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Claire F. Larkin
Special Projects Director and Chief, Exhibitions Office

Claire Larkin has served as special projects director at the Smithsonian American Art Museum since 2001, and chief of the museum's Exhibitions Office since 2007. Larkin oversees the design and production of all temporary exhibitions and installations of the permanent collection at the museum, in addition to her duties as special projects director. She joined the museum's staff in 1991 as an exhibitions designer.

Currently, Larkin is overseeing the design of the museum's new education center, scheduled to open in 2012, and is coordinating the development of a new five-year strategic plan for the museum.

As special projects director, Larkin handled all aspects of the design and installation of the museum's Luce Foundation Center for American Art and the Lunder Conservation Center. These two innovative public spaces opened in 2006 as part of a \$283 million renovation of the museum's historic main building. From 2006 to 2008, she led the museum's successful efforts for reaccreditation by the American Association of Museums.

Larkin earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts for interior design from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Md.

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