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Crystal Moten Class of 2027

Current Employer:

Obama Foundation

Professional Background:

Dr. Crystal M. Moten is a public historian, curator and writer who focuses on the intersection of race, class and gender to uncover the hidden histories of Black people in the Midwest. In October 2022, Crystal M. Moten joined the Obama Foundation as Curator of Collections and Exhibitions on the Presidential Center Museum team.



She plays a key role in the collaborative effort to complete the design and implementation of the inaugural exhibits while also serving as the primary steward and subject matter expert of the Obama Foundation Museum Collection. Dr. Moten supervises and manages the curatorial team and its activities.

Prior to joining the Obama Foundation, Dr. Moten served as Curator of African American History in the Division of Work and Industry at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, DC. In this capacity she stewarded collections as they related to the history of African Americans in business and labor; collaborated on several exhibitions; wrote for the Museum's blog; and helped start, produce, and host *Collected*, a Smithsonian Podcast on African American History. She also reviewed and appeared on documentaries for the Smithsonian Channel including, *She the People: Votes for Women*.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, her research has appeared in books, journals, documentaries, and other media. Dr. Moten has taught at colleges and universities across the country including University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Dickinson

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Major Accomplishments:

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Previous Service to ASALH:

My primary service to ASALH has been through membership and participation in annual conferences over the years. I look forward to deepening my commitment and service to the organization through potential service on the executive council.

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

As a nominee and potential member of the Executive Council of ASALH, I hope to use my professional skills and networks in service of the organization. As a public historian, I would like to foster connections with and advocate for the work of historians who situate themselves within public spaces, such as museums, historic sites, monuments, etc.

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