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Milwaukee Public Museum's Hillary Olson Completes Getty Leadership Program

Milwaukee—June 28, 2016—Hillary Olson, Vice President of Audience and Community Engagement at the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM), completed the exclusive Getty Leadership Institute (GLI) program for museum leaders on June 25. Olson was one of 35 museum leaders from cultural institutions around the world to take part in the 2016 program.

Now in its 37th year, GLI is the world's premier learning and thought leadership network for museum leaders. GLI features a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum aimed at deepening participants' leadership skills in order to manage change and forge success in the global museum field.

The 2016 program was a blended learning environment that included two weeks of asynchronous online learning in May and two weeks of class work in June in residence on the Claremont Graduate University campus in Claremont, California. GLI boasts over 1,500 alumni from 39 countries around the globe, including MPM's President and CEO Dennis Kois.

Olson joined MPM in September 2015 to oversee the newly-created Audience and Community Engagement division made up of MPM's Education and Public Programs, Events, Marketing and Communications, Visitors Services and Retail departments as well as the National Geographic Daniel M. Soref Dome Theater and Planetarium.

Prior to joining MPM, Olson has held leadership positions at the Franklin Institute Science Museum, the Long Island Children's Museum, the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the Griffith Observatory; she holds a BS in Earth and Space Sciences from Stony Brook University and an M.S.Ed in Museum Leadership from Bank Street College. A Bayside resident, Olson lives with her husband, 8-year-old daughter and 14-year-old step-son.

About the Milwaukee Public Museum

The Milwaukee Public Museum is a natural and human history museum located in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The museum was chartered in 1882 and opened to the public in 1884. MPM has three floors of exhibits that encompass life-size dioramas, walk-through villages, world cultures, dinosaurs, a rain forest and a live butterfly garden, as well as the Daniel M. Soref National Geographic Dome Theater and Planetarium. The museum houses more than 4 million objects and hosts nearly half a million visitors each year. The MPM is operated by Milwaukee Public Museum, Inc., a private, non-profit company, and its facilities and collections are held in trust and supported by Milwaukee County for the benefit of the public.

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