

# LARISSA A. HANSEN

PRINCIPAL



Larissa's work is focused on energetically furthering the mission of museums through the development of content, exhibitions and programming that increases awareness of enduring narratives. As a museum planner and designer she will weave together content, settings, exhibits, images, words, and experiences to convey the exhibition storyline through comfortable, clear, emotionally and cognitively satisfying environments. Exciting and inspiring, the visitor is a primary focus of her work, as is creating an interplay between content, environment, and exhibit modalities. Evaluation and analysis is also integral, enabling conversation around how to define museum success and measure it.

Notable past projects include: design of the Welcome Center at the Newport Mansions, two projects for The National Constitution Center, the redesign of Canada's Bay of Fundy Geological Museum, the design of The Queensborough Holocaust Museum, various projects for Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the development of The Louisiana State Museum's Hurricanes exhibition, the design of the new Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor Museum, the new Texas A&M Museum, the Frank Lloyd Wright Museum at Monona Terrace, work at Hancock Shaker Village, redesign of the US Navy Museum at Puget Sound, various projects at Plimoth Plantation, content development and interpretive planning for the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, the Tennessee Aquarium masterplan, the Seattle Aquarium masterplan, Florida Aquarium content development, California Museum of Science and Industry masterplan, Antwerp Zoo renovation and more.

She offers creative direction and senior Principal leadership. She also provides interpretive content planning, exhibition design, copy writing, art direction, curatorial consultation, project management, cost estimation, fabrication oversight and construction administration.

## EDUCATION

Smith College, AB  
Bridgewater State University, Graduate Studies, Education  
University of Connecticut, Graduate Studies, Education  
Harvard University, MA, Museum Studies (In Progress)

## SELECT PROJECTS

Josiah Henson Visitor Center & National Underground RR Interpretive Site, MD  
Angry Orchard Innovation Cider House, Walden, NY  
Waquoit Bay Estuarine Center, Department of Conservation and Recreation, MA  
Plimoth Plantation, MA  
Canada's Fundy Geological Museum, Nova Scotia  
Minnesota Zoo, MN, Reid Park Zoo, AZ, John Ball Zoo, WI  
Teatown Lake Reserve Nature Center, NY  
The Denver Art Museum, CO MUSE Award Winner  
Hancock Shaker Village, MA

