

# AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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### **Carnegie Museums' President To Speak At The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania Annual Business Luncheon**

**(Pittsburgh, PA – November 18, 2011)** The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania will hold their Annual Business Luncheon on Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Omni William Penn Hotel Grand Ballroom, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor beginning at 12 Noon. This year's speaker is Dr. John Wetenhall, President and CEO of The Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.

Appointed in 2011, John Wetenhall oversees the Carnegie's four museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum.

Dr. Wetenhall earned his B.A. (cum laude) in English Literature at Dartmouth College, M.A. in the History of Art at Williams College, M.A. and Ph.D. at Stanford University, and his M.B.A. at Vanderbilt University.

From 2001 to 2009, Wetenhall served as Executive Director of The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art. He led the Museum through a master plan that added four new buildings including a circus museum. He also oversaw a comprehensive renovation of the Ringling mansion, major repairs to the Art Museum, and landscaping improvements throughout the 66-acre estate.

Dr. Wetenhall was a Smithsonian Institution Fellow and has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Stanford, Santa Clara University, the University of Minnesota and Florida State University. His field of expertise is monumental sculpture.

Dr. Wetenhall belongs to the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) and serves on the Boards of the American Association of Museums (AAM) and the U.S. National Committee of the International Council of Museums (ICOM-US). In 2010, Dr. Wetenhall received the Museum Service Award from the Southeastern Museums Conference (SEMC) and the Florida Association of Museums' (FAM) Lifetime Achievement Award.

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is pleased to have Dr. John Wetenhall as the guest speaker at this year's Business Luncheon, one of the Chamber's largest events of the year. Last year the Business Luncheon was attended by nearly 500 members and guests.

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business and professional opportunities for African American business owners and professionals.

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