

The Frost Art Museum Intern receives internship opportunity at The Smithsonian Institution

MIAMI, FL (April 7, 2010)— The Patricia & Philip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University (FIU) intern, Annette Shumway, has been selected to intern at the National Postal Museum (NPM). This award is made possible by Smithsonian Affiliations and The Frost Art Museum.

In 2001 Florida International University and the Smithsonian Institution signed an unprecedented accord and announced a University-wide affiliation agreement that will make many objects from the Smithsonian's 140-million-piece collection available for study and display in Miami.

The Smithsonian Affiliate program's mission is to make the extensive Smithsonian collection increasingly accessible to the American people by sharing artifacts and other resources with museums and cultural institutions across the country. As a Smithsonian Affiliate, the Frost Art Museum is able to integrate Smithsonian collections into exhibitions, educational initiatives and research programs and also have access to Smithsonian staff expertise in areas of conservation, collections care and exhibition development. Additionally the affiliation offers the opportunity to participate in the many outreach services of the Smithsonian including curriculum development in local schools, lectures, traveling exhibitions, workshops and study tours.

The accord with FIU was the first university-wide affiliation that the Smithsonian entered into in the continental United States. Previously, similar affiliations have been limited to university museums or art institutes.

Annette Shumway is working towards a Master's Certificate in Museum Studies from Florida International University. She is sponsored by the Frost Art Museum at Florida International University, a Smithsonian Affiliate in Miami, Florida. Ms. Shumway has experience in digital archiving from her work with Captiva Imaging in which she digitized fragile architectural drawings for the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens electronic archival project.

Shumway has been invited to attend the Smithsonian Affiliations congressional reception, scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 at the Capitol Visitors Center. At that time, she will receive official recognition from Smithsonian Secretary G. Wayne Clough and be presented with a framed certificate.

About The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at Florida International University

The Frost Art Museum opened its current 46,000-square-foot state of the art building in November, 2008. Over **40,000** people have visited The Museum in its new building since its opening in November, 2008. Admission to The Museum is always free. The Frost is an AAM accredited museum and Smithsonian affiliate and is located at 10975 SW 17th St across from the Blue garage and adjacent to the Wertheim Performing Arts Center on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. Closed on Mondays and most legal

holidays. For more information, please visit thefrost.fiu.edu or call 305-348-2890. Find The Frost Art Museum on Twitter (twitter.com/frostartmuseum) and Facebook (facebook.com).