NOMINATIONS – CLASS OF 2022 ASALH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council, through its Nominating Committee, seeks candidates, with particular backgrounds or types of expertise, financial capacity, positions in the community, access to key constituents, professional relationships that can be helpful to the organization, and, ethnic and gender diversity.

CORPORATE MEMBERS
From this group, members must select two (2) candidates

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Current Employer: The Washington Informer

Professional Background: Media publishing
Education Background: B.A., Juris Doctor, Howard University.

Major Accomplishments: Entire professional career spent in the media, publishing The Washington Informer, a weekly community newspaper, and involvement in broadcast and public relations activities.

Previous Service to ASALH: Written and published many articles on the work of the Association; interviewed the Executive Director, Sylvia Cyrus during Black History Month, and invested in lifetime membership in ASALH.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: My goal would be to assist ASALH to expand its partnerships and sponsorships, and broaden its media relations and promotions. I will also focus on helping ASALH to increase its millennial outreach.

GLADYS W. MACK
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Professional Background: Twenty-two years in executive management positions in the government of the District of Columbia; appointed to cabinet-level positions by Mayors Marion Barry and Anthony Williams. After government service, served as Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer of the United Planning Organization (UPO), the Community Action Agency for D.C., and, Adjunct Professor, Public Policy, University of the District of Columbia.

Education Background: B.S., Morgan State University; Graduate Studies, Catholic University of America; Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, Harvard University.

Major Accomplishments: As the D.C. Budget Director, refined the budget process, balanced the budget. In the Office of Program Evaluation, produced a Program Measurement Directory for all major D.C. government agencies and their business customers.

Previous Service to ASALH: As a member of the Audit and Finance committee, helped to refine the budget process. As chair of the Human Resources committee, developed a comprehensive employee manual, designed and administered an Executive Director Evaluation Survey; promoted and gained approval of annual cost-of-living increases for staff. Served as co-chair of ASALH’s first Strategic Planning Committee undertaking a long-term strategic plan.

Current Member: What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH: To continue my focus on the areas in which I have been working, and, assisting the Council to develop strategies to attract stable funding
STUDENT MEMBERS

From this group, members must select one (1) candidate

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Professional Background: Diversity and Inclusion

Educational Background: BGS., Louisiana State University, M.A., Missouri State University, J.D, Southern University Law Center

Major Accomplishments: Received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award, 2018.

Previous Service to ASALH: Attended ASALH conferences.

What I hope to accomplish as an officer at ASALH: I hope to contribute to programming that attracts and develops the next generation of historians and scholars of the African American experience.

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Professional Background: Ph.D. Student

Educational Background: B.A., M.A., Texas Southern University

Major Accomplishments: Former Executive Board Member, Coordinating Council for Women’s History; Life Member, Association of Black Women Historians.

Previous Service to ASALH: Panelist and chair at previous ASALH conferences.

What I hope to accomplish as officer of ASALH: I would like to be a voice from the student community of ASALH because I think that graduate students should be trained and given opportunities for leadership within the organization.

GENERAL MEMBERS

From this group, members must select five (5) candidates

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Professional Background: Associate Professor and Chair, Department of African American Studies.

Educational Background: B.A., Gonzaga University; M.A., Washington State University; Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia.

Major Accomplishments: Author of two books, 45 other publications, 17 teaching/service awards.
**Previous Service to ASALH:** Attended ASALH conferences since 2003, chaired panels.

**What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH:** I seek to highlight the most relevant scholarship achievements of members globally. I want ASALH to take more stances on contemporary issues affecting black life. This could be accomplished via a blog or another platform. ASALH must focus on the employment opportunities and retention of black historians. The loss of history majors leaves scholars of the Black experience vulnerable. ASALH can powerfully communicate to institutions the need to expose students to the Black experience. Most immediately, however, ASALH could feature the biography of an elder each month on social media.

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**Educational Background:** B.A., Tugaloo College; M.A., Sangamon State University, Ph.D., University of Illinois; Advanced and Administrative Certificates in Black Studies from Northeastern University and the National Council for Black Studies.


