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FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM APPOINTS NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR

*Appointment of Museum's First Deputy Director a Sign of Growth and Stability for
New England's Home of Contemporary Craft.*

Brockton, MA – Fuller Craft Museum, New England's home for contemporary craft, is pleased to announce the appointment of Wyona Lynch-McWhite as the Museum's first deputy director.

Lynch-McWhite comes to Fuller Craft Museum with a high level of experience as an educator and museum administrator at some of the countries leading arts and educational institutions, including the Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Contemporary Photography at Columbia College in Chicago, and the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins University in Roanoke Virginia. Her appointment follows a national search.

As Fuller Craft Museum's first deputy director, Ms Lynch-McWhite's role will encompass everything from daily operations to acting as the Museum's liaison to community and civic organizations in the city of Brockton and across the region.

Prior to joining Fuller Craft Museum, Lynch-McWhite was the first director and chief curator of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins University in Roanoke Virginia. A graduate of Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, she earned her M.F.A. from Columbia College in Chicago, completing a thesis entitled: "Defining Culture: African American Identity and Photography". While in Chicago, Ms. Lynch-McWhite began her museum career at The Museum of Contemporary Photography and then joined the staff of the Art Institute of Chicago.

"Wyona's level of professionalism, her understanding of leadership, her level of experience and her overall dedication to the arts, not to mention her wonderful sense of humor, makes her an excellent addition to the Fuller Craft family," said Gretchen Keyworth, executive director and chief curator of Fuller Craft Museum. "She has the experience and passion for arts and culture that makes her the ideal choice for the newly created deputy director position. We are fortunate to have her."

In addition to her professional experience in the arts, Lynch-McWhite has served as a member of the American Association of Museums National Program Committee, the College Art Association Museum Committee and the South Eastern Museums Conference governing council. She has worked with museum organizations at the national, regional, and local level, having served on the board of the Roanoke Valley Character Inc., Chair of the Roanoke Arts Commission and as a grant reviewer for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. As an advocate for museums and the arts she is a member of AAM's Museum Management committee and participated in Getty's Museum Leadership Institute.

"I am thrilled to be joining Fuller Craft Museum at this exciting time in its history. Since the Museum's transformation in 2004, Fuller Craft really has become the most exciting place to be in the world of contemporary craft. It is one of the most important cultural institutions in the greater Boston area and all of New England," said Lynch-McWhite. "I am proud to join Gretchen Keyworth and the remarkable team of professionals and staff she has built to carry this great institution forward."

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Fuller Craft Museum is located conveniently off of Route 24, a short drive south of Boston. Please visit www.fullercraft.org or call Fuller Craft Museum at 508.588.600 for more detailed information regarding upcoming and current exhibitions, membership, workshops and special events.

Fuller Craft Museum, Inc., New England's home for contemporary craft, is dedicated to the objects, ideas, and insight that inspire both patrons and artists to explore life through the art of contemporary craft. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students, free for members and children under 12. For more information on Fuller Craft exhibitions and events please visit www.fullercraft.org.

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