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Sheila Flemming-Hunter, Ph.D. **ASALH President 2004-2006**

A Ph.D. in African and African American History, Sheila has served in the professoriate at several universities including Bethune-Cookman University, University of Texas, University of Maryland and Clark Atlanta University. She spent most of her years in the academy as historian, dean and vice president.

As professor her goal is to empower students to see the world as a continuum of humanity and to encourage them to find their niche in it.



She is author of Bethune-Cookman College 1904-1994: The Answered Prayer to a Dream and she has contributed articles on Nelson Mandela and Mary McLeod Bethune in published works and reviewed textbooks for the UNA/USA. Her teaching and research interests include the history of black higher education, African and African American history, with special emphasis on women and race relations.

Sheila is also an entrepreneur. In 2006, she and her husband, Robert, established Immeasurable Favor, LLC ("IF".) A limited liability company, "IF" was established in Memphis, TN and until November 2010 did business as "Right at Home in Home Care and Assistance" (RAH). Their company was among the top twenty of 300 RAH franchises in America that provided homemaker, companion and personal support services for mostly elderly and disabled people in their homes. The business grew to include more than eighty employees and nearly as many clients. The franchise was sold in 2010 at a 500% rate of return on the original investment.

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An innovative and creative thinker, Sheila has been a consultant and has many years of volunteer experience collaborating and working with local, national and international organizations on international education, race relations, women and children's issues, strategic planning, and capacity building. She was a leader of the Daytona Beach, FL Chapter of the United Nations Association and she was a consultant for the acclaimed PBS film made in Senegal, West Africa, "Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr. John Hope Franklin: Race and Reconciliation in the 21st Century".

Sheila served on national boards of the United Methodist Church as staff and volunteer and she is a member of the Virtual Library Project Advisory Committee of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Past National President of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (the Founders of Black History), she is currently the Chair of its National Centennial Commission. In addition, she was the Circle Leader for the Memphis Cares Mentoring Movement, an affiliate of the National Cares Mentoring Movement founded by Susan Taylor and she is Vice Chair of the National Park Service Advisory Commission for the Mary McLeod Bethune National Council House Historic Site, Washington, DC.

A resident of Atlanta, Georgia, Sheila is a global citizen having traveled to every continent with the exception of Australia. She aspires to continue to work to improve the lives of others, thereby making the world a better place.

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