The Age of Plastic

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9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Program Steering Workshop

Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden Art Lab, Washington, DC

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Please join your colleagues to discuss Smithsonian contributions to the study of polymer composites (more commonly known as plastic) - from the diverse perspectives of materials science, technology, history, anthropology, conservation, resource stewardship, and the environment.

The Age of Plastic program has been awarded a Level One Grand Challenges Award to build a community of plastic researchers at the Smithsonian and collaborating institutions.

- Are you using polymers in a novel way?
- Do you work with deteriorating plastic collections?
- Is the history you study influenced by plastic?
- Does plastic debris impact your field work?

This is an opportunity to meet potential collaborators, exchange ideas, and build a coordinated research plan for polymer studies at Smithsonian and beyond.

The workshop is open to all SI, and others with prior arrangement. Registration is required, so please send an email to madden@si.edu. If interested in presenting, also include a short abstract.