

Phyllis Rabineau

Vice President of Interpretation & Education

**Experience:**

Chicago History Museum (Vice President for Interpretation and Education, 2005–present; Deputy Director for Interpretation and Education 1997–2005); The Field Museum (Deputy Chair for Program Development, 1991-96; Senior Exhibition Developer, 1985-91; Anthropology Collections Manager, 1974–85)

Education:

M.A., Anthropology, Brown University (1973); B.A. in Anthropology, Cornell University (1970)

Phyllis Rabineau manages the Museum’s departments of exhibitions, education, print and electronic publications, and visitor services; and is responsible for guiding the implementation of an audience-centered approach throughout all the Museum’s public offerings.

Since arriving at the Museum, she works closely with the staff to implement 6-8 exhibitions annually. Past exhibitions include Teen Chicago (winner, 2005 Award of Excellence from the American Association of Museums); Chic Chicago (winner, 2009 Honorable Mention Award from the American Association of Museums); Abraham Lincoln Transformed; Catholic Chicago; and My Chinatown. Under her leadership, the Museum developed a strategic framework for education and a range of new programs for diverse audiences. When the Museum renovated in 2005, Rabineau managed the master plan phase of the exhibition and building renovation. Prior to her work at the Chicago History Museum she served on the staff of the Field Museum, including 12 years in senior leadership positions for exhibition projects, and 11 years managing the anthropology collection.

Ms. Rabineau is Past President for the National Association for Museum Exhibitions, a standing professional committee of the American Association of Museums. She has served as a peer reviewer for AAM’s Museums Assessment Program, and as a panelist for the National Endowment of the Humanities. She has also worked as a consultant for exhibition planning for the National Museum of the American Indian (Smithsonian Institution), Zoologisk Museum (Copenhagen, Denmark), National Museum of Natural History (Leiden, Netherlands), and the Chicago Academy of Sciences.