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To:                    Executive Council  
                          Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

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Re:                    Report for *JAAH* Activities

I am nearing the end of my editorship of *The Journal of African American History*. I signed an MOU to be editor in December 2017 and began transitioning into the position early in 2018, working closely with the University of Chicago Press Journal Division and ASALH leadership. My original appointment ended on December 5, 2021 and I agreed to serve an additional two years until early December 2023 (through Volume 108, Number 4). To reiterate, it has been a great pleasure, privilege, and honor serving as editor of JAAH, working with the editorial board, the University of Chicago Press Journal Division, and ASALH leadership. I'm delighted that ASALH has selected the next JAAH editor. I look forward to offering support to Bertis English as he transitions into the position. I have arranged for him to visit the JAAH office in the Department of History at Michigan State University this summer. Book review editor LaShawn Harris will meet virtually with the incoming book review editor and during the summer we will begin having books sent to the next book review editor so they can begin conceptualizing their work and establishing relationships with the presses we work with. LaShawn and I know how important the transition process is and will be available to help when questions arise (especially pertaining to navigating the journal's Editorial Manager system).

Like Volume 107 (which included eighteen major articles and more than ninety book reviews), the production schedule for Volume 108, the current volume, has been smooth. All issues for the current volume are being released on schedule. Volume 108, Number 1 (Winter) was released in February 2023 and included five major articles and fifteen book reviews. Volume 108, Number 2 (Spring) is currently in production and will be released this month. I provided feedback on the first round of page-proofs on May 8, 2023. This issue includes five articles on a wide range of topics, including pieces by Madeline Gambino (Advancing “Catholic Truth and American Equality”: Black Self-Determination in Philadelphia's First Black Parish and the American Catholic Church”); Sarah-Jane (Saje) Mathieu (“The Fate of African Americans Rests with the Ottomans: The Armenian Crisis, Lynching, and the ‘American Question,’ 1880-1920”); K. Stephen Prince (“There is No God in Heaven’: Black Religion, Resistance, and the Police Power in Jim Crow New Orleans”); Alaina Morgan (“A Practice Round for the Inner City: Circum-Caribbean Occupation, Crack Cocaine, and Religious Duty in Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam”); and Paul Adler (“The ‘Africa Re-Colonization Act?’ The Politics of Pan-Africanism and Globalization in the 1990s”). LaShawn and I recently uploaded the articles for the Summer 2023 “Special Issue” (Volume 108, Number 3) on *The Black 1980s*. In addition to an introduction and roundtable, this issue will include five articles from junior and senior scholars. The issue will be released in August 2023. Our current pipeline is quite robust. We currently have six major articles slotted to be published in Volume 108, Number 4 along with a symposium on the Carter G. Woodson Home in Washington, DC. At this point, the incoming editor will have at least two full issues (Volume 109, Numbers 1 – 2) completed, processed, and ready for production. In terms of book reviews that have been solicited by the JAAH book review editor, there are enough to cover the entire Volume 109 and several issues of Volume 110. We look forward to helping the next editorial team transition into their new positions.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. Thank you very much for your support. We are very much looking forward to the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual ASALH Conference.