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SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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NEW REGISTRAR FOR ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS

JUNEAU – As one of the museum professionals from around Alaska who traveled to Juneau this year to assist with the Alaska State Museums’s collection move to the newly constructed SLAM vault, Andrew Washburn had no idea at the time that he would soon be part of the Museum’s staff. That was about to change. Washburn has recently been hired as Registrar for the Alaska State Museums, which includes the State Museum in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.

Washburn, who earned a Master’s Degree in Museum Studies at San Francisco State University will be responsible for the documentation, colocation, physical preservation and storage of the State’s collections. Washburn comes to the State Museums from the Tongass Historical Museum in Ketchikan where he was working as the Senior Curator of Collections. His start date with the museums is September 15.

“This is an exciting and dynamic time to for the State Museum, as we occupy our new facility and work toward development of exhibits for the new State Libraries Archives and Museums building in the capital city. We are very excited to be able to bring a thoroughly trained and experienced professional such as Andrew, on to the team,” said Chief Curator Addison Field.

The Alaska State Museum in Juneau is currently closed for continued construction of the new State Library, Archives, and Museum building. Founded in 1900 as the Territorial Historical Library and Museum, the museum and libraries today hold and exhibit a comprehensive and definitive collection of Alaska Native cultural, historical, natural history and art objects, as well as historical books, records, maps, photographs, and film collections. The new 118,000 square foot facility will feature museum galleries, a gift store, cafeteria, auditorium, classroom, reading room, research room, state and historical libraries, and state archives – all under one roof. Visit us at 395 Whittier Street in the spring of 2016.

The Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is operating on summer hours through mid-September, which are 9am to 5pm daily. Closed holidays. General admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and free for those 18 and under and Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum or Friends of the Alaska State Museum.

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