Director’s Note

Welcome readers—friends, family, alumni, and supporters—to the first newsletter for the Global Museum, a new museum unit on the SF State campus. We are looking forward to a busy Fall semester ahead!

I joined the Global Museum team as the new director in January of this year. To me, it was more than coming on board. It was coming home. As an alum from the Museum Studies graduate program myself (M.A. 2011), I am thrilled to bring my professional experience back to the university that has fundamentally shaped my career.

With the opening of our new public exhibition gallery, we are excited to transition into our next phase of planning exciting lectures and public programs, hosting K-12 field trips, and serving as a resource for the campus community and beyond. We’re also hard at work inventorying and re-housing our collections, developing content for future exhibitions, and folding all of our efforts into the Museum Studies curriculum.

Please join us in officially kicking off the inaugural year of the Global Museum - we can’t wait to see you in the gallery!

Sincerely,

Paige Bardolph
Director, Global Museum
On April 26, 2018, we officially opened our doors to the public. Our inaugural exhibition Going Global: from San Francisco to the World showcases items from ancient Egypt, Africa, Oceania, and the Americas—ranging from ancient to contemporary—and explores different cultural and artistic traditions, environmental relationships, and connections between past and present that still resonate with us today. On opening day, we received over 500 visitors and hosted a reception for university staff and supporters.

Museum Studies students were involved in every aspect of the exhibition, from building casework, painting walls, selecting objects, installing mounts, and writing labels. Students also staffed the gallery during open hours and facilitated public programs and field trips.

This summer the Global Museum formed an advisory committee, consisting of SF State faculty and outside museum professionals, who will provide intellectual guidance and navigate important issues. A new student committee will also convene this fall, focusing on sustainability initiatives.

Since our opening, we have served drop-in visitors, outside museum professionals, and classes from a variety of departments across the university. In June we hosted tours for the SF State Foundation board meeting, and tour guests included President Wong and multiple trustees.

We also piloted our field trip program, leading a special program for pre-K visitors and their parents from Sunset Cooperative Nursery School. This fall we are excited to welcome classes from Bay Area schools for field trips themed around Going Global that meet curriculum standards.

SF State faculty and staff, K-12 teachers, or outside supporters: if you would like to schedule a tour or bring a class for a guided program, email globalmuseum@sfsu.edu anytime!
Upcoming programs

Fall Friends and Family Day
Sunday, September 23, 1-3 pm
Join us for an afternoon of light refreshments, mingling, and family friendly activities in our Going Global exhibit. Share the word with your family and friends—kids are welcome and the more, the merrier! This event is free and all visitors are welcome. Optional RSVP to globalmuseum@sfsu.edu
Fall Friends and Family Day is hosted by the Museum Studies Student Association (MSSA)

Program and reception
Life Plans: How Peru’s Achuar Indigenous People are Protecting the Amazon Rainforest
Tuesday, October 2, 5:30-7:30 pm, Humanities 133
Jeremías Petsein Peas is a leader of the Achuar indigenous people from the Peruvian Amazon rainforest. The Achuar people are suffering from the impacts of decades of oil pollution in their rivers and food sources, and are now fighting against new oil projects in their sacred territories. Jeremías is leading the efforts of dozens of communities to protect 2 million acres of rainforest in one of the world’s biodiversity hotspots. Come hear about cultural, legal, and political efforts to defend their territory, in turn protecting the environment for their children and all of humanity.

This lecture is co-sponsored by Amazon Watch, a nonprofit organization founded in 1996 to protect the rainforest and advance the rights of indigenous peoples in the Amazon Basin. The program will be followed by a reception at the Global Museum (light refreshments provided).

Ongoing lecture series
Conversations on Culture: Diaspora
Fall 2018-Spring 2019
The SF State Anthropology Department and Global Museum are excited to introduce a new co-sponsored lecture series titled Conversations on Culture, debuting fall 2018. This ongoing series will feature scholars and researchers from a variety of disciplines speaking on cultural topics that affect society today. Check the Global Museum website for upcoming lecture dates!
This fall, we will be hard at work developing new exhibitions and programs. We’re getting ready to install a new digital interactive experience in Going Global, and we will be preparing a new exhibition space to open in late 2018/early 2019. Our Egyptian Learning Alcove will be a special side gallery accessed via guided tour where visitors can view our mummy Nes-per-n-nub and learn about Egyptian burial rituals and common misconceptions about mummification.

Support us
The Global Museum is grateful for your donation at any level! Your financial contribution helps us fund new exhibitions, public programs, K-12 field trips, conservation projects, and more. To make a donation, please use our online form (remember to select the Global Museum under the “I would like to support” drop down menu!) located here: 

https://www.applyweb.com/public/contribute?s=sfuhuman

Donations in the form of checks can also be mailed to:
The Global Museum
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue
Fine Arts Building, Room 293
San Francisco, CA 94132

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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