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**North Carolina Museum of Art Director Lawrence J. Wheeler
Receives Honorary Doctoral Degree from N.C. State University**

Raleigh, N.C.— Lawrence J. Wheeler, Ph. D., director of the North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA), has been selected to receive an honorary degree from North Carolina State University (NCSU).

“The NCMA’s partnerships with North Carolina State University have made possible incredible progress on many fronts: design direction, park planning, and groundbreaking data research,” says Wheeler. “I am honored to receive such a prestigious degree from NCSU.”

Wheeler will be honored at the NCSU commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7, at 9 am in PNC Arena.

During the ceremony, University Chancellor Randy Woodson will confer honorary degrees on Wheeler as well as on anthropologist Jean Schensul, founding director and senior scientist with the Institute for Community Research; and Admiral Michelle Howard, vice chief of naval operations, who will deliver the commencement address.

NCSU’s honorary doctoral degree recognizes individuals whose achievements are extraordinary and have lasting distinction. It is awarded on the basis of excellence in scholarship, creativity, leadership, humanitarian service, or public service. Recipients are nominated by the university community at large or by members of the Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees.

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About the North Carolina Museum of Art

The North Carolina Museum of Art’s permanent collection spans more than 5,000 years, from ancient Egypt to the present, making the institution one of the premier art museums in the South. The Museum’s collection provides educational, aesthetic, intellectual, and cultural experiences for the citizens of North Carolina and beyond. The 164-acre Museum Park showcases the connection between art and nature through site-specific works of environmental art. The Museum offers changing national touring exhibitions, classes, lectures, family activities, films, and concerts.

The Museum opened West Building, home to the permanent collection, in 2010. The North Carolina Museum of Art, Lawrence J. Wheeler, director, is located at 2110 Blue Ridge Road in Raleigh. It is the art museum of the State of North Carolina, Pat McCrory, governor, and an agency of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Susan Kluttz, secretary.

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