



AAEP and Arts Priori present the 2019 "Marantz Distinguished Alumni Award" Lecture

Visualizing Resources: Diversity in Teaching Materials

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12:30-3:30 pm

Sullivant Hall Room 141

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Bio: Dr. Melanie L. Buffington earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in Art Education at The Ohio State University in 2004 and 1999, respectively, and her B.S. at The Pennsylvania State University. She previously taught middle school art in Maryland and has interned in numerous museums.

Her current research interests include: museum education, emerging technologies, culturally responsive pedagogy, contemporary art, public art, and service-learning. She was recently awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$179,942 that funded two teacher workshops during the summer of 2016 related to collective memories of the Civil War in and around Richmond. She also recently participated in a community-engaged project that involved an arts-based after school program for youth at the Neighborhood Resource Center in Richmond, VA. For the 2014-15 academic year, she was named as a VCU Service-Learning Fellow and her work in this arena focused on the importance of reflection as a part of service-learning.

Presentation Abstract: Through a discussion of the diversity (or lack thereof) in resources easily available to art educators, this talk addresses issues of visibility and representation. Further, it will present some ways that earlier scholars used data visualizations to bring about policy changes and raise awareness.

