

Kathryn H. Shelton
Director

Division of Libraries, Archives,
& Museums
PO Box 110571
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0571
907.465.2910

SEAL OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

Bruce Kato
Chief Curator

Alaska State Museums

395 Whittier St.
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1718
907.465.2901
www.museums.state.ak.us

Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: **September 4, 2007**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bruce Kato

Phone (907) 465-2901 Fax (907) 465-2976

www.museums.state.ak.us

ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS HIRES MUSEUM REGISTRAR

JUNEAU -- Juneau resident Sorrel Goodwin has been named Museum Registrar for the Alaska State Museums. The Museum Registrar is responsible for the documentation, accountability, physical preservation and storage of the Alaska State Museums' collections.

Goodwin, who earned his bachelor's degree in anthropology at Northeastern Illinois University in 1998, began his journey as a museum professional with a NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) research internship at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

Recently employed as Sealaska Heritage Institute's Archivist/Collections Manager, Goodwin has worked for several of Chicago's most prestigious museums and research institutions including the Field Museum of Natural History, The Chicago Historical Society, and the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston, Illinois. "The effect that visiting museums all over North America had on me as a child was profound and it inspired me to seek out more information about the things I had seen, and ultimately led me to a career as a museum professional, instilling in me a life-long love of learning about the world and its peoples," Goodwin said.

Goodwin has served as Chair of the State of Alaska Museum Collections Advisory Committee, a member of the Library of Congress/ Northwestern University Advisory Board, and as a grant reviewer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services. He has also served on various panels and has given presentations at conferences, in universities and public schools.

"We are extremely pleased to have Sorrel on board at the Alaska State Museum and he is a wonderful addition to our staff," said Bruce Kato, the Alaska State Museums' Chief Curator.

Winter hours at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau begin September 25 and are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15.

Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.