



BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

Please take the time to become familiar with the candidates by reading their biographies and accomplishments which are included in the following pages, and are found in the Members Only area of our website at <https://asalh.org/members/election/>.

You may vote only for the candidates listed on the ballot.

Election results will be announced at the General Membership Meeting September 30, 2020 at 6 pm EST. The meeting will be held virtually and information to participate will be emailed. If you have not received this information by September 16th please call 202.238.5910. Results will be posted in the Members Area on the website.

VOTING BY MAIL: If you received your ballot by mail, please cast your vote and mail it in the ballot envelope provided postmarked no later than Friday August 7, 2020. Ballots postmarked after this date will not be counted. Only ballots returned in the ballot envelope provided will be counted.

You may also use this envelope to donate to ASALH and renew your dues for 2021. If you do, please include a check (no cash) and any other information on a separate sheet of paper and place it inside the envelope.

VOTING ELECTRONICALLY: If you received your ballot via email, email ballots must be cast by 11:59 pm EST on August 7. The system will not accept votes after this time.

You may donate electronically using this link using [this link](#) and you may renew your 2021 dues using [this link](#).

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NOMINATIONS – CLASS OF 2023 ASALH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council, through its Nominating Committee, seeks candidates, with particular backgrounds 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 MEMBER NOMINEES

From this group, members may select two (2) candidates

CHARLES EZRA FERRELL

Location: Southfield, MI 48075-1111

Current Employer: The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI.

Professional Background: Vice-President for Public Programs and Community Engagement at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and Culture in Detroit where he serves as a consultant and founder of the acclaimed *Liberation Film Series* and Director of Public Policy. Prior to joining the Museum, he had over twenty years of business law, consulting, and entertainment experience in the information technology sector.

Major Accomplishments: Established over 150 institutional and community partnerships and 900 public programs for the Wright Museum; Received the Mary McLeod Bethune Award from the ASALH Detroit Branch, and, the Charles Wright Community Service Award. Produced a documentary, funded by Michigan Humanities, on the life and work of Detroit artist, Ibn Pori Pitts, and, edited, *Free the Land: The Life, Battles, and Victories of Revolutionary Mayor Chokwe Lumumba 1947-2014* (Liberation Voice, 2015).

Previous Service to ASALH: Co-chaired the ASALH National Strategic Planning Committee 2019; Initiated a National Call-for-Action Program in 2019 for all Black Museums to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and support or establish local ASALH branches; Partnered with the ASALH Detroit Branch to present ASALH programs to the Detroit community.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: To contribute to expanding and strengthening the work and legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and ASALH as a diligent and strategic worker, fundraiser and organizer, in alignment with the vision, goals, objectives and mission of ASALH.

SUSAN D. SIMMS MARSH**Location:** Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111**Current Employer:** Pennsylvania-American Water Company**Professional Background:** Corporate Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary, Regulatory and Compliance.**Major Accomplishments:** Served eleven years in state government including service with the PA public Utility Commission. In 1993, she was selected to serve as legal counsel to the Vice Chair of the PWC. She has also served as Legal Counsel to the PA Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and has experience in the legislative process, including analyzing and drafting legislation.**Previous Service to ASALH:** As co-chair of the Governance Committee for the past three years, she helped to oversee changes to the constitution and by-laws of the Association. She also promoted business and regulatory initiatives, including risk management, in seminars for ASALH Executive Council and ASALH branch officers.**What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH:** My goal is to work with other members of the Executive Council not only to develop a broad view of ASALH's challenges and mission, but also, to identify and attract a productive group of individuals to the EC, the board leadership and its succession, as well as provide input in managing the staffing of the ASALH office.**STUDENT MEMBERS NOMINEES****From this group, members may select one (1) candidate.****KERRI LEE ALEXANDER****Location:** Silver Spring, MD 20910**Current employer:** Howard University; The National Women's History Museum, Alexandria, Va.**Professional Background:** While pursuing my undergraduate degree in Nonprofit Management and Arts Administration at Wagner College, I co-founded an advocacy group and mentoring program which paired the women on the Wagner campus with the young women at the African Refuge Youth Center in Park Hill, Staten Island. I was also able to help facilitate the creation of a performing arts coalition focused on easing racial tensions on our campus and the neighboring Port Richmond community for which I was awarded a Port Richmond Community Scholarship.

