

Invitation: Bridging Perspectives

Engaging Audiences with University Collections

AAMG New England Professional Development Day—

FREE, Boxed lunch included

Dear Colleagues,

The Association of Academic Museums and Galleries (AAMG) New England cordially invites you to a day of immersive professional development at **Yale University**. On Wednesday, May 6, 2026, we will gather to explore innovative strategies for audience engagement, from the newly refurbished galleries of the Yale Center for British Art to the state-of-the-art educational spaces of the Yale Peabody Museum.

This program is designed for academic curators, educators, and museum professionals who are eager to refine their observational pedagogy and expand their commitment to inclusive programming.

Event Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026
- **Location:** New Haven, CT (Yale University Campus)
- **Morning Venue:** Yale Center for British Art (YCBA)
- **Afternoon Venue:** Yale Peabody Museum

Itinerary

Morning: The Art of Observation

Location: Yale Center for British Art

- **10:00 AM | Enhancing Observation Skills** Join **Linda Friedlander**, Senior Educator for Engagement, for an interactive session in the YCBA galleries. This program will be followed by a group discussion.

- **11:00 AM | Neurodiversity in the Art Museum** Linda Friedlander will share pivotal research from a recent symposium on neurodiversity. We will discuss how to raise awareness of these visitors and "up our game" to offer safe, welcoming, and high-quality programming for a wider, neuro-inclusive audience.
- **12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | Networking Lunch** Enjoy boxed lunch on-site at the YCBA with colleagues from across the region.

Afternoon: Science, Structure, and Storytelling

Location: Yale Peabody Museum

- **1:30 PM | Transition** A 20 minute walk from the YCBA to the Yale Peabody Museum.
- **1:45 PM | Introduction to Student Programs** An overview of the Peabody's structure, core values, vision, and available resources.
- **2:15 PM | Classroom and Exhibition Walkthrough** A guided tour of the first-floor student program classrooms and current exhibitions.
- **3:00 PM | Technology in Focus** A visit to the Imaging & Recording Studios to see how digital assets are created.
- **3:20 PM | The Maker's Space** A tour of the Fabrication Shop to see how the physical components of engagement are built.
- **3:40 PM | Demo & Feedback Session** Participate in a live classroom activity demonstration followed by a collaborative feedback loop to close the day.

Registration Information Please RSVP by [Insert Date] via the AAMG New England portal. Space is limited to ensure an interactive experience in the galleries and studios.

We look forward to seeing you at Yale for a day of discovery and professional growth.