

Ruth Berson

Deputy Director, Curatorial Affairs

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

Berson is directing the SFMOMA architectural expansion for which she served as a staff representative on the Architect Selection Committee and is planning 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, served as Acting Co-Director in 2001 and became Director of Exhibitions and then Deputy Director, Exhibitions and Collections in 2002. She 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.