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Jameson C. Brant joins CMA to lead Museums and Indigenous Issues Project

OTTAWA, Ontario, February 3, 2017 – Canadian Museums Association (CMA) Executive Director, John G. McAvity, is very pleased to announce that Jameson Brant has joined the CMA team to co-ordinate the proposed Museums and Indigenous project. This multi-year initiative will take place in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) recommendations, to address the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to consider other relevant issues.

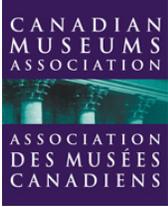
The project is currently in the planning stages and further details will be announced during the upcoming CMA National Conference in Ottawa, April 3-7, 2017. It has been almost 30 years since the landmark CMA – Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Task Force on Museums and First Peoples took place. Its findings greatly influenced museum standards and opened the door to much repatriation and many other initiatives. The time for an update is long overdue given the recent TRC recommendations (2015) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2016).

Jameson C. Brant is a Turtle clan member with lineage from Six Nations and Tyendinaga. In devoting her career to bridging understanding between Indigenous and developing cultures, she has acquired 40 years of experience in areas such as field research; writing; database development for arts, artefacts and language materials; curatorial work; project and conference coordination; teaching and strategic planning.

She is an experienced museum professional who for the past 11 years has headed the Aboriginal Training Program in Museum Practices at the Canadian Museum of History. She will continue to be responsible for that important program and we greatly appreciate the generosity of the Museum for making her expertise available to play this significant role nationally with the CMA.

The upcoming CMA National Conference – a *Game Changer* event – includes a great deal of Indigenous content, and addresses issues such as identity, leadership, youth engagement and LGBTQ2. We invite you to participate in this important conference. For more information, visit bit.ly/cma2017. If you have any questions about the Museums and Indigenous Issues project, please contact Jameson Brant at the CMA: (613) 567-0099 ext. 270, jbrant@museums.ca.

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