

Phyllis Rabineau

Vice President of Interpretation & Education



Experience: Chicago History Museum (Vice President for Interpretation and Education, 2005–present; Deputy Director for Interpretation and Education 1997–2005); The Field Museum (Deputy Chair for Program Development, 1991–96; Senior Exhibition Developer, 1985–91; Anthropology Collections Manager, 1974–85)

Education: MA in Anthropology, Brown University (1973); BA in Anthropology, Cornell University (1970)

Phyllis Rabineau manages the Museum’s departments of exhibitions, education, print and electronic publications, and visitor services; and is responsible for guiding the implementation of an audience-centered approach throughout all the Museum’s public offerings.

Ms. Rabineau managed the master plan phase of the exhibition and building renovation. Since arriving at the Museum, she works closely with the staff to implement 6–8 exhibitions annually. Past exhibitions include *Teen Chicago* (winner, 2005 Award of Excellence from the American Association of Museums); *Chicago Sports! You Shoulda Been There*; *Without Sanctuary*; *Norman Rockwell: Portrait of America*; and *Fashion, Flappers ‘n All That Jazz*. Under her leadership, the Museum developed a strategic framework for education, and a range of new programs that will debuted in fall 2006. Ms. Rabineau served on the staff of the Field Museum, including 12 years in senior leadership positions for exhibition projects, and 11 years managing the anthropology collection.

Ms. Rabineau currently serves as President for the National Association for Museum Exhibitions, a standing professional committee of the American Association of Museums. She has served as a peer reviewer for AAM’s Museums Assessment Program, and as a panelist for the National Endowment of the Humanities. She has also worked as a consultant for exhibition planning for the National Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian Institution), Zoologisk Museum (Copenhagen, Denmark), National Museum of Natural History (Leiden, Netherlands), and the Chicago Academy of Sciences.