

MEMORANDUM

To: The TTU Community

From: Lawrence Schovanec, Provost

Date: September 4, 2015

Re: Appointment of New Executive Director at the Museum

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Gary Morgan has been named executive director of the Museum of Texas Tech University. Dr. Morgan previously was director of the Michigan State University Museum, and has worked with museums and heritage organizations in Australia, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates and Malawi, Africa and has worked extensively as a consultant. He has held leadership roles in museums spanning the fine and decorative arts, history, anthropology, technology and the natural sciences. Dr. Morgan was selected following an international search. He is expected to begin his duties at the Museum of Texas Tech on November 2. Thank you for joining me in welcoming him onto campus at that time.

I want to thank Tabitha Schmidt who served as Interim Executive Director of the Museum for most of last year, until the end of June, and Dr. Jill Hoffman, who has been serving as Acting Executive Director and will continue in this role until Dr. Morgan arrives. I greatly appreciate their excellent leadership that has provided momentum for the new executive director.

The museum makes significant contributions to the academic, research, and outreach missions of Texas Tech University. Please visit the Museum if you haven't been by lately, and especially if you've never been. You will be impressed with this wonderful resource to our university, the community, and region.

Cc: M. Duane Nellis, President