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## New Hires and Promotions at the MOST

**SYRACUSE, NY (Nov. 20, 2018)** – The Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) is pleased to announce new additions and promotions to its team.

**New Hires:**

- *Irv Lyons, Chief Development Officer*
- *Lorna Oppedisano, Marketing & Development Coordinator*

**Promotions:**

- *Eric Hermann, Senior Director of Guest Services*
- *Wendy Love, Administrative Specialist & Manager of Strategic Initiatives*

Irv Lyons Jr. was recently hired as Chief Development Officer at the MOST.

“It’s an exciting time to join the team at the MOST,” Lyons said. “I’m honored to bring my marketing and fundraising expertise to this educational pillar in our community.”

Lyons, a retired Army Veteran of 20 years’ service, is the former Executive Director for the Cayuga Community Health Network and award-winning local musician.

His previous roles include Director of Sales and Marketing for two local hotels and The Onondaga Nation Arena; Recruiting Supervisor for Onondaga Community College; Onondaga County Human Rights Commissioner; the first Executive Director of The Native American Service Agency; and founder of Lyons Diversity and Teambuilding. He also produces the annual Stage of Nations festival in Hanover Square.

Lyons will begin as Chief Development Officer on Dec. 3.

Lorna Oppedisano was recently hired as Marketing & Development Coordinator.

Oppedisano, a Syracuse native, is the former Managing Editor of Syracuse Woman Magazine. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Magazine Journalism from Syracuse University’s S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. Oppedisano is currently a board member for Father Champlin’s Guardian Angel Society, co-director of local mini-grant series Salt City DISHES and volunteer for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – CNY Chapter.

Eric Hermann was recently promoted from Assistant Director of Guest Services to Senior Director of Guest Services.

A member of the MOST team since April 2017, Hermann will use his extensive retail background in the retail sector to oversee Guest Services operations, including Admissions, Memberships, the Science Shop and the Bristol IMAX Omnitheater, the only domed IMAX theater in New York State.

Wendy Love was recently promoted from Executive Assistant to Administrative Specialist & Manager of Strategic Initiatives. She has been a member of the team at the MOST for four years.

Love will continue to manage daily operations of the President's office and serve as the point of contact for the Museum's boards. In her new role, she will also oversee and implement programs and projects that support the Museum's vision and short- and long-term plans.

"The greatest asset of the MOST has always been the incredible staff that carry out our STEM programming," said Lauren Kochian, MOST President. "These promotions and new hires will allow us to continue to provide the best in hands-on science discovery for Central New York."

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### ***About the MOST***

The Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) is a hands-on science and technology museum for all ages. The MOST hosts numerous STEM education programs and community outreach events annually and is home to 35,000 square feet of interactive permanent and traveling exhibits, Silverman Planetarium, and Bristol IMAX® Omnitheater - the only domed IMAX theater in New York State. The MOST's vision is to be a preeminent science and technology center, inspiring all generations through hands-on education and entertainment.

The MOST is regularly open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The Museum is open on Mondays and Tuesdays for local school Winter Recess, Midwinter Break and Spring Break. For hours and pricing, visit [most.org](http://most.org) or call 315.425.9068.

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