

Ethical Issues in Collections Management

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A good introductory essay to ethics in museums:

Tristram Besterman, "Museum Ethics," in **Part V. Globalization, Profession, Practice of A Companion to Museum Studies**, Sharon Macdonald, editor, London: Blackwell, 2006, pp. 431-441.

For excellent coverage of legal issues relating to museums and museum collections:

Marie C. Malaro and Ildiko Pogány DeAngelis, **A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections**, Third Edition, Washington, DC: Smithsonian, 2012.

John Simmons, **Things Great and Small: Collections Management Policies**, Washington, D.C.: AAM, 2006.

Sally Yerkovich, **A Practical Guide to Museum Ethics**, New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.

Professional Codes of Ethics (partial list)

American Association of Museums <http://www.aam-us.org/resources/ethics-standards-and-best-practices/code-of-ethics>

International Council of Museums <http://icom.museum/the-vision/code-of-ethics/>

Association of Art Museum Directors, <https://aamd.org/standards-and-practices> see:
Professional Practices in Art Museums

American Association of State and Local History Statement of Professional Standards and Ethics <http://resource.aaslh.org/view/aaslh-statement-of-professional-standards-and-ethics/>



Standards for Professional Practice in Children's Museums http://childrensmuseums.org/images/Library/Standards_for_Professional_Practice_in_Childrens_Museums.pdf

Code of Ethics for Registrars <http://www.rcaam.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/CodeofEthicsforRegistrars.pdf>

Code of Ethics for Curators <http://www.aam-us.org/docs/continuum/curcomethics.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works [http://www.conservation-us.org/our-organizations/association-\(aic\)/governance/code-of-ethics-and-guidelines-for-practice#.WPVzZxiZMTF](http://www.conservation-us.org/our-organizations/association-(aic)/governance/code-of-ethics-and-guidelines-for-practice#.WPVzZxiZMTF)

Association of Zoos and Aquariums <https://www.aza.org/code-of-ethics>

Lists of additional **Codes of Ethics** (<http://www.museumethics.org/links-to-resources-2/>) and **Standards for Professional Practices** (<http://www.museumethics.org/standards-for-professional-practice/>) may be found on the **Institute of Museum Ethics** (<http://www.museumethics.org>) website under Resources

