

## ASALH Awards Committee Report

Submitted by Camesha Scruggs, Chair of Awards Committee on April 14, 2025

The ASALH Awards Committee met April 2nd to deliberate nominations, and craft a slate of nominees for the Executive Council.

As of April 14th, the committee received 29 nominations for the following awards: Carter G Woodson Scholar Medallion, Freedom Scholar, Council of Award of Special Recognition, and Mary McLeod Bethune Service. The committee selected and suggested 12 names in consideration of the various awards.

Committee Chair Camesha and ED Sylvia attended the Local Arrangements Committee Meeting on April 11th to acquire nominations for the ASALH Luminary Awards. The group will provide a slate by the end of the week.

**Motion: The Committee moves to accept the nominations for the following awards as follows.**

### Luminary Award

- Awards Committee
  - Raphael Warnock, American Baptist pastor and politician serving as the junior United States senator from Georgia since 2021. A member of the Democratic Party, Warnock has been the senior pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church
- LAC
  - Candy Tate, Curator and Co-Director of The Legacy Museum at Tuskegee University
  - Sheila Fleming, past-president of ASALH, reparations advocate
  - Mary Frances Early, first African-American to earn a degree from the University of Georgia

### Council Award of Special Recognition

- Woodson House National Park Service Staff
- Mesha Williams (receive award at 2026 ASALH Black History Month Luncheon), assists with the marketing and publications for the ASALH Black History Month Festival
- Yolanda Covington-Ward, Department Chair, W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies Professor at UMASS-Amherst
- Vedet Coleman-Robinson, Executive Director of the Association of African American Museums
- Lionel Kimble, ASALH EC Member, former VP for Programs for ASALH

#### Carter G Woodson Scholar Medallion

- Stephanie Evans, full professor and former director of the Institute for Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Georgia State University.
- Deirdre Cooper Owens, associate professor at the University of Connecticut

#### Freedom Scholar

- Arlisha Norwood, an assistant professor of history at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
- Kelechi Wright, an assistant professor of african american studies at University of Houston

#### Living Legacy

- Kevin James, 19th President of Morris Brown College, a historical Black college in Atlanta, Georgia

#### Mary McLeod Bethune Service

- Natanya Duncan, associate professor of history and director of Africana studies at Queens College CUNY
- Larry Lester, President of The Greater KC Black History Study Group

#### President's Award

- Jasmine Crockett, an American lawyer and politician serving as the U.S. representative for Texas's 30th congressional district