Anthropology Collections (archaeological and ethnographic collections)

The NHM anthropology collection includes an estimated 135,000 artifacts and cultural objects from all over the world. Close to 20,000 artifacts and objects are accessible online.

Step 1: Head to the ‘Collections of the Natural History Museum’ website (collections.nhm.org) and click on the Anthropology section. This will take you to the anthropology collections search form.

Step 2: There are a number of ways to search the collection. Entering your inquiry into the Keyword field searches all of the fields in addition to information that you may not see. This can yield a large number of results. To narrow down your search try using a different field.

For Example: To search for artifacts from Egypt, enter ‘Egypt’ into the Provenience field. To search for Gabrieli-no-Tongva artifacts and objects, enter ‘Tongva’ into the Culture/People/Style field and press ‘search’ below.
The *Group/Inventory* dropdown menu contains several significant collections available to be viewed online including all of the artifacts featured in the Visible Vault exhibit.

**Seaver Center Collections**

The Seaver Center for Western History Research is the two-dimensional and flat objects collection area of the History department and includes historical sources such as manuscript materials, books, serials, pamphlets, broadsides, maps, posters, prints, and photographs.

**Step 1:** Just as you did with the anthropology collections search, head to the ‘Collections of the Natural History Museum’ page (collections.nhm.org). Click on the ‘Seaver Center for Western History Research’ section and this will take you to the Seaver Center Collections Search form.

**Step 2:** The Seaver Center’s Collections Search form contains different search fields to anthropology’s. The easiest way to search the collections is to use the **Keyword(s)** field.

**For Example:** If conducting a search for historical material relating to Pio Pico, enter Pio Pico into the **Keyword(s)** field. Once you select the chosen record, you will have access to the digital image, and research information associated with it.