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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM ADDS TRIO OF NEW STAFF TO ITS RANKS

JUNEAU – With the construction of a new integrated State Library, Archives and Museum facility on the horizon, it's been a busy fall for the Alaska State Museum.

To keep things running smoothly through this dynamic time, the division has hired Claire Imamura as Project Assistant for the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums. In addition, two other new staff members have been hired by the Alaska State Museum: Addison Field as Museum Registrar, Aaron Elmore as Museum Exhibits Designer.

In her new position with the division, Claire Imamura will work closely with Field to prepare, catalogue and relocate the Museum's collection as it is moved. Imamura will also assist with the relocation of the State's Historical Collections, followed by the Archives' collection.

"The challenge of moving one collection is something you might encounter once in your career, and we're getting ready to move all three," said Imamura, who attended University of Washington's Master of Library & Information Sciences program. "But it's a great opportunity to collaborate within the division and better serve our constituents."

Addison Field comes to the State Museum from the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, where he spent more than five years as Curator of Collections and Exhibits; prior to that, he was Executive Director at the Sheldon Museum in Haines. As registrar, Field assumes responsibility for keeping records, cataloging and documenting collections, managing intermuseum loans and tracking object locations.

"I expect the move to be exciting and I look forward to the logistical challenges it presents," said Field, who holds degrees in museum studies from George Washington University and history from Virginia Military Institute.

Aaron Elmore brings to the museum more than a decade of professional graphic design experience, including the design and manufacture of various historical signs and visual displays around Juneau; his hand-painted signs, logos and murals hang throughout Southeast Alaska. Elmore is also co-artistic director for *Theatre in the Rough*, an award-winning theater company he and his wife co-founded. At the museum, he will be working with Curator of Exhibitions Jackie Manning, designing exhibitions at both the Alaska State Museum in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka, as well as travelling exhibits.

"The Museum brings together an incredible mix of talent," said Elmore, a key force in designing and rebuilding the new McPhetres Hall at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Juneau. "I can't wait to join the effort."

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge.

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