

**THE HENRY FORD
DIRECTOR OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN**

The Henry Ford is seeking a Director of Historical Resources. Housing one of the largest collections of its kind ever assembled, The Henry Ford showcases the people and ideas that have fired our imaginations and changed our lives. The unparalleled collection of nearly one-million items includes tens of thousands of ordinary objects, items associated with illustrious Americans and inventions documenting technological advances. The Henry Ford offers a rich and diverse offering of exhibits, demonstrations, programs and reenactments.

Reporting to the Vice President for Museums and Collections, the Director of Historical Resources is responsible for the leadership, strategic direction, development, management, and administration of all activities relating to the curatorial leadership, registrars, collection management, and conservation of The Henry Ford's collections. Primary areas of responsibility include Conservation, Collection Management, Registrars, and Curatorial. The Director also provides leadership to the Historical Resources staff and ensures that they are fully engaged and actively working towards the fulfillment of the institutional vision, mission and brand objectives as outlined in the strategic and annual plans.

We seek an accomplished, innovative, and creative leader with a passion for, and exceptional proficiency in, American Studies, History of Technology, material culture, and/or social history, with comprehensive experience with collections and that can demonstrate the capability to develop new approaches in leveraging and 'mining' collections assets which result in expanded educational and visitor experience opportunities. He or she will have understanding of the professional, ethical, and legal issues of collections, including acquisitions and deaccessions, collection management and care, conservation, registration and archives administration. The ideal candidate must have a work style that reflects positively the values and vision of The Henry Ford and will possess superb communication skills, diplomacy, and thrives in an environment of ambiguity and complexity. As an effective ambassador and advocate for the Historical Resources team, he/she must have demonstrated ability to lead, manage, coach, inspire and develop diverse professional staff.

The ideal candidate will have at least five (5) years of strong leadership and management experience in a collections-based department. A master's degree or PhD in history, American Studies, information management, archives administration, or a related administrative field is required. For nominations or to submit your resume please contact Kittleman & Associates at hfm-dhr@kittleman.net. Additional information regarding this position is available at www.kittleman.net.