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#### The Charlotte Museum of History announces new President & CEO

The Charlotte Museum of History is announcing a change at the top. Angelica Docog, Director of Program for the museum since July 2008, was approved unanimously by the museum's trustees as the next President and CEO.

She will succeed the retiring Mary Davis Smart, who took the helm in 2007, leading the museum with the creation of a strategic master plan and energy around diversified programming and events.

Prior to working at the Charlotte Museum of History, Angelica Docog was the Director of Interpretive Services Division at the Colorado Historical Society. She holds a M.A. degree in history museum studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, State College at Oneonta and the New York Historical Association. Her scholarly interests include 18<sup>th</sup> century Early American decorative arts, representation and interpretation of culturally diverse groups in museums, and early Chinese art and archaeology. Angelica is completing her Ph.D. at the University of Manchester, England, and is currently writing a dissertation on prehistoric textiles.

Angelica is a very active member of the American Association of Museums (AAM), and will be attending their annual conference next week in Los Angeles. She is the Chair of the Latino Network Committee; Co-Chair of the Asian Committee; and just appointed to the newly formed Global Advisory Council. The theme for this year's conference is "Museum Without Borders" and sessions will explore the challenges and opportunities in reaching new and diverse audiences and in embracing non-traditional cultures, as well as the essential role of museums in developing new connections in their respective communities and beyond.

Over the past several years, Angelica has focused her attention on encouraging students and the public to regard museums as learning centers for all people and as vital part of the civic life. She is committed to working with colleagues, community leaders, and institutions of higher education to enhance historic preservation and stewardship efforts, current education programs, research, and exhibitions and will create new and innovative learning opportunities that support the museum's mission, vision, and strategic plan.

In addition, Angelica is committed to understanding and meeting the needs of Charlotte Mecklenburg County's diverse audiences. The demographics of Charlotte-Mecklenburg region as well as the rest of the U.S. are rapidly changing, and in order to survive, organizations need to transform the way they interact with the public. The Charlotte Museum of History is at the forefront of this multi-ethnic transition that is occurring with the new exhibitions and programs that are being planned for the next several years.

“Angelica has done an outstanding job as the Director of Program,” said Mark Henriques, Chair of the museum's Board of Trustees. “The upcoming camps, speakers, and hands-on history events are exciting. The Board looks forward to Angelica bringing her excitement and enthusiasm to the CEO position as we collect, preserve, and tell Charlotte's stories.”

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**The Charlotte Museum of History** is located at 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. **Admission** ranges \$3-\$6 general, members free. **Hours:** Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5 (*closed Mondays*); **For more information please call (704) 568-1774**, or visit our website at **[www.charlottesmuseum.org](http://www.charlottesmuseum.org)**.

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