
To Our Friends, Colleagues and Community Members;

We hope you and your families continue to be safe and healthy, and that you are enjoying what you can of summer. Many museums in the FRAME network have reopened their doors, but all museums continue to struggle with questions about the pandemic, its impact on their staff and attendance, and what lies ahead as they plan for the Fall. FRAME will continue to look for ways to support our member museums and their staff who have been directly impacted by the health crisis.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Six members of the FRAME network, three from France and three from North America, participated in a virtual roundtable discussion on July 17 to address “Issues of Racism in French and North American Museums.” Susan Talbott, Expert Director of FRAME for North America, facilitated the panel discussion which included: Ronna Tulgan Ostheimer, Director of Education, The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Massachusetts; Gary Tinterow, Director, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas; Valerie Cassel Oliver, Sydney and Frances Lewis Family Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia; Katia Kukawka, Deputy Director, Musée d’Aquitaine Bordeaux, France; Aurélie Voltz, Director Musée d’Art moderne et contemporain, Saint-Étienne, France; and Paul Lang, Director Musées de la Ville de Strasbourg, France. The main outcome of this highly productive discussion was the articulation of the primary issues of DEI, which will guide the theme of the 2020 FRAME Virtual Fall Conference.

FRAME Virtual Fall Conference - September 30 - October 2

All members of the FRAME network are encouraged to plan on attending the 2020 FRAME Virtual Conference on Wednesday, September 30 – Friday, October 2. The 2020 Annual Conference, originally scheduled to be in Marseille, was canceled due to the Covid-19 health crisis and the uncertainty of international travel. The conference has been reshaped as a virtual webinar, which will be broadcast live each day from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Eastern. In order to receive the access link for the conference, members must pre-register. **Registration opens on September 10.**

The theme of the conference is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). The conference will start with two keynote addresses. Dr. Lowery Sims has agreed to discuss DEI in North American museums. To learn more about Dr. Sims, visit: <https://framemuseums.org/lowery-stokes-sims-to-speak-at-frame-virtual-fall-conference/>

We have extended an invitation to a French speaker to talk about the situation in France and we are waiting to hear back from them. The following day Susan Talbott will moderate a roundtable panel discussion on DEI among select members from the FRAME network.



Dr. Lowery Stokes Sims. Photo credit: Nita Lee Roberts

FRAME Project Support Grants – Fall Deadline

The deadline for submitting project support grants for the Fall grant cycle is **September 1, 2020, at 5:00 PM Eastern**. In compliance with our guidelines, only museums that submitted an Email of Inquiry by the July 1 deadline can

FRAME Educators Conference - Save the Date

Following the webinar dedicated to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (see above) and the Virtual Fall Conference, FRAME will host an Educators Conference on October 27-28, 2020, led by a committee which includes: Ronna Tulgan Ostheimer, Director of Education, The Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Massachusetts; Anne Butler Rice, Georgette Auerbach Koopman Director of Education, Wadsworth Atheneum and Art Museum, Hartford, Connecticut; Aurélie Albajar, Head of Public Service and Attachée de conservation, Musée des Augustins, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Toulouse; Juliette Barthélémy, in charge of outreach programs, publics with specific needs, and students, Palais des Beaux-Arts de Lille; Emily Wiskera, Manager of Access Programs, Dallas Museum of Art, Texas; Emilie Vanhaesebroucke, Executive Director, FRAME, France; and Marguerite d'Aprile Quigley, Executive Director, FRAME North America.

The conference is open to all museum educators and others in the FRAME network, and will include a series of workshops on the following themes:

- Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion
- Partnerships
- Online Programs and New Technology
- Models of Best Practice.

Registration opens on October 7. More details will follow soon. We are grateful to the Samuel H. Kress Foundation for their generous support of the Educators Conference.

In Memoriam

FRAME mourns the passing of Dr. Richard R. Brettell, 71, the Founding Executive Director of FRAME (1999-2009) who passed away on Friday, July



Elizabeth Rohatyn and Rick Brettell, Saint Louis, 2010. @FRAME.

FRAME Calendar 2020

September 1 – Deadline for Fall Grant Applications

September 30 - October 2 -FRAME Virtual Fall Conference

October 27-28 – FRAME Educators Conference

October TBD - FRAME Board Meeting



Vincent Van Gogh, Sheaves of Wheat, 1890, oil on canvas, Dallas Museum of Art, The Wendy and Emery Reves Collection.

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