Amanda Lancaster to Care for Alutiiq Museum Collections

The Alutiiq Museum has hired Amanda Lancaster as its Collections and Exhibits Manager. Lancaster will oversee the daily administration of the museum’s holding, a collection of more than 250,000 artifacts, photographs, recordings, documents, and pieces of artwork. Lancaster, who assumes the position formerly held by Marnie Leist, began work at the museum this week.

Lancaster comes to Kodiak from Texas. She was born and raised in Amarillo and after graduating from high school, attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She received a Bachelor of Arts in History in 2010, and a Master of Arts degree in History in 2015. Following her Master’s degree, Lancaster completed TTU’s Museum Studies program. In 2016, she began work at the Czech Center Museum Houston, where she was both the Museum Curator and Development Director.

Lancaster's previous collections care experience includes work with ethnographic, archaeological, and archival materials. As a graduate student, she processed 62,000 artifacts from the Lubbock Lake Landmark, a site documenting early Native American uses of the southern high plains.

Lancaster speaks French and enjoys reading, yoga, the outdoors, Game of Thrones, and plain black coffee. She moved to Kodiak with her husband Dionisio Barboza and their two dogs.

The Alutiiq Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and culture of the Alutiiq, an Alaska Native tribal people. Representatives of Kodiak Alutiiq organizations govern the museum with funding from charitable contributions, memberships, grants, contracts, and sales.

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