



Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

Claudia Schmuckli comes to S.F. from Houston.

S.F. museums names curator

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The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, which comprises both the de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor, has announced the appointment of Claudia Schmuckli as curator-in-charge, contemporary art and programming.

According to a museum spokeswoman, Schmuckli was appointed by FAMSF Director Max Hollein, who started in his own job only on June 1, "based upon her reputation, experience and achievements" but without a wide search. She will take up her new role beginning Sept. 1.

Schmuckli comes to San Francisco from the Blaffer Art Museum at the University of Houston, where she has been

director since 2009. She joined the Blaffer in 2004 in an administrative position as director of public relations and membership; she was appointed adjunct curator there in 2006.

Before going to Houston she worked as an assistant curator at the Museum of Modern Art in New York from 1999 to 2003, and as a curatorial assistant at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum from 1997 to 1999.

She attended the Ludwigs-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, where she earned a master's degree in art history in 1996.

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