

Jessica Kinsey

Director and Curator of the Southern Utah Museum of Art at Southern Utah University

Cedar City, UT, US

Specializing in community outreach and engagement, museum exhibition curation, and collection management

Biography

Jessica Kinsey is the director of the Southern Utah Museum of Art at Southern Utah University. As the museum director, Kinsey provides leadership and vision for SUMA as an experiential learning environment with a balanced commitment to education and community. Her education and professional experience has given Kinsey expertise in the creation, reception and institutionalization of the visual arts, from the most ancient to the most contemporary. Kinsey is well-versed in museum management procedures, exhibit and educational programming and community interaction. In November 2016, Kinsey was a Forty Under 40 recipient, an award honoring exceptional individuals who have made a significant contribution to shaping the Oklahoma City landscape. Kinsey earned a bachelor's in art history and a master's in museum studies from the University of Oklahoma. Starting as a part-time student employee, Kinsey worked at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art and moved up the ranks to become the museum's Director of Public Engagement. She began her SUU career in July 2017.

Industry Expertise

Fund-Raising, Events Services, Museums and Institutions, Fine Art, Program Development

Areas of Expertise

Art as Architecture, Experiential Learning - Arts Administration, Community Outreach Through Arts, K-12 Art Education, Fine Art, Visual Arts, Arts Administration, Museum Exhibition Curation, Museum Administration, Museum Education, Art Exhibitions, Project Management, Fund Raising, Corporate Sponsorship, Community Engagement, Higher Education Community Partnerships, Arts Education in Rural Communities

Affiliations

Utah Museums Association, Association of Academic Museums and Galleries, American Alliance of Museums

Education

University of Oklahoma

B.A. Art History

University of Oklahoma
M.A. Museum Studies

Accomplishments

Forty Under 40 Recipient
Oklahoma City, November 2016

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