

Ruth Berson

Deputy Director, Curatorial Affairs

Ruth Berson serves as SFMOMA's Deputy Museum Director, Curatorial Affairs, overseeing the museum's four collecting departments: Architecture and Design, Media Arts, Painting and Sculpture and Photography. She leads three additional divisions: Exhibitions, Content Strategy and Digital Engagement (which includes publications, graphic design and digital content) and Collections (which includes conservation, registration, library and archives, collections information and access).

Berson serves as Project Director for the SFMOMA architectural expansion, was a staff representative on the Architect Selection Committee and planned the opening programs for 2016. Before the museum closed for expansion, she oversaw an annual program of approximately 25 exhibitions presented on-site as well as a worldwide touring exhibition program.

Berson joined SFMOMA in 2000 as Director of Exhibitions and served as Acting Co-Director from 2001-2002. In 2002 she was promoted to Deputy Director, Exhibitions and Collections. Berson advanced into her current role in 2010.

In 2010 she also was elected to the United States Board of the International Committee on Museums (ICOM), a non-governmental organization maintaining formal relations with UNESCO and having a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Recognized by the French Ministry of Culture, she was promoted to *Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* in 2011, after being knighted by the French Government as a *Chevalier* in 2000.

Berson holds an MA in art history from the University of California, Berkeley.