

# COUNCIL AWARD OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION

ASALH established the Award of Special Recognition to acknowledge the contributions of individuals, institutions and corporations that make a substantial contribution to the success of ASALH in pursuing the mission of its founder, Dr. Carter G. Woodson. The Award may vary and will include certificates, medals, trophies, and plaques. Nominees must demonstrate a history of support for activities and programs consistent with ASALH's mission, which may include support for annual events such as the Annual Meeting, the Black History Month Luncheon and the Carter G. Woodson Birthday Celebration, as well as support for special initiatives such as the general campaign. The Council, at its discretion, may also designate individuals for special recognition who have made noteworthy accomplishments or contributions to the documentation, preservation and accurate dissemination of the Black experience through teaching, service, research, scholarship and publishing.



## BRENT LEGGS

Brent Leggs is the founding executive director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, the largest preservation campaign in U.S. history on behalf of historic African American places, and a Senior Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Through the Fund, he leads a national community of leaders, preservationists, and activists to preserve the memory and legacy of Black American identity. Since the Fund launched in 2017, Mr. Leggs and his team have secured nearly \$85 million, supported 200 preservation projects nationwide, and established a \$14 million endowment to sustain the Fund's future. Described as the man who "spends time thinking in centuries" by the New Yorker, Mr. Leggs work is rooted in telling the nation's full history - mitigating the erasure of African American cultural heritage and reconstructing national identity. In June 2022, as part of the "Future Rising" series sponsored by Hearst Magazines and Lexus, Ms. Oprah Winfrey named Mr. Leggs one of the 50 Black trailblazers changing our world. Mr. Leggs is also an Associate Professor of the Graduate Program of Historic Preservation and Senior Advisor to the Center for the Preservation of Civil Rights at the University of Pennsylvania's Weitzman School of Design.

# THE LINKS, INCORPORATED



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## DR. VALERIE MAHOLMES

Valerie Maholmes is a behavioral scientist, educator and author. She earned her Ph.D. at Howard University and was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Yale Child Study Center in the School of Medicine. Upon completion of her post-doctoral training, she joined the faculty at the Yale Child Study Center and was later awarded the Irving B. Harris Assistant Professor of Child Psychiatry—an endowed professorial chair in research and social policy. In 2003, she was awarded the prestigious Science Policy Fellowship sponsored by the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS). In 2005 joined the National Institutes of Health and in 2013, she was named Chief of the Pediatric Trauma and Critical Illness Branch at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the NIH. In this capacity, she leads the Branch in supporting research and training in the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in children. She has published numerous peer-reviewed scientific articles, book chapters, and monographs highlighting these public health concerns. Her most recent text is titled *Fostering Resilience and Well-being in Children and Families in Poverty: Why Hope Still Matters*.

