Early Topic Proposal Form

for

2016 Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums Conference
New York City, planned for Spring 2016

This is your opportunity to relay your interest in speaking on a certain topic and seek collaborators for your session. After the Early Topic period closes, we will post the proposals on the National Air and Space Museum’s website and notify the MC community so submissions can be reviewed and discussed. Ultimately, we hope submitters will find help from others who can collaborate or speak on their topics and transform ideas and partial proposals into complete, well-rounded sessions that are strengthened by different individuals and museums joining together to approach a topic. Any sessions developed through this process should be submitted as a Full Proposal by the June 1 deadline.

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Proposed Topic: Touch

Description: Aviation museums are filled with expensive, fragile, and historical artifacts that have a special place in history and thus worthy of preservation. At the same time the audience/visitors to these sites are moving beyond former “flyboys” and to a general audience. To keep the general public interested in aviation, science and technology (STEM) pedagogical literature, and many museums, are moving to include “touch” as part of the learning museum experience. What are the boundaries and barriers between conservation one on hand and education and public engagement in terms of visitors touching artifacts, especially aircraft?

Subject Area:

☐ Museum Administration ☒ Collections Management ☒ Restoration/Conservation

☐ Exhibition Design ☒ Education and Programming ☒ Development & Marketing

☐ Media & Technology ☐ Other topic area

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