Major Accomplishments: I passed my Ph.D. comprehensive examination in US History with distinction. Also, in February 2020, I was the Black History Month lecturer at my *alma mater*. In February 2019, the digital exhibit on Sojourner Truth which I created, was used as the featured story on the homepage of *Google Arts and Culture* platform. My exhibit reached over 345,000 people on its first day. For this work, I was awarded a Student and non-Professional Fellowship by the Digital Library Federation and an opportunity to attend their Annual Forum in Fall, 2019.

Previous Service to ASALH: During the 2018 ASALH annual conference, I volunteered to set up and moderate the film screenings.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH: It would be an honor to learn from the wisdom and experience of the Executive Council members. I will bring my experience in the non-profit sector, my interdisciplinary research skills, and my familiarity with digital humanities to leverage community and institutional partnerships, to ensure that ASALH continues to be a staple in African American life, and to increase the recruitment, membership, and participation of young scholars in the field.

MOSES J. MASSENBURG

Location: Department of History, Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824

Current Employer: Michigan State University

Professional Background: Ph.D. student

Major Accomplishments: K-6 History teacher; Member, Editorial staff, *Journal of African American History*.

Previous Service to ASALH: Student Representative on the Executive Council 2016; Founding President, ASALH Atlanta Branch, 2014-2016; Logistics Assistant, Annual Black History Luncheon 2014-2019.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: I believe ASALH's leadership fosters a sense of social, cultural, and financial responsibility across all generations. With the grace of my elders and ancestors, I will work closely with ASALH's veteran leaders so that I may be better prepared to assume the positions of JAAH Editor, ASALH National President, or ASALH Executive Director sometime in this century.

GENERAL MEMBER NOMINEES

From this group, members may select no more than five (5) candidates

GLORIA BROWNE-MARSHALL

Location: New York, NY

Current Employer: John Jay College (CUNY)

Professional Background: Civil Rights Attorney; Professor of Constitutional Law.

Major Accomplishments: Pulitzer Center grant recipient; Author: *The Voting Rights War: The NAACP and the Ongoing Struggle for Justice*; *The African American Woman: 400 Years of Perseverance*; *The Constitution: An African American Context*; *The Constitution: Major Cases and Conflicts*. Playwright with seven plays produced nationally.

Previous Service to ASALH: Chair/Organizer, 400th Commemoration panel with Hampton Roads Branch (VA), 2019; Organizer, ASALH's Kick-off African American History Month Program at the National Press club on C-Span, 2019; Panelist, ASALH Black History Luncheon event, 2019; Executive Council Member.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: I hope to create platforms that will give more people the opportunity to know about Dr. Woodson's work and ASALH. More people need to see the true connection between Dr. Woodson and Black History Month. As a civil rights attorney, I want to help ASALH play a major leadership role in the African American community's understanding of the deeply rooted historical obstacles they are facing today.

KRISTAL MOORE CLEMONS

Location: Alexandria, VA 22304

Current Employer: Children's Defense Fund

Professional Background: Dedicated and resourceful educational leader who shapes and influences curriculum, fosters a positive academic experience, and curates high-quality face-to-face and on-line courses. Balances global and local perspectives, executes with precision, and devises solutions to address existing and emerging diversity issues in education. A capable communicator who effectively articulates vision, builds strong relationships, and provides trusted advice to stakeholders. Experience working across multiple industries: K-12 education, higher education, and nonprofits.

Major Accomplishments: I earned a doctorate in Education specializing in culture, curriculum and change in the Social and Cultural Foundations of Education. My research agenda and publications focus on the oral histories of Black women teacher-leaders who participated in the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project. During twelve years of higher education teaching, I have played an integral role in reviewing, developing, enhancing and monitoring the implementation of policies and procedures at the departmental, college, and university levels to ensure relevancy, improve processes, and maintain compliance with university practices, laws, regulations, accreditation standards, and professional ethics as a program director and member of committees. For eighteen years, I provided leadership and technical assistance to sustain partnerships with organizations which operate high quality CDF Freedom Schools programs in North Carolina, Virginia, and Florida. I developed and implemented two fully on-line doctoral programs in Educational Leadership at Florida State University and Virginia State University.

Previous Service to ASALH: Member of the Academic Program Committee for the 2020 Annual Conference.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: I hope to serve ASALH as a thought partner in strategic initiatives. I have a passion for ASALH's mission and programmatic goals. I believe I can be an ambassador and help advance the Association's scholarly and service mission.

