



Rebecca Nagy **Director, Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art**

Dr. Rebecca Martin Nagy assumed the position of Director of the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art in July 2002. Under her leadership the museum added an 18,000-square-foot wing with galleries for contemporary art, classrooms, and a café in 2005 and a 26,000-square-foot wing for the exhibition, conservation and study of Asian art in 2012. Throughout her career Nagy has curated exhibitions and published articles and exhibition catalogues about medieval, contemporary and African art. She co-organized the exhibition *Continuity and Change: Three Generations of Ethiopian Artists* (2007) with Achamyeleh Debela and produced the accompanying catalogue, and worked with an international curatorial team from the Harn and the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Belgium to organize the traveling exhibition *Kongo across the Waters* (2014).

Prior to her appointment as Director of the Harn, Nagy spent 17 years at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, where she concluded her tenure as associate director of education while also serving as curator of African art. From 1988 through 2002, she also served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Nagy graduated summa cum laude from Georgia Southern University with bachelor's degrees in art and German. She received her doctorate in art history from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Nagy was a National Merit Scholar, a Danforth Fellow, a Fellow at the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg through the International Partnership Among Museums Program and received a German Academic Exchange Service fellowship for study in Germany and a Fulbright-Hays fellowship for study in Ghana. Nagy has served as a Trustee of the Association of Art Museum Directors and is Immediate-Past-President of the Florida Art Museum Directors Association. She is an emeritus board member of Gainesville's Matheson History Museum and a former board member of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce.