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SECRETARY OF STATE ADDS MUSEUMS COORDINATOR TO STAFF

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is pleased to announce the hiring of Cliff Deal as museums coordinator. Deal, who is currently on the Louisiana Association of Museums Council, began work May 14 to oversee the museums program's curatorial needs.

"Cliff brings a wealth of experience to the Secretary of State Museums Program," Secretary Dardenne said. "He will be able to use his substantial skills to develop an ambitious exhibit schedule that will coordinate the resources of the 16 museums under the purview of my office."

Deal, 56, has 16 years of administrative and curatorial experience at the Louisiana State Museum and the Lafayette Natural History Museum. In addition, he served as a past president of the Louisiana Association of Museums, as the state's representative for the Southeastern Museums Conference and as a faculty member at the Winedale Museum Seminar. Deal also assisted in the creation of the Volunteers for Institution Support, Training & Assistance (VISTA) program for emerging museums in Louisiana and participated in the Southeastern Museums Conference JumpStart Program for museum mentoring. He has a degree in fine arts from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

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