**Previous Service to ASALH:** Associate Editor, *Journal of African American History* (2015-2019); Life Member, ASALH; co-chair, Academic Program Committee, 2016-2018; Member, Executive Council (2016-2019) and co-chair, Strategic Planning Committee.

**Current Member:** What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH: As co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, my goal is to help ASALH develop comprehensive one-, three-, and ten-year strategic plans to guide the Association’s development over the next decade. As a major part of those plans, I encourage the creation of the Carter G. Woodson Institute for the Interpretation of Black History as a medium through which ASALH could create curricula for K-12 education and for community-based institutions to fulfill its mission to “promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate knowledge about Black life, history and culture to the local, regional, national and global community.”

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**Professional Background:** Public School mathematics educator for 16 years. Superintendent of Schools, Director of Secondary Education, Director of Personnel, Grants, and Special Projects, President of the Teacher’s Association, Education Consultant for the Merck Institute for Science Education. **Current Position:** Curriculum Specialist for the pre-college programs at Passaic County Community College.
**Educational Background:** B.A., M.A., Kean University; M.A. (Educational Leadership and Administration), The College of New Jersey; Ph.D. (Educational Leadership and Administration), Fordham University (ABD).

**Major Accomplishments:** Grant team-member garnering a three-million dollar GEAR UP Grant, 2018; as a grant writer, I secured over one million dollars in competitive grants for my school district. Names in Who’s Who among America’s Teachers (1992, 1996, 1997).

**Previous Service to ASALH:** Served as the National Secretary for nine years; Committee Service: Human Resource Committee, Program Committee, and Nominating Committee. Supporter of Woodson’s Appeal; contributor to the Annual Fund; Conducted a workshop highlighting ASALH at the regional convention of the national sorority of Phi Delta Kappa and solicited eight new life members.

**Current Member:** What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH: As the co-chair of the Governance Committee, I will work to orient new board members and strengthen the internal working of the Executive Council. I will support the revision of our handbook to include standing rules and committee charters. Additionally, I plan to work to broaden the membership of the Black History Bulletin, and market its use as a tool to support the infusion of African American History into the elementary curriculum.

**W. MARVIN DULANEY**

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**Current Employer:** Self; running an educational consulting firm, African American Research Associates, LLC.

**Professional Background:** Professor of History at UT, Arlington (16 years), and, at The College of Charleston (14 years). Executive Director of the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture (14 years).

**Educational Background:** B.A., Central State University; M.A., and Ph.D., The Ohio State University.

**Major Accomplishments:** Published three books on African American history; Organized five annual statewide Texas African American History conferences (1989-1994); Raised $1.2 million to complete the renovation of the Avery Research Center building in Charleston, S.C. (1994-1998); Developed the first African American history memorial in Charleston, SC.; Started the UT Arlington Center for African American Studies (2011); Served as the curator for the Juanita Craft Civil Rights House in Dallas, Texas (1992-1993); Served as the Curator of History for the Dallas African American Museum (1992-1994); Developed the African and African American History Curriculum Overlay for the Fort Worth Independent School District.


**Current Member:** What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH: I hope to be an active member of the Executive Council in order to attract new members, organize new branches, and bring in a new generation of people who will support ASALH. Also, I will help to develop new programs that will bring in corporate and grant funds for programs on or about the African American experience. Most importantly, I will work with the local arrangements committee of the DFW branch to bring the national conference to Frisco-Dallas in 2022.

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**Professional Background:** Assistant Professor of History and Africana Studies

**Educational Background:** B.A., Clark Atlanta University, Ph.D., University of Florida.


**Previous Service to ASALH:** Executive Council member, Academic Program Chair, Social Media Committee, Finance Committee, ABWH Liaison.

**Current Member:** What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH: I hope to continue to increase our public profile and increase awareness and membership through the promotion and sourcing of ASALH’s events. I also hope to help us establish a stream of income that will allow ASALH to stand independent of any outside support.

