Director’s Note

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us and we are wrapping up our first semester of being open to the public! With the official opening of our inaugural exhibition *Going Global: from San Francisco to the World* in April, this Fall marked the launch of our first series of public programs, ranging from family days to in-gallery lectures to K-12 field trips. With our new facilities we’re now able to provide Museum Studies graduate students and undergraduate minors with practical training in all areas of the museum field, including developing exhibition content, caring for collections, and facilitating educational programs. These last few months, we’ve piloted new ideas and tested out new concepts, truly fulfilling our teaching lab model!

As part of our vision, we believe that museums, in addition to focusing on the past, can play a transformative, future-oriented role in our globally-connected society. Now that we have entered our next phase, I am more excited about our future than ever. I am so proud of our team and our dedicated students who have helped make the Global Museum a resource for not only the Museum Studies program, but also the entire campus community and beyond.

We’re starting to wind things down for the Fall, but we are looking forward to seeing all of our supporters next Spring semester. Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,

Paige Bardolph
Director, Global Museum
Over the past three months, the Global Museum has been abuzz with activity. Some of our highlights have included hosting a broad range of speakers, including Achuar tribal leader Jeremías Petsein Peas from Peru, Stanford archaeologist Koji Ozawa, and fashion designer Hushidar Mortezaie, whose works have been featured in *Italian Vogue* and worn by Beyoncé, among other celebrities. We’ve debuted new family activities and student programs, including Archaeology Day and a monthly object spotlight, where visitors can drop in to see objects not normally on view.

The Global Museum has formed partnerships with multiple departments and organizations across the SF State campus, including the Anthropology department, the Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies, Apparel Design and Merchandising, the J. Paul Leonard Library, and many more. We are fortunate to be part of SF State’s dynamic, social justice oriented institution with multiple community partners whose work reflects our mission and vision.

This Fall we hosted class visits for undergraduate courses covering a broad range of topics, such as Introduction to Ceramics, Historical Archaeology, and Race and Resistance, where we discussed critical ethical issues facing the museum field today.

We’ve also ramped up our field trip program through a partnership with Project Connect, whose outreach programs raise awareness about higher education opportunities in historically underrepresented communities in San Francisco. We’ve now hosted field trips for students from pre-K to high school, all facilitated by Museum Studies students.

And in addition to all of our new public facing activities, we’re also hard at work behind the scenes, caring for our collections and preparing them for future exhibits. From box-making workshops to fire extinguisher training, life is always exciting in the world of museums!
Upcoming programs

Stay tuned for the schedule of our upcoming spring semester programs – check our website and social media for details! In Spring 2019 we will be hosting the following programs, dates and times TBD:

Egyptian Learning Alcove opening

Beginning Spring 2019 visitors will be able to access a special new gallery via guided tour. The Egyptian Learning Alcove houses the remains of our mummy Nes-Per-N-Nub, whose rare triple nested sarcophagus is on display in Going Global. Learn about the process of mummification, details about the life and work of Nes-Per-N-Nub, and misconceptions about mummies in pop culture on a tour from one of our volunteer Engagement Specialists.

Spring Friends and Family Day

Bring your family to the Global Museum for treats and a variety of hands-on activities for visitors of all ages. Friends and Family Day programs are generally held on Sunday afternoons.

Conversations on Culture: Diaspora

Our new in-gallery lecture series continues this Spring, in partnership with the SF State Anthropology Department. This ongoing series features artists, scholars, and researchers from a variety of disciplines speaking on cultural topics that affect society today.

Perspectives in Museums

Join us for a new program to be held in the museum throughout the semester that explores the fascinating elements of behind-the-scenes work in museums. Museum professionals from a variety of institutions throughout the Bay Area will offer unique perspectives about their work.

Admission to all of our programs is always free!
Next semester we’ll be working with students to develop our next exhibition, but we’ll also have new things to see in Going Global, on view until May 2019. Stay tuned for some exciting change-outs and additions, including new objects and media on view, hands-on elements, and the installation of the Magic Story Table, our upcoming digital interactive experience that will be available in the Global Lab in the spring semester. Over winter break students will be hard at work installing the Egyptian Learning Alcove, which will be accessible via guided tour soon. We will also be debuting a new field trip program about Ancient Egypt, which targets 6th grade standards but all K-12 grade levels are welcome!

Support us
The Global Museum needs your support! Read our fundraising appeal to learn more about how your donation can help us reach our goals and support our current projects. To make a donation, please visit https://give.sfsu.edu/globalmuseum

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Museum Mission
The mission of the Global Museum is to serve as a responsible steward of cultural heritage, a place of scholarship, community, and engagement, and a space in which to appreciate the power of diverse communities in a globally-connected world. The Global Museum creates experiences that foster life-long learning, collaboration with and among diverse communities, and that encourage reflection about global society and our common humanity.

Check our website and follow us on social media for updates!
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