

Museum-Related Resources

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INTERNET RESOURCES:

***Museum support and accreditation organizations (THW):**

www.aam-us.org – American Association of Museums. This is the largest museum organization in the United States. Members receive a number of publications each year including the magazine, “Museum News,” and the monthly newsletter, “Aviso.” Be sure to check out the AAM Bookstore, which features a wide variety of museum publications, and the Aviso Employment Ads – a great resource for potential jobs and internships.

www.midwestmuseums.org – Association of Midwest Museums. Many museum professionals working in the Midwest are members of this association, which is headquartered in St. Louis. The AMM (as opposed to the AAM – gets confusing sometimes!) also sponsors yearly conferences.

www.aaslh.org – American Association for State and Local History. If your main emphasis is history, then you really should consider joining this organization. They offer publications through AltaMira Press (www.altamirapress.com) that vary somewhat in emphasis from the publications offered through AAM. The jobs posted on this site are usually for historical societies/museums and historic homes/properties.

www.indianamuseums.org – Association of Indiana Museums. Indiana has its own organization, too. This is a great place for Indiana museum professionals to gain experience in organizing and presenting workshops and for more local networking. If you want to stay within the state then this site’s job page may be helpful. Smaller museums within the state may choose only to advertise open positions through AIM. Larger institutions often post here, too, if they’re looking for entry to mid level applicants or they feel it’s important for them to hire within the state.

home.ease.lsoft.com/archives/museum-l.html - Museum-l archives. For a peak at some electronic networking check out the topics on the museum list serve.

***Legal and ethical issues (ES):**

www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/ National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act information clearinghouse and database. Up-to-date knowledge of laws such as NAGPRA is essential for any museum holding Native American materials.

portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=34603&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html UNESCO site with links to its many initiatives to protect cultural heritage—material and intangible.

www.irs.gov/publications/p561/ix01.html Tax law governing donations - determining the value of donated objects. Related sites: Appraiser sites: American Association of Appraisers (old.appraisers.org/); International Society of Appraisers (www.isa-appraisers.org/).

icom.museum/ethics.html Code of ethics developed by international organization of museums and museum professionals.

www.questia.com/PM.qst?a=o&d=99326369 Book on collecting cultural objects: *The Ethics of Collecting Cultural Property: Whose Culture? Whose Property?*. Contributors: Phyllis Mauch Messenger - editor. Publisher: University of New Mexico Press. Place of Publication: Albuquerque, NM. Publication Year: 1989

***Collections Management (ES):**

Cataloging/categorizing information for data retrieval and analysis:

Getty resources (www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies):
[The Art & Architecture Thesaurus](#)
[The Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names](#)
[The Cultural Objects Name Authority](#) (under development)

www.mda.org.uk/bmobj/Objjintro.htm British Museum's Object Thesaurus

General information on collections management:

www.mda.org.uk/ United Kingdom Collections Trust resources.
www.aam-us.org/aboutmuseums/standards/stbp.cfm American Association of Museums – several articles on stewardship, ethics, practices.

BOOKS:

The New Museum Registration Methods
American Association of Museums, 1998
American Association of Museums

The Revised Nomenclature for Museum Cataloging: A Revised and Expanded Version of Robert G. Chenhall's System for Classifying Man-Made Objects
Blackaby James R., 1995
AltaMira Press for American Association for State and Local History

Things Great and Small: Collections Management Policies
Simmons, John E., 2006
American Association of Museums