
The AAM Centennial Honor Roll

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We are pleased to announce . . .

Our founder and President Steve Keller, CPP has been selected for the Centennial Honor Roll of the American Association of Museums.

The Centennial Honor Roll was created to pay tribute to 100 of America's museum champions who have worked during the past 100 years to innovate, improve and expand how museums in the United States serve the public. Nominations were solicited from an open, field-wide process. Nominations were received for over 500 individuals and the committee made its selection of the 100 finalists after hearing and interpreting testimony and reviewing documentation submitted on their behalf by colleagues in the field.

Steve Keller

Steve Keller began his museum career as Director of Security for the Art Institute of Chicago shortly after they suffered the largest art theft in American history. Charged with the responsibility of rebuilding security at a time when few museums had security programs like those that are routinely found today, Steve built a prototype program emulated by many other institutions. He developed policies and procedures, forms, and training programs that he freely shared with colleagues. After obtaining a major grant, he produced an award winning guard training video still widely distributed today, and made the video available for the cost of postage and duplication, and it became the most widely used video on the subject of museum security. He has been both Chair and Vice Chair of the ASIS committee on cultural property security and a member of the AAM security committee. Since 1979 he has been a speaker at the Smithsonian's National Conference on Cultural Property Protection, the premier program of its type, over 20 times and has taught museum security at many other conferences and programs including at NYU.

Steve started Steve Keller & Associates, Inc. in 1986 and has served as the security consultant for over 500 museums, designing security systems for over 250 of them. During his consulting career Steve has donated consulting services to many institutions unable to afford them. As the primary author of the "Suggested Guidelines for Museum Security" he developed the *de facto* standard for museum security for all museums in North America. His articles have been published in over 30 times in national publications and he is the author or contributing author to several books and manuals on museum security. A video training series he produced is believed to have trained more museum security officers than all other packaged programs combined. In recent years he wrote software to help museums manage their security program and a policy manual with 120 policy templates to help them write a complete security policy manual with minimal effort. Over the past ten years Steve has prepared and distributed two free CDs containing resources useful to small and large museums in improving their security programs.

Steve Keller has generously given his time and knowledge to his colleagues and clients while operating a successful and quality-oriented security consulting firm.