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Adrienne Lalli Hills Joins the FAM as Associate Director for Learning and Community Engagement

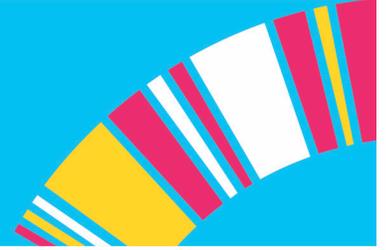
OKLAHOMA CITY (June 1, 2021) – First Americans Museum (FAM) announces Adrienne Lalli Hills, a citizen of the Wyandotte Nation, as its Associate Director for Learning and Community Engagement effective June 1, 2021. Lalli Hills will be responsible for the museum’s interpretive, educational, programming and outreach efforts. She will also join the FAM executive leadership team.

“Adrienne brings a wealth of knowledge through the creation of unique learning opportunities that reach diverse and multigenerational audiences,” said James Pepper Henry, First Americans Museum Director/CEO. “Her expertise will help FAM prepare innovative and engaging programming in time for our grand opening September 18, 2021.”

Lalli Hills will be FAM’s contact for local and regional school districts; she will oversee volunteers and docents; and she will work with FAM’s curatorial team on curriculum development.

“At FAM, we will develop programs, interactive tours and interpretive elements that kindle museum visitors’ appreciation for and curiosity about Indigenous arts, history and culture—inspiring their deeper respect for the complex and diverse land we call home,” said Lalli Hills, currently serving as Associate Director of Studio School for Oklahoma Contemporary. “We also look forward to creating offerings for Native visitors seeking to enrich their understanding of and honor their nation’s proud past, present and future.”

With nearly 15 years of experience in museum learning, Lalli Hills has developed impactful programs and award-winning interpretive elements for diverse audiences in art, science and history institutions.



Prior to joining First Americans Museum, she held senior roles in museum learning and interpretation at Oklahoma Contemporary, ahha Tulsa (the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa), and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. Committed to advancing the field of museum learning, Adrienne is a board member of the Association for Art Museum Interpretation, a peer reviewer for several national professional organizations and recently completed a three-year term on the board of directors for the Museum Educator Roundtable, which publishes the peer-reviewed *Journal of Museum Education*. She has also held leadership positions with Museum Computer Network (MCN) and the Association for Art Museum Interpretation.

Adrienne received a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Arts from the University of Tulsa.

About First Americans Museum: To serve as a dynamic center promoting awareness and educating the broader public about the unique cultures, diversity, history, contributions, and resilience of the First American Nations in Oklahoma today.

The 175,000-square-foot museum, located at 659 First Americans Boulevard in Oklahoma City, will showcase state-of-the-art exhibitions in First Americans history, culture and art; public and educational programs; a family discovery center; a full-service restaurant; and a museum store featuring authentic, one-of-a-kind handmade items by premier First Americans artists.

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