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Dr. Kenvi Phillips **Class of 2025**

Current Employer:

Brown University

Professional Background:

Currently, I serve as the inaugural Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Brown University Library. In my short time at Brown University, I have begun developing a strategic plan to increase diversity, strengthen relationships across campus, Providence, and the wider academic community. As an adviser to the University Librarian, I have been an integral part of strategic planning and relationship building for the library across the campus, in the region, and with other academic and institutions. I have led the efforts to improve onboarding of new staff, developed series to introduce newly restructured and existing departments to campus community, and serve as an adviser to special collections and digital publishing initiatives. Additionally, I am developing the structure for an emerging library leaders' fellowship program that recently received funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Prior to joining Brown University Library, I was the Johanna- Marie Fraenkel Curator for Race and Ethnicity at Harvard University's Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America. In that position, I lead the library's efforts to diversify the collections and programming to be more inclusive of racial and ethnic populations across the country.



Major Accomplishments:

In 2017, I was part of the organizing team and a participant in a two-day workshop, A More Complete Record: A Case for Archival Partnerships. The workshop brought together archivists, librarians, curators, historians, and the public to discuss how technology can be used to facilitate partnerships to increase access to related to African

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American history. As an organizer, I was able to contribute to the structure and direction of the workshop. As a participant, I was able to speak with and facilitate the conversation with archivists and librarians who work on the frontlines about their challenges and achievements. The workshop helped to move the conversation about institutional partnerships, collections access, and building trust forward for participants including, Harvard Library, Historically Black Colleges and University libraries, historically white institutions, private collections, and the Federal Government.

Previous Service to ASALH:

Extensive committee work and leadership.

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

As a life member of ASALH, I am dedicated to continuing the legacy of Carter G. Woodson in the preservation and promotion of African American life and history. As a member of the Executive Council, I hope to work with the other council members and membership in increasing the impact of traditional programming as well as help create new initiatives. I would add my experience and perspective to expanding ASALH's existing digital initiatives like the ASALH-TV. Finally, I look forward to working with existing partners and helping to establish new partnerships to move the mission of ASALH forward.

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