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SCIENCE MUSEUM OFFERS GUIDED TOURS OF PAPUA EXHIBIT

Tours led by Museum's Curator of Collections and Dr. Robert Foster, Anthropology Professor at the University of Rochester

BUFFALO, NY (September 22, 2011) – The Buffalo Museum of Science will offer special Guided Tours of its fall exhibit, *Journeys Into Papua*, led by the museum's Curator of Collections, Kathy Leacock, and Dr. Robert Foster, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Rochester. *After 50 News* is the Museum's Promotional Partner for these special tours.

Three scheduled tours will take place during the run of the exhibit for both individuals and non-school groups at 2:00pm at BMS (1020 Humboldt Pkwy, Buffalo):

- Wednesday, October 5 – Dr. Robert Foster
- Thursday, November 3 – Kathy Leacock
- Thursday, December 1 – Dr. Robert Foster

All tours are included with general museum admission (\$9 adults, \$8 seniors 62+, \$7 children 2-17) and free for Museum Members and children under 2.

Private tours of the exhibit may also be arranged with Kathy Leacock for adult groups of 10 or more if scheduled in advance by calling at 716.896.5200 x338. A discounted group admission rate is also available.

Journeys Into Papua offers one of the largest and oldest assemblages of Pacific Islands artifacts collected by one man alongside contemporary examples from local travelers. The exhibit features the PGT Black collection - one of the museum's signature anthropological collections – as well as pieces from Charles Rand Penney, Harold and Mary Cohen, and photos from the Australian Museum by James Frances Hurley which provide context as to how the artifacts were used in day-to-day life. The exhibit is now open through January 8, 2012 and is included with general museum admission and free for Museum Members.

Kathy Leacock and Dr. Foster will guide guests through the exhibit and provide further background information about the artifacts and peoples of the Pacific Islands.

For more information about the tours, exhibit or the museum, visit www.sciencebuff.org or call 716.896.5200.

ABOUT DR. ROBERT FOSTER

Professor Foster received his M.A. from Columbia University, his Diploma in Social Anthropology from Oxford University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. His research focus includes nationalism, globalization, mass media, material culture, and mass consumption in Papua New Guinea. He is now the professor and Chair of the University of Rochester's Anthropology Department. Before coming to Rochester, he taught in The College of the University of Chicago as a William Rainey Harper Postdoctoral Instructor.

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