Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Tabitha Schmidt has been named Deputy Director of the Museum of Texas Tech University.

Tabitha, who comes to us from the Kansas City Art Institute (KCAI), will begin her duties September 15. Under supervision of the museum’s executive director, Dr. Eileen Johnson, she will coordinate with the Office of the Provost to expand and strengthen the museum’s external affairs, marketing efforts and revenue streams.

At KCAI, Tabitha was director of the School for Continuing and Professional Studies. Prior to KCAI, she was the associate educator of tours and adult learning at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City where she oversaw more than 160 volunteer docents and museum guides, including training, scheduling and curriculum development. She started the Museum Guide program, launched a Master Docent program and prepared the group for the opening of the Bloch Building in 2007.

Tabitha earned her master’s in art history from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and her bachelor’s in art from Baker University, Kansas. She also is a graduate of the Teaching Institute in Museum Education.

Please join me in welcoming Tabitha to the Texas Tech family.

Lawrence Schovanec
Provost & Senior Vice President