



CoSA Board of Directors 2023 Election Slate Announced

The CoSA Board of Directors thanks the CoSA Nominating Committee – *Jami Awalt (TN), CoSA Vice-President and President-Elect; Ken Williams (UT), representing the Board of Directors; and John Dougan (MO), representing the CoSA Membership* – and is pleased to announce the slate of candidates for election to the CoSA Board of Directors for three- year terms ending summer 2026. The Board sets policy and provides leadership for CoSA, is responsible for strategic planning and program development, and represents CoSA members to allied organizations, funders, and the field at large. The board election will take place as part of the Annual Business Meeting on July 27, 2023.



Lopez D. Matthews, Jr., Ph.D.
State Archivist and Public Records Administrator, District of Columbia

Lopez D. Matthews Jr., Ph.D., is the State Archivist and Public Records Administrator for the District of Columbia. In this capacity he serves as Historian of the District of Columbia, Chair of the D.C. Historical Records Advisory Board, and Director of the DC Office of Public Records and Archives. A native of Baltimore Maryland, he earned a BS in History from Coppin State University in 2004. He then earned a master's degree in Public History and Archival Administration from Howard University in 2006 and a PhD in

United States History from Howard University in 2009.

Currently, he is a member of the Council of State Archivists, and an Executive Council Member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. He has published several articles and is the author of *Howard University in the World Wars: Men and Women Serving the Nation*. He is host of *In Retrospect and Prospect* where he interviews practitioners about African American history projects for ASALH TV. In 2020, he became a Senior Advisor to the US Truth, Healing and Transformation Leadership Group. In 2023, he was appointed the Secretary of the Interior to the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission.



Stephanie Clark
State Archivist and Director, Oregon State Archives

Stephanie Clark is the State Archivist and Director of the Oregon State Archives and has been part of the State Archives in a professional capacity since 2012. A native Oregonian, Stephanie has always loved the Archives, interning there in 2004 as an undergraduate. Stephanie has a passion for increasing public engagement with

government records by removing barriers to access. She is a frequent presenter of records management best practices to public officials in cities, counties, state agencies, and special districts across Oregon. Stephanie is a Certified Records Manager and received her Master's in Library and Information Science from Simmons College. She has mentored other Oregon State Government employees through the Leadership Oregon program since 2016.



Jami Awalt

Assistant State Archivist, Tennessee State Library & Archives

Jami Awalt is the Assistant State Archivist for the Tennessee State Library and Archives, a division of the Tennessee Department of State, where she oversees the archival operations for the agency. She has over 30 years of experience as a professional archivist and librarian, including years as the Deputy State Historical Records Coordinator and Archivist with the Archives Development program, where she established training and funding programs to promote the establishment of local archives across the state of Tennessee. Most recently, she served as the Director of Preservation and Digital Services, leading the efforts in preservation, digitization, and improved access to the Library and Archives' collections. She is a member of several professional organizations and is currently the Vice President for the Council of State Archivists. Jami has a Master of Arts in History from Western Kentucky University and a Master of Science in Information Science from the University of Tennessee.