

countries of origin, of the Federal Government of the United States, and of the individual states within the United States. The Museum will refuse to acquire objects where it has cause to believe that the circumstances of their collection involved recent unscientific or intentional destruction of habitat, sites, or monuments, or state or federal laws or international treaties have been violated. These standards will be taken into account in determining whether to accept loans for exhibition or other purposes. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that these conditions are met, that title to the object or objects may properly be transferred to the Museum, that the Museum is current on the changing laws and regulations concerning collection ownership, and movement across political boundaries. The Museum will cooperate with the authorities of the United States and other countries in legal action against those committing improprieties.

H. In an attempt to avoid encouraging, even indirectly, trade in illicit or irresponsibly recovered objects, the Museum will not authenticate any object collected in a manner that does not meet the Museum's own criteria for acquisition (See also V. F.). If the Museum should inadvertently acquire an object that is later determined to have been exported or recovered in violation of the Museum's acquisition policy, the Museum will promptly return the object to the owner or transferor, or to the government of the country of origin, or to another appropriate recipient.

I. All objects will be catalogued and documented in Museum records maintained in an appropriate collection under the supervision of a Faculty curator and/or Professional staff.

J. Any object in the custody of the Museum that is not covered by a signed gift agreement or a signed loan agreement will be known as an unaccessioned item. The proper operation of a museum requires that unaccessioned items be returned to their lawful owner. In the event that the lawful owner cannot be determined or cannot be located after diligent effort, ownership shall be vested in the Museum.

K. The Museum will not sell objects or collections and only under limited circumstances will the Museum purchase objects for use in academic or public instruction. Most purchases would be by the Friends of the Museum or The University of Georgia Foundation after receiving written agreement from the Museum Director and the Faculty curator/Professional staff member in charge.

L. Faculty curators, Professional staff, other employees, and students will not give appraisals for the purpose of establishing the tax-deductible value of donations or contributions offered to the Museum. They may verify that a donation has been made, assist owners in finding qualified professionals who can provide appraisals, or direct owners to published sources such as sales catalogues.

M. Accessioning will otherwise follow the policies and procedures of the specific collection. These procedures should be in writing and on file with the Museum.

VI. DEACCESSION POLICIES

A. Over the years, as standards of object documentation change, as the collections grow and objects suffer deterioration, objects that formerly were a significant part of the research collections may become surplus. Removal or culling of such objects from the research collections is a continual and routine process.