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**Professional Background:** Editor, *Journal of African American History* 2001-2018.

**Educational Background:** Ph.D., The University of Chicago, 1975.

**Major Accomplishments:** Served on ASALH program committees and presented papers at annual conventions since 1974. Worked, with other historians, to make *The Journal of African American History* the leading scholarly publication on African American life and history.

**Previous Service to ASALH:** Editor, *Journal of African American History* 2001-2018.

**What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH:** I hope to use my editorial experiences to assist the Publications committee in future undertakings and work to expand ASALH’s international outreach.

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**Professional Background:** In Higher Education, served as Dean, Campus Director, Department Chair, and Professor. Also, held senior level appointments as Community Builder, New York State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Assistant Director, Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission, State of Florida Supreme Court.

**Educational Background:** B.A. Howard University; M.S., Northwestern University; Ph.D., Florida State University.

**Major Accomplishments:** Recent publications: *Hinsonville’s Heroes: Black Civil War Soldiers of Chester County, Pennsylvania* (The History Press, 2018); *On Africa’s Lands: The Forgotten Stories of Two Lincoln-Educated Missionaries in Liberia* (Lincoln University Press, 2014); Served as historian and primary writer for the Delaware History Museum’s permanent exhibit, “Journey to Freedom” which chronicles the Black Delawarean experiences from 1629 to the present,
and is the centerpiece of the Delaware Historical Society’s Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage.

**Previous Service to ASALH:** Member, Executive Council; Chair, Publications Committee; Member, Exhibit Interpretive Themes Development Committee, National Parks Service Carter G. Woodson National Historic Site Committee; Member, National Heritage Sites Research Committee (Master Cooperative Agreement with National Parks Service).

**Current Member:** What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH: To continue to support ASALH’s Master Agreement with the National Park Service; to enhance ASALH publications; and, to promote fundraising and membership development.

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**Professional Background:** Adjunct Professor; Archivist/Processor of Collections

**Educational Background:** B.A., The University of Wisconsin-Parkside-Kenosha; M.A.,Ph.D., Howard University.

**Major Accomplishments:** My greatest accomplishment was completing the dissertation for the Ph.D. degree.

**Previous Service to ASALH:** Student member on the Executive Council; also, as a publications clerk in the ASALH office with responsibilities for the Author’s Book Signing Event held during annual conventions.

**Current Member:** What I hope to accomplish as an officer at ASALH: I hope to help increase membership and assist in developing programs that will connect the national office with the branches.

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**Educational Background:** B.A., University of Michigan; M.Div.,McCormick Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Michigan State University.


**Previous Service to ASALH:** Served on the Program Committee; Panelist at various annual conferences.

**What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH:** I hope to make the organization relevant to younger scholars; rethink our relationship to Black communities, as well as to educators; and build better processes for association meetings.
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Educational Background: Ph.D., African American Studies (University of Massachusetts, Amherst).

Major Accomplishments: My articles have appeared in the Trotter Review, the Historical Journal of Massachusetts, and, the Journal of Urban History. I am a contributor to the award-winning blog Black Perspectives, hosted by the African American Intellectual History, and I have also written blogs for Diverse Issues in Higher Education, and, BK Nation. I have given a Ted Talk entitled “Tracing your Routes” and I have appeared on Huffington Post Live, and on various radio shows in New York and Baltimore.

Previous Service to ASALH: I have been attending the ASALH annual conference since 2000, and I have served as a member of the ASALH Academic Program Committee from 2009 to the present. I have also acted as a liaison between the Academic Program Committee and the Marketing and Public Relations Committee. Currently, I am the Co-chair of the Marketing and PR Committee.

Current Member: What I hope to accomplish as an officer of ASALH: I would like to bring about a greater understanding of the potential of ASALH to illumine minds and to expand the popular understanding of African-American history and, to continue the legacy of what I have been able to accomplish through this great organization. I have been nurtured as a scholar, professional, and even as a person by ASALH. This will give me an opportunity to give back.