

Anthea M. Hartig

Elizabeth MacMillan Director, National Museum of American History



Dr. Anthea M. Hartig is the Elizabeth MacMillan Director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History and the first woman to hold the position since the museum opened in 1964. Hartig oversees 257 employees, a budget of more than \$40 million and a collection that includes 1.8 million objects and more than 3 shelf-miles of archives. She officially began her tenure Feb. 18, 2019.

An award-winning public historian and cultural heritage expert, Hartig is dedicated to making the nation’s richly diverse history accessible and relevant. Hartig will open three new exhibitions that are powerful contributors to the Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment’s ratification granting women the right to vote. The completion of the museum’s 120,000-square-foot west wing, with the dynamic exhibition “Entertaining America” set to open in 2021, is another priority, along with multiple other new exhibitions and programs that Hartig will help present to the museum’s over 3 million annual visitors.

She earned her doctorate and master’s degrees in history at the University of California, Riverside, her bachelor’s degree at the University of California, Los Angeles and studied as an undergraduate and graduate student at the College of William and Mary.

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