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Dr. Tomiko Meeks Class of 2026

Current Employer: Texas Southern University

Professional Background:

Tomiko Meeks is a professional historian, freelance editor, cultural consultant, and educator. She received her Ph.D. in History from Howard University, her MA in History, and her BA in Psychology from the University of Houston. Her research interests are diverse and include 19th-century US History, Black girls and women, Slavery, Women's History, Resistance, Public History, and Digital Humanities.



Major Accomplishments:

Tomiko has worked on several projects, including collaborating with the University of Houston and the Menil Collection on The Effects of the Atlantic Slave Trade on the Visual Culture of Africa. She served as co-chair of the Digital Humanities Symposium at Houston Community College. She participates annually in the HBCU Oral History Project on Race and Reconciliation. Tomiko is also a member of the Howard University Social Justice Consortium. The Howard SJC is concerned with educating society and developing the critical consciousness people need to analyze injustice in their own communities. Professor Meeks is a dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., where she serves as Corresponding Secretary and was previously the chapter Historian for the Bay Area Houston Alumnae (BAHA) Chapter. She also serves as the Vice-President and conference planning co-chair for the Texas Oral History Association and on the Boards for the Central Texas Historical Association (CTHA), The HistoryMakers Oral History Digital Archive, the Association of Black Women Historians (Award Committee), and Preserve Black Texas, an organization committed to protecting African American History and Culture in Texas.



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

I aim to increase membership among undergraduates, graduate students, and individuals aged 35 years and younger. I have met with students from the University of Houston and Texas Southern University, introducing them to ASALH and encouraging them to join, submit proposals to the 2025 conference, and attend the event. I also hope to help increase ASALH's institutional membership base. Additionally, my goal is to work with the Academic Programming Committee to expand our conference offerings.

Previous Service to ASALH:

2024 and 2025 Academic Program Committee and the Help Desk at the 109th Annual Conference. Nominating Committee and Human Resource Chair.

