an excellent benefits package. For more information, please visit the Smithsonian Institution website, www.si.edu/ohr/jobs_public. Please see Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs announcement # EX-19-00.

To apply, please submit a cover letter outlining your qualifications including a full C.V. with three professional references. Applications should be submitted by email with the subject “Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs” to NMAHAApplications@si.edu by July 15, 2019.

Contact Erika Mack, National Museum of American History, with questions at 202-633-3555 or in writing to NMAHAApplications@si.edu.

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