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# James R. Morgan III Class of 2028

### **Current Employer:**

Morgan State University

#### **Professional Background:**

James R. Morgan III is a native of Newark, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Howard University where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Africana Studies. After serving with the United States Department of State for nearly nine years, he enrolled in the Department of History at Morgan State



University, where he received his Master of Arts degree in African American Studies. Mr. Morgan is currently enrolled as a doctoral student at Morgan State, where he also serves as a Graduate Teaching & Research Assistant. While attending Morgan State, he has also served as the Vice President of the Morgan State Graduate Student Association. Mr. Morgan is a scholar of black institutional life and active within the Prince Hall Masonic fraternity, serving as the Grand Historian of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia from 2014 to the present. He has contributed to several major projects to include serving on the Advisory Board of the Bishop Henry McNeal Turner Project (sponsored by the University of Memphis), a contributing writer to the Picturing Black History project (sponsored by Ohio State University), and the Rituals in the Making oral history project where he researched the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the African American mortuary industry. An avid genealogist, Mr. Morgan has been employed by both the International African American Museum in Charleston, South Carolina, and the African American Civil War Museum in Washington, D.C. Mr. Morgan is also a Brother and Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity !! nc.

## **Major Accomplishments:**

Published "The Lost Empire: Black Freemasonry in the Old West (1867-1906)" in 2018 which was awarded the Dr. Charles H. Wesley Medal of History, the Phillis Wheatley



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Book Award and an award from the Africa American Historical & Genealogical Society.

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

As a member of the Executive Committee, I plan to use my standing as a graduate student to increase participation and marketing of ASALH to a new generation of scholars. I hope to work more closely regarding fundraising and program development.

#### **Previous Service to ASALH:**

I have served as a member of ASALH since 2021 and an Executive Council Member for the past year.