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Museum curator selected for fellowship to attend American Alliance of Museums Annual Meeting and Museum Expo

Pawhuska, Okla. (3/8/2017) – Osage Nation Museum (ONM) Curator Hallie Winter was selected among several hundreds to receive a fellowship to attend the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Annual Meeting and Museum Expo in St. Louis, MO, from May 7, 2017 to May 10, 2017. Attending the event is critical to the progressive development of the museum's efforts to become fully accredited by the AAM. In addition to valuable networking and information, Winter will be presenting at the annual meeting and expo about her experiences as the curator of ONM and how she and her staff have creatively maximized limited resources to update the museum and effectively preserve and protect the museum's unique collections.

Winter said this year's Museum Expo theme is, "Gateways for Understanding: Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion at museums." She added, "I am proud to be going there to represent not only the Osage Museum but tribal museums in general. I think a lot of times with national museum organizations, it's easy for smaller museums and especially tribal museums to get lost in the shuffle."

The AAM travel fellowship Winter was selected for is highly competitive and required an essay about why it was important for her to be able to attend. In her essay she wrote, "I believe [the theme] is essential to tribal museum operations and survival. Tribal museums must combat many of these issues: diversity in representation; equity in point of view; accessibility in content; and inclusion in story-telling."

At the Museum Expo Winter will be presenting a session titled *Museum Rehab: Starting Over at the Osage Nation Museum*. The \$750 fellowship award from AAM will support her efforts to attend and present on this topic to a national audience of her peers.

About the Osage Nation Museum

The premiere destination to experience Osage history, art, and culture

Visit the Osage Nation Museum (ONM) in historic Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Our continuously changing exhibits convey the story of the Osage people throughout history and celebrate Osage culture today. Highlights include an extensive photograph collection, historical artifacts, and traditional and contemporary art. Founded in 1938, the ONM is the oldest tribally owned museum in the United States.

Admission and parking is free.

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