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## Aisha Johnson Class of 2026

#### **Current Employer:**

Georgia Institute of Technology

#### **Professional Background:**

Dr. Aisha Johnson (she/her), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Outreach at Georgia Institute of Technology Library is a revelator of Southern library history. Formerly an Assistant Professor/MLS Program Director for the School of Library and Information Sciences at North Carolina Central University, she is committed to



archival research, the production of minority librarians and archivists for cultural preservation, and redefining the scholar. Johnson stands on a soapbox for unveiling the history of underrepresented communities. She has focused much of her research on the development of literacy in the African American community and philanthropic efforts to develop public libraries in the South. Her advocacy for librarianship and archives is not only conveyed in her research, but also her professional career. She is well-versed in archival research, instruction, program administration, assessment, and evaluation as well as curriculum development to produce practical professionals. With such a dedication to the field, Dr. Johnson encourages redefining the scholar by introducing primary source research with emphasis on synthesis and encouraging scholar practitioners.

#### **Major Accomplishments:**

I have earned fours degrees including a Master's in Library and Information Sciences (Florida State) and a Master's in Business Administration (Clark Atlanta) as well as a PhD in Information Studies (Florida State). An experienced scholar and professional, I have made advocacy and outreach for the underserved my platform for social justice in libraries and education. Historical scholarship is the foundation. As a result of the

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impact, I was dubbed the 2020 Distinguished Alumni of Florida State University's College of Communication and Information, School of Information. In 2021, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History recognized her work and impact with the Freedom Scholar Award.

#### **Previous Service to ASALH:**

While I have presented at ASALH and have had the absolute honor of recognition, I have not been able to serve the organization in an official capacity.

#### What I Hope to Accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH:

Assist in budget management, community building, educational program planning, and conducting outreach activities.