JARVIS R. GIVENS

Location: Roxbury, MA 02119

Current Employer: Harvard University

Professional Background: Assistant Professor of Education and affiliate faculty in the Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University, and, the Suzanne Young Murray-Assistant Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

Major Accomplishments: My first book, *Fugitive Pedagogy: Carter G. Woodson and the Art of Black Teaching* is forthcoming from Harvard University Press. I was named Radcliffe Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, 2020-2021; Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral and Dissertation fellow, 2012-2015 and 2015-2016; Dean's Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, 2016-2018; Mellon-Mays Fellow, 2008- Present; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Assistant Vice President of Western region 2009-2010, Northern California District Director, 2013-2016.

Previous Service to ASALH: ASALH Life Member; Executive Council Member, Class of 2020; Member, Academic Program Committee, 2017- Present; proposed The ASALH Book Prize,

2020; Vice-Chair of The ASALH Book Prize Committee; Member, National Heritage Site Research Committee; represented ASALH at the *History Makers* Faculty Advisory Board Meetings, 2019-2020.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: I have four primary goals: to establish national prominence for *The ASALH Book Prize* and continue raising funds to support this award; to continue serving on the Academic Program Committee to help strengthen our national conference; to bolster ASALH's partnership with *The History Makers*; to assemble a committee to write a volume on the history of ASALH.

KATHIE HOUSE:

Current Employer: Retired (Oakland Community College, Michigan)

Professional Background: Administrator, Oakland Community College; Owner of an educational consulting group which evaluated educational and employability programs; columnist for *The Chicago Defender*; Worked with a jurist on the Michigan Supreme Court to initiate an education program for youth within Michigan's foster care system.

Major Accomplishments: Received and implemented several grants at post-secondary institutions to ensure services for students; Received recognition from President Obama's White House for an employability skills program that I created with Bloomfield Public Library in Bloomfield, Michigan; Reorganized and reinstated ASALH branch in Detroit.

Previous Service to ASALH: I served as the President of the organizing committee which re-instated the branch of ASALH in Detroit. I currently serve as the Vice-President of that ASALH branch.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council Member: My first priority would be to increase the number of ASALH members and branches within the state of Michigan. Not only will I also work with the national program committee to develop programs which will instill Dr. Woodson's vision worldwide, but I will also assist in the review and assessment of ASALH's operational procedures to ensure quicker delivery of services to all of its stakeholders.

LOPEZ D. MATTHEWS

Location: Randallstown, MD. 21133

Current Employer: Howard University

Professional Background: Currently, the Manager of the Digital Production Center and Digital Production Librarian for the Howard University Libraries and the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, and History Subject Specialist; Adjunct Professor, Coppin State University;

Commissioner, Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture; member, The *History Makers* Higher Education Advisory Board; and, member, Board of Directors, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore.

Major Accomplishments: Building the Digital Production Center for the Howard University Libraries and the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center. Publications include four edited volumes, three book chapters, six articles, and four history subject guides. Chaired four public programs promoting digitized collections related to African American history; given over twenty-five presentations on African American history to government agencies, universities, and cultural organizations; assisted with two symposia for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture; Chair of the Beutillion Scholars program for the Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Previous Service to ASALH: Member, Black History Month Luncheon Committee (2004-2012); Co- Producer, Black History Month Kit (CD-Rom) (2006-2011); Student member of Executive Council (2009-2012); Member, Woodson House Committee (2012-present); Co-chair, PR and Marketing Committee (2018 – present); Chair, Publications Committee (2020-).

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: I will reinforce ASALH's position as the premier organization leading the study of African American Life and History. I will support this idea through the development of digital publications and black history month theme-based products that will provide resources to advance the promotion and study of African American history. I will also continue to work with the PR and Marketing committee to promote the theme-based products and the digital publications to a larger audience.

GLADYS GARY VAUGHN

Location: Cabin John, MD., 20818

Current Employer: US Dept. of Agriculture, Office of the Asst. Secretary for Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.

Professional Background: Public Service at USDA: Branch Chief, Employment Compliance; Chief, training and Cultural Transformation Programs; Director, Office of Outreach, and, National Program Leader for Human Sciences Research. Higher Education Positions: Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences, North Carolina Central University and Adjunct Professor, Human Sciences, Howard University.

Major Accomplishments: Author/co-author of grant proposals generating more than \$12M for programs designed to inspire the well-being of children, youth, families and communities; designed and implemented USAID-funded maternal health programs for women in East and

West Africa; co-author of five national award-winning critical issues curricular, funded by the federal government and private organizations on prevention of teenage pregnancy, latch-key children, diversity in higher education. Provide volunteer community service to the International Board of Directors, *Habitat for Humanity*, *Delta Sigma Theta* sorority, and, *The Black Women's Agenda, Inc.* Co-author of two books on the accomplishments of Black women and Black women's organizations.

