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A Royal Pain, But Worth It: New Storage for Old Collections

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Abstract

Three years ago, the Section of Anthropology, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to rehouse its 1.5-million-specimen archaeological collection. The entire Anthropology collection was affected by the movement of the archaeology material, and required additional attention.

With a staff of two people, a conservator, and a host of wonderful volunteers and interns, the security and accessibility of the collections were greatly enhanced through the creation of custom housing for a variety of objects, including pottery, textiles, spears, bows and arrows, saddles, etc. This poster shows a sampling of the storage upgrades that resulted from this intense project.

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