POSITION: Postdoctoral Fellowship, Art History
REPORTS TO: Director of Academic Affairs, Mississippi Museum of Art and Chair of the Art Department, Millsaps College
EMPLOYEE STATUS: Full-time, two-year beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year, to be shared equally between MMA and Millsaps College.

JOB SUMMARY
The Mississippi Museum of Art and Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, jointly seek an art historian for, initially, a two-year postdoctoral fellowship beginning in 2020. The fellow will teach one class during the Fall 2020 and two classes during the spring 2021 semesters and work with the Museum’s curatorial department on exhibition projects.

The fellow will create academic opportunities for students to study content areas being presented at the Museum or those being researched for future exhibitions. Hands-on exhibition projects, as well as research papers, will be assigned to the fellow’s students, again extending the academic and professional collaborations beyond the classroom. As the joint appointment is evaluated, both institutions will collaborate on incorporating any learnings from the initial experience into an ongoing and lasting partnership that continues to build the academic offerings and curatorial expertise at both locations. Demonstrated experience in museum and academic settings is required and combined curatorial and teaching experience is preferred.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES include the following, other duties may be assigned.

- Work with museum educators to develop interpretive tools and public programs
- Teach one class in the Fall of 2020 and two classes in the Spring of 2021 at Millsaps College
- Teach and train Millsaps College student interns to work at the MMA and the Hall Art Gallery at Millsaps.
- Openness to learning about Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access (DEIA) in museum practice
REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

- PhD in Art History and a minimum of 2 years of related museum or gallery work, including the curation of at least one museum exhibition.
- Familiarity with art techniques, care of works of art, cataloguing systems, and collection storage.
- Must be able to teach Modern and Contemporary Art courses.
- Computer skills in basic word processing and database programs.
- Evidence of effective teaching experience (sample syllabi and/or student evaluations).
- Ability to work with faculty, students, colleagues, volunteers, and the public.
- Writing samples are required for this position.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS & WORK ENVIRONMENT

The physical demands and work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

COMPENSATION

- This position is full-time (40 hours per week) and will be exempt/salaried.
- The salary will be within budgeted levels depending on experience.
- The position is eligible for the Museum’s benefits package on the first of the month following 30 days of full-time employment. Benefits include paid time off (vacation, sick, holiday, jury duty, bereavement), and medical and dental benefits.

SELECTION PROCESS

We are preferentially seeking applicants who have some level of art historical knowledge and/or expertise in a field which is generally of relevance to the collections of the Museum and the curriculum of the College’s art department. Fellows will be approved by a search committee consisting of the Museum’s Deputy Director of Art and Programs, Chief Curator, Director of Academic Affairs, Director of Interpretation, and Managing Director of the Center for Art and Public Exchange, and Millsaps College’s professors of art history and studio art.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application materials should include a letter of application, current CV, statement of teaching philosophy, evidence of teaching experience (sample syllabi and student evaluations, if available), and a writing sample, sent by email to Dr. Redell Hearn, Director of Academic Affairs, Mississippi
Museum of Art, rhearn@msmuseumart.org, and to Dr. Elise Smith, Professor of Art History and Chair of the Art Department, Millsaps College, smithel@millsaps.edu. The search committee will begin reviewing complete applications on March 15, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled. Employment is contingent on a completed background verification.

The Mississippi Museum of Art and Millsaps College are equal opportunity employers.