

# MATSON MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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Newsletter



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## Field Trips at the Museum

During the fall 2023 semester, classes from several different schools visited the museum. Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School's world cultures class got the chance to take a look behind the scene's at our packing operation, while also exploring the exhibits in our culture gallery. Our undergraduate museum assistants lead the tour, explaining the complexities of our packing process and what goes into creating museum exhibits.

Contact [matsonmuseum@psu.edu](mailto:matsonmuseum@psu.edu) to schedule if you're interested in scheduling a visit!



World Cultures class from Bishop Guilfoyle in Altoona, PA

## Director's Pick

Dr. James Doyle

**Ceremonial Headdress**, 20th century  
Paraguay, Boquerón Department  
Pelt, feathers, fiber  
Gift of Roger Roll, 2015 (PSU 168:1)



### Did you know?

Indigenous makers in Amazon societies have long utilized feline and other pelts in combination with tropical bird feathers to create elaborate ceremonial regalia. This example comes from peoples inhabiting the Chaco Region of Paraguay!



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# What it takes to pack a museum

In preparation for our move to the new Susan Welch Liberal Arts building, we have been hard at work, documenting, photographing, labeling and packing our collection.

Because we have been creating custom storage for our valuable artifacts and that process requires lots of space, two of our galleries have been closed to make room for more shelves and boxes. As we continue to pack, we will do our best to keep the main gallery of the museum open until the end of the 2024 Spring semester. Even while we pack, the Matson would still love to invite visitors to our gallery. Take a peek behind the scenes at our packing process, or explore specific objects that relate to your field of research with the expertise of Dr. James Doyle, Museum Director.

To schedule, email us: [matsonmuseum@psu.edu](mailto:matsonmuseum@psu.edu)

## The Matson on Social Media

In an effort to connect with our visitors, the Matson Museum has recently increased its social media presence. To learn more about what's going on at the Matson, and to stay connected with us thought the moving process, follow us on X, Facebook, TikTok and Instagram.

**X : @MatsonMuseum**

**Facebook : Matson Museum of Anthropology**

**Tiktok : @matsonmuseum**

**Instagram: matsonmuseum**

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