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Karsonya Wise Whitehead **President**

Current Employer:

Loyola University Maryland

Professional Background:

2023 Professor of Communication and African and African American Studies, Department of Communication, Loyola University Maryland

2020 Founding Executive Director, The Karson Institute for Race, Peace, & Social Justice, Loyola University Maryland

2017 Radio Host, Today with Dr. Kaye, WEAA 88.9 FM, Morgan State University

2017-2022 Opinion Editorial Columnist, Conversations with Dr. Kaye, Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper

Major Accomplishments:

2024 Nominee:

- Nominee, Outstanding Editorial and Commentary, Chesapeake Associated Press
- Nominee, Outstanding Talk Show, Chesapeake Associated Press
- Nominee, Outstanding Enterprise Reporting, Chesapeake Associated Press

2023 Recipient:

- First Place, Outstanding Editorial and Commentary, Chesapeake Associated Press

2022 Recipient:

- Rev. John LaFarge Award, S.J. Award, Fairfield University



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- Outstanding Alumna in Humanities, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Vernon Jarrett Medal for Journalistic Excellence, School of Global Journalism of Communication, Morgan State University
- Best Talk Show, Chesapeake Associated Press Association
- Second Place, Outstanding Editorial and Commentary, Chesapeake Associated Press
- Leaders in Diversity Award, Baltimore Business Journal

2021 Recipient:

- “Newsmaker of the Year,” Afro newspaper
- Edward R. Murrow Regional Award, Excellence in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- The Amistad Award in recognition of Outstanding Contribution to the Struggle for Human Rights and Social Justice, The Amistad Committee, Central Connecticut State University
- 10 Incredible Women Leaders from Baltimore, Women of the World Foundation, Google Arts & Culture

2020 Recipient:

- First Place, Outstanding Editorial and Commentary, Chesapeake Associated Press
- Baltimore’s “Best Radio Host,” The Baltimore Sun
- “Top 100 Women” in Maryland, The Daily Record

2019 Recipient:

- “Woke 100 List,” Essence Magazine
- “25 Women to Watch in 2019,” The Baltimore Sun
- Exceptional Merit in Media, National Women’s Political Caucus, “BlackGirlActivism: Exploring the Ways that We Keep Coming through the Storm,” The Work of Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Magazine: Meridians
- Outstanding Talk Show, Chesapeake Associated Press Association
- Second Place, Outstanding Editorial and Commentary, Chesapeake Associated Press
- Collegium Visionary Award, Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Live

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Previous Service to ASALH:

2024 National Secretary

2022 Guest Co-Editor, Black History Bulletin 85th Anniversary. “Historical Trauma: Past Pains, Future Promise”

2016-21 National Secretary

2016 Black History Month Keynote Speaker

2012-2016 Panelist, ASALH Black History Month Panel at the White House

2013 Guest Editor, Black History Bulletin 76, #2. “The Golden Jubilee of the Civil Rights Act”

2013 Keynote Address, Woodson Lecture

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

It was my privilege to serve ASALH’s National Secretary for six years as it provided me with an opportunity to study and learn how the Association worked and what issues needed to be addressed. After six years, building upon what I had learned from ASALH, I served as the president of the National Women’s Studies Association for three years. I like to believe that based upon my service in both ASALH and NWSA that I have learned how to bridge the gap between the work that associations are called to do and the issues that they are called to address. During my service to NWSA, I wrote and released over 23 statements using my presidential platform to address issues ranging from the July 6th Insurrection to the SCOTUS Dobbs decision. I was able to leverage my Association’s network to bring attention to issues that were of great concern to our members. I also planned NWSA’s involvement in the May 3rd National Day of Action, mobilizing our membership to participate in Teach-Ins and Workshop across the country (as a result NWSA was included in the 2023 GLSEN Award).

I am committed to ensuring the success of ASALH by continuing to build upon the vision set forth by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. ASALH has always been the keeper of our collective history, my goal, if elected as the president of ASALH, would be to position ASALH as the voice of our community—which includes more direct involvement with the

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community, mobilizing and building our membership base (through direct outreach, collaborative networking, and hosting community meetings), and releasing presidential statements addressing political and social issues that directly impact our community.

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