

# Vice President for Programs

## April 2025 Report

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### Awards

- See separate report

### Woodson Home

- Next Meeting with NPS staff and stakeholders will be May 2nd at 10am
- Programming
  - During the period from December 2025 to December 2026, we want to highlight and raise awareness about Dr. Carter G. Woodson through a series of events, talks and other programs to raise awareness about Dr. Woodson and his contributions to the study and preservation of African American history. At some point during this time frame, we will also have the Grand Re-opening of the Woodson Home National Historic Site, and it will also be America's 250th
  - One very important goal is to have youth involvement in programming and to create programs that attract youth (which NPS defines as people between 1 and ~34 years. We've talked internally about how great it would be to engage local collegiate chapters from Omega Psi Phi to work with us as volunteers to help put on some programs that would be attractive to other youth for example. We also know that Kiamsha will also play a valuable role in helping us generate ideas for programs and potentially in doing some programs with us over the year in addition to the Woodson Birthday.
- Administrative
  - Need Kaye's signature on the NPS agreement, currently it has Evelyn's
  - Tara Morrison is retiring, exact timing is not certain. Our main contact point for the home will continue to be Vince

- Construction and Exhibition
  - Aiming to complete construction punch list by June 2025; Exhibit vendor needs to get back in during the summer, aim to complete by November/December 2025

## Program Planning

- Black History Month Themes
  - Considering renaming the 2027 and 2028 theme
    - 2027: Digital Blackness
    - 2028: Around 14th Amendment, Olympics, Raised Fist, MLK Jr. Assassination
- Funding
  - Submitting an application for AAAM/AACRN Funding-\$5,000 to support the Woodson House docents

## Academic Program Committee

- Schedule Changes
  - See separate document
- Early Bird Submissions as of 4-21-2025-(does not include created sessions)
  - Accepted notices have gone out to submitters
  - Individual-85
    - Papers: 64
    - Posters: 8
    - Woodson Lightning Round-10
  - Session-80
    - Media-7
    - Panel-29
    - Roundtable-27
    - Workshop-16
    - Meeting-1
- Plenaries
  - Wednesday-NPCA sponsored (TBD)
  - Thursday, September 25, 2025
    - “The Current State of the Black Radical Tradition: Evaluations and Interventions”
      - Chair: Ashley Farmer (Waiting on Confirmation)
      - Panelists: Charisse Burden-Stelly, Gerald Horne, Joy James, and Akinyele Umoja
  - Friday, September 26, 2025
    - “The Scholarship and Legacy of Joe W. Trotter, Jr.”
      - Chair: Naomi R. Williams

- Panelists: Blair L.M. Kelley, Leslie Harris, Augustus Wood, Sundiata Cha-Jua
    - Commentator: Joe W. Trotter, Jr.
  - Saturday, September 27, 2025
    - “The 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act: The Past, Present, and Future of Democracy”
      - Chair: Jelani Cobb
- Luncheon Speakers
  - Christopher Smalls, former president of the Amazon Labor Union (ALU)
  - Maurice Hobson, Associate Professor, Georgia State University
  - Senator Raphael Warnock (Unconfirmed as of now)
- Key Sessions
  - Official Key Sessions will be announced at the end of the May, following the submission deadline of May 17th
- Outreach
  - Flyer Campaign (Physical and Online versions must circulate daily) Specifically targeting Atlanta Universities and colleges
- Film Festival
  - Tentative Schedule of films will be created this weekend and sent to Aaisha early next week