

GOLDSTEIN MUSEUM OF DESIGN

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Goldstein Museum of Design awarded prestigious grant to digitize its collection

Saint Paul, MN - A grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will allow the Goldstein Museum of Design (GMD) to increase access to its collection of 26,200 designed objects by making digital images and information about the collection available online. The end product will be a Web-accessible, information-rich tool readily available for research and study.

The project, entitled "Design for Everyone: Increasing Access to Collections," has two main components: (a) creating digital images of the collection and (b) replacing the current outdated collections database with Re:discovery Proficio, a collections management database that contains both descriptive and structural information about each object.

"We are honored by this transformative grant from IMLS, which will enable the GMD to significantly increase research and public access to the design collection."

-Lin Nelson-Mayson, Director of the GMD

"By making it their mission to provide the public with top-notch programming and knowledgeable staff, the 2009 MFA grantees have demonstrated that they know what is important to their communities. In 2006, 156 million U.S. adults visited museums 1.2 billion times, in person and remotely. These numbers prove that museums, like this year's MFA recipients, are vital institutions that play a significant role in people's lives."

- Dr. Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services

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Vital Grant Statistics:

Number of applications received: 433

Number of awards made: 167

Total amount awarded: \$19.2 million

Total recipient match: \$32.6 million

Program Statement

Museums for America is the Institute's largest grant program for museums, providing more than \$19 million in grants to support the role of museums in American society to sustain cultural heritage, to support lifelong learning; and to be centers of community engagement. Museums for America grants strengthen a museum's ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution's mission and strategic goals. Museums for America funding will support projects and activities, designed by the institution, that strengthen museums as active resources for lifelong learning and key players in the establishment of livable communities.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.ims.gov.

About the Goldstein Museum of Design

The GMD, the only design museum in the upper Midwest, is part of the University of Minnesota and housed in the College of Design. GMD presents exhibitions at McNeal Hall in Saint Paul and Rapson Hall in Minneapolis, including the annual senior show. Exhibition topics cover the breadth of design - from clothing and textiles to decorative art and graphic design.

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