Previous Service to ASALH: Member, Executive Council; Co-chair and Member, Black History Luncheon Leadership Team; Former co-chair, Development Committee; developed criteria and guidelines for ASALH Legacy Awards; Contributor.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: Continue to build the capacity of the Annual Black History Luncheon and other ASALH programs to reach new audiences; help foster accurate understanding of the contributions of peoples of African descent through innovative, new, year-round programming reaching into homes, community centers, and educational institutions.

DAVID MATHEW WALTON

Location: University Drive, Pembroke, N.C. 28372

Current Employer: University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Professional Background: Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Co-coordinator of the African American Studies Minor. His research interest is in locating and understanding International Black Radical thought.

Major Accomplishments: I was awarded the 2019 National Council for Black Studies, Ida B. Wells and Cheikh Anta Diop Award for Outstanding leadership and Promotion of Africana Studies. I have presented some of my work on the Global Black Freedom struggle at a number of conferences and I am completing a manuscript on Black Consciousness as it has been expressed in the twentieth century United States and South Africa.

Previous Service to ASALH: Panel Chair and presenter at numerous ASALH conferences. Member, ASALH Atlanta Branch.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: An increase in undergraduate participation, more K-12 educators and more community involvement in ASALH activities. I will also work to increase the number of institutional members.

TARA Y. WHITE**Location:** Montgomery, Alabama 36105**Current Employer:** Wallace Community College, Selma, Alabama**Professional Background:** Historian and educator. Chairperson, Department of Arts and Sciences, Wallace Community College, Selma, AL. Museum Studies Professional (curatorial and education) and Historic Site Administrator and Interpreter.**Major Accomplishments:** Chancellor's Award (Alabama Community College System) for Excellence, 2018; Site Director, Alabama State Capitol/Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station, Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), Montgomery, Alabama; Access Services/Cultural Heritage Manager, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL.**Previous Service to ASALH:** I have been a member of ASALH since 2006. I serve as vice-president of the group that is currently chartering an ASALH branch in Montgomery, AL. For the past two years, I served as a member of the Academic Program committee and currently serve as the Academic Program Committee Co-chair for the 2020 conference.**What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH:** I hope to help ASALH by promoting its programs; raising money and friends; and contributing to its perpetual existence through planning, fundraising, committee work and my own giving.**AUGUSTUS WOOD****Location:** Urbana, Illinois 61802**Current Employer:** University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign**Professional Background:** Ph.D., May, 2020, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Field: Political Economy and Resistance in late Twentieth and early Twenty-first Century African American Urban History.Title of dissertation: *Apartheid and Resistance in the Political Economy of Gentrification: The Dialectics of Black Working Class Struggles in Atlanta, Georgia, 1970-2015.***Major Accomplishments:** Provost's Postdoctoral fellowship, Labor Education Program, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign to expand dissertation research. My dissertation serves as a critique of the political economy of the Atlanta Metropolitan region between 1970 and 2015 through the examination of class struggle amongst African Americans. It posits the idea that gentrification in US cities must be understood as a dialectic of racial class struggle defined primarily through black working-class collective resistance to urban reorganization. Second, the project argues that neo-liberalization and subsequent gentrification in Atlanta served as a structural form of an anti-poor, black pogrom—the planned destruction or removal

of a significant portion of a specifically defined group from a location. This conflict, at the heart of the social construction of urban spaces, determined the physical and social shape of Atlanta--the distribution of people, the allocation of resources, and the ways space and place were built, transformed, maintained, and disrupted. At its core, the study asserts that by understanding Atlanta and US cities as sites of (intra)racial-class struggle over the production and maintenance of social space and globalized capital, African American urban scholars can more effectively explicate the fluid intra-racial fissures in black neighborhoods that further complicate the urban structure.

Previous Service to ASALH: ASALH Themes Planning Committee, 2020; ASALH Conference Program Committee 2017, 2019.

What I hope to accomplish as an Executive Council member of ASALH: I hope to strengthen ASALH as a leading organization in Black Studies and History by recruiting critical thinkers to contribute to committees and leadership. I also hope to gain insight and knowledge from the members of the EC to inform my contribution to the organization and scholarship.