Hack the Museum at the HMNH
Wintersession 2014

Workshop Agenda

Over the course of the week, we will be challenged to demonstrate the potential of temporary, experimental projects to enliven and engage the public with HMNH collections.

The workshop will provide opportunities to:
. learn from academics and practitioners about the state of innovation in the museum field
. have deep behind-the-scenes experiences with the HMSC’s collections
. develop and iterate interpretive interventions for a final, public demonstration
. receive feedback from experts and HMSC staff about their projects
. document our work and thinking for the broader public in a class blog

Participant responsibilities:
. develop a project, individually or in teams, for public demonstration at “Hacked.”
. participate in publicity for the final demonstration party
. collaborate to set up and host final party/event
. contribute at least one blog post to the class blog, on a topic TBD by individuals

Schedule
Workshop hours are 10am-6pm, with an hour for lunch and a lot of flexible work time. All class sessions will take place in GeoMuseum Room 103a.

Interested guests (such as museum staff) will be invited to join us for speaker talks.

Monday
Who are we?
What are our questions and tools?

10am: Introductions + Ideas

11am: Observing in the galleries

12:15: Lunch (provided)

1pm: Andrew Berry: History and Research Collections of the MCZ

2:30-6pm: Experiments in the galleries
@home: Project brainstorming
  3 people: blog post

Tuesday
How do you know that your approach suits your question and your objects?

10am: Find/finalize partnerships

10:45: Sarah Kariko: Engaging Art and Science

12:30: Lunch

1:15pm: Friday event planning

2pm: Rainey Tisdale: Creative Curating

3:45-6pm: Project work and mentors

@home: 3 people: blog posts

Wednesday
How does an idea become a project? (Part 1)

10am: Diana Loren: Curating from Collections (meet in Peabody lobby)

11:30: Work time

1:15pm: LUNCH

2pm: Kellian Adams Pletcher: Entrances and Exits

3:45-6pm: Mentoring and Making, discuss Thursday walkthrough

@ home: 3 people: blog post

Thursday
How does an idea become a project? (Part 2)

10am: Check in
10:30am: Michelle Moon: Play + Social Engagement for Adults

12:15-1 LUNCH

1pm: Work time

3-6pm: Project Walkthrough

@home: game plan for tomorrow
    event promotion
    3 people: blog post

**Friday**

**How do you adapt after you receive feedback?**

10am: Reflection and worktime

4:30-6:30p: Setup for event *(dinner provided)*

**6:30-9pm: EVENT**

Clean up

**Mentors**
Jess Yurkofsky, metaLAB
Rainey Tisdale, independent curator
Judy Sue, Musey
Juri Miyamae, MCZ

**Walkthrough Reviewers**
Jane Pickering
Emily Stokes-Rees
Shari Tishman
Kellian Adams
Carol Carlson
Alexandra Lange