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### **Jutta-Annette Page Leaves Toledo Museum of Art For Position at Old Dominion University**

TOLEDO, OHIO – Jutta-Annette Page, senior curator of glass and decorative arts, is leaving the Toledo Museum of Art to accept a new position starting March 1 at Old Dominion University, a campus of 24,600 students in Norfolk, Virginia.

She will become founding executive director of the university's new Barry Art Museum. The art collection, donated by Carolyn and Richard Barry, has an emphasis on contemporary studio glass but also contains early 20<sup>th</sup> century American paintings and other works of art.

Page said the opportunity for this new challenge was one she could not pass up. "We (she and her husband) were planning to eventually relocate to Virginia and to have this chance to lead a new art museum created within a university is very exciting. I'm looking forward to working with the faculty and administrators, especially Graduate Dean Robert Wojtowicz," Page said.

"Jutta has a unique background with outstanding knowledge of glass, jewelry and decorative arts," said Brian Kennedy, director, president and CEO of the Toledo Museum of Art. "Jutta has served the Toledo Museum of Art impeccably for over 13 years in her role as curator. She is a foremost expert in her field and, while we regret she will no longer be with us, we share in her excitement as embarks on new challenges and wish her well."

Last summer Page received the 2016 Lifetime Membership Award from the Glass Art Society, an award which honors those who have made outstanding contributions to the field and to GAS. Page is a past president of GAS and served as the organization's board liaison for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual conference when it was held in Toledo and celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Toledo Studio Glass Workshops in 2012. She also was recently named a fellow at the Corning Museum of Glass in recognition of her work.

Since joining TMA in 2003, she has overseen gallery design, installation and interpretation of the approximately 7,000 objects in glass at the Glass Pavilion, an architecturally award-winning glass facility designed by the Japanese firm SANAA.

She also has curated a wide variety of exhibitions, the most recent being *Fired Up: Contemporary Glass from the Toledo Museum of Art*, co-curated with Annie Carlano of the Mint Museum and shown at the Mint Museum Uptown in Charlotte, North Carolina, and *Hot Spot: Contemporary Studio Glass from Private Collections*, which was part of a commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Glass Pavilion opening, in Toledo. Along with Richard H. Putney and Katerina Rüedi Ray, Page also wrote a new illustrated book about the building, which was published by the Toledo Museum of Art in the fall of 2016.

As a scholar, Page has lectured on topics ranging from ancient to modern and contemporary glass, the history of jewelry, European tapestries and furniture. She has received several awards and grants for her work.

She holds a doctorate and master's degree in the history of art and architecture from Brown University, an MAE in jewelry, metalsmithing and industrial design from the Rhode Island School of Design, and master's and bachelor's degrees in visual communication and art from Georg-August-Universität Göttingen in Germany. Before going to Toledo, Page was curator of European glass at the Corning Museum of Glass.

Kennedy indicated that TMA will open a search for a new curator of glass and decorative arts.

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Admission to the Museum is free. The Museum is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.; closed Monday and major holidays. Thursday evening hours are sponsored by Huntington Wealth Advisors. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit [toledomuseum.org](http://toledomuseum.org).