

**WCCP Presents James Steward, Director, and His Talk on
"A New Museum For Princeton"
September 15, 2025 Monday 1-3 pm at the Stockton Education
Center at Morven Museum, 55 Stockton Street in Princeton.
Public is invited.**

It has taken four years to build the Princeton University Art Museum.
The art world and the community are looking forward to the opening.



James Steward has recently led the construction, buildout, and curation of a major new 150,000 square foot museum facility for Princeton, opening on Friday October 31, 2025.

He has served as the Nancy A. Nasher-David J. Haemisegger, Class of 1976, Director of the Princeton University Art Museum since April 2009. There, he directs a staff of more than 170 with an operating budget of approximately \$30 million and collections of over 117,000 works of art that span the globe and encompass over 5,000 years of human history. In addition, James serves as

Lecturer with the Rank of Professor in the Department of Art & Archaeology, is a faculty fellow of Rockefeller College, and an honorary member of the Classes of 1967 and 1970.

James holds a B.A. from the University of Virginia and a doctorate in the History of Art from Trinity College, Oxford University. He has authored numerous volumes and curated major touring exhibitions ranging from the art of eighteenth-century Italy to Edvard Munch, to contemporary African American art. He is a recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, as well as the Chancellor's Medal for distinguished service at the University of California, Berkeley, and is a member of the Order of St. Petersburg and a Knight of the Royal House of Portugal, for services to art and education.

Prior to coming to Princeton, James served from 1998 to 2009 as director of the University of Michigan Museum of Art, where he oversaw the planning, design, and construction for a major new building, recognized as one of the 10 best new buildings for 2010 by the American Institute of Architects.