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## **Eastern Hires Director of the Julian Akus Gallery**

**Willimantic, Conn.** –Elizabeth Peterson, former director of the Print Research

Foundation of Stamford, has been named director of the Julian Akus Gallery. Peterson

begins work on Feb. 29.

As director, Peterson will be responsible for coordinating and overseeing the collection and exhibitions at the Akus Gallery, as well as other university exhibits. She will oversee and manage each collection including, registration and conservation of art; prepare proposals for maintenance of art; and oversee the development of new art space and other activities associated with the gallery. Peterson will also serve as a liaison between the gallery and other groups such as alumni, parents, administrators and the community.

At the Print Research Foundation, Peterson was responsible for all research materials and more than 5,000 works in more than 70 different types of print media, as well as a reference library and files on more than 2,000 different artists. She also developed and maintained an online store for prints and catalogs and worked with marketing and advertising for the foundation. The Print Research Foundation attracts many audiences, including the Yale University Art Gallery; Columbus Museum of Art;

Print Connoisseur Society of New York; and Williams College Museum of Art, to name a few.

Prior to her position with the Print Research Foundation, Peterson served as exhibition coordinator at the Museum of Modern Art in New York for seven years. During that time, she assisted with the planning of domestic and international exhibitions, catalogues, graphics and public relations materials, and also managed exhibition budgets, contract reviews and insurance estimates.

Peterson earned her Master of Science degree from Pratt Institute in History, Theory and Criticism of Art, Design and Architecture. She also earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Wells College.

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