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SEPTEMBER 8–10, 2026
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Beyond America's 250th

This program brings together leaders and staff from presidential sites nationwide, including birthplaces, childhood homes, libraries, museums and alma maters—to reflect on the America 250 semiquincentennial celebrations and accomplishments and look to the future. The program emphasizes lessons learned, future collaborations, and strategies for sustaining relevance in a dynamic cultural landscape. Sessions will blend keynote addresses, panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities to foster actionable insights. Attendees will explore how the 250th anniversary has reshaped their operations and how to build on that momentum for long-term impact.

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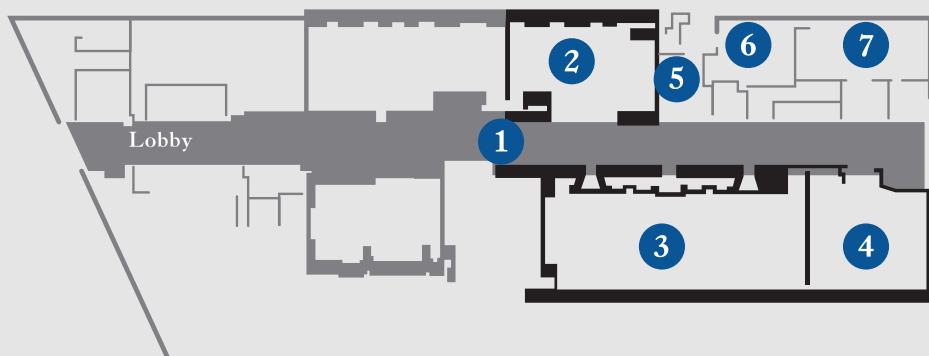
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4 Chinese Ballroom
Breakfast/Lunch

6 Senate Room

2 East Ballroom
Meals and Lunch Programs

5 Restrooms
Lower Level

7 Cabinet Room
Breakfast/Lunch

3 Grand Ballroom
General Sessions

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National First Ladies Library & Museum

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The White House Historical Association

Tuesday, September 8

12:00 PM **Registration at the Mayflower Hotel**

PROMENADE FOYER

**6:00–
8:00 PM** **Evening Reception**

THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE:

A WHITE HOUSE EXPERIENCE

*5:30 PM Buses begin departing the Mayflower Hotel.
Shuttles will pick up on Desales Street NW.*

*7:30 PM Buses begin departing The People’s House.
Shuttles will pick up at 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue.*

*The White House History Shop will be open during the
reception. Attendees will receive a 15% discount.*

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Wednesday, September 9

REFLECTIONS ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND
IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES

7:45–
8:45 AM

Networking Breakfast

**EAST BALLROOM, CHINESE BALLROOM,
CABINET ROOM**

9:00–
9:45 AM

Opening Ceremony and Program

GRAND BALLROOM

Honors to the Nation

Anita B. McBride, *Presidential Sites Summit Chair*

Stewart D. McLaurin, *President, The White House
Historical Association*

A Presidential Conversation

William Barker *as Thomas Jefferson*

Beau Robbins *as James Monroe*

Dennis Boggs *as Abraham Lincoln*

Gary Stamm *as Franklin Roosevelt*

9:45–

10:45 AM

Accomplishments and Tangible Benefits: What America 250 Delivered for Presidential Sites

GRAND BALLROOM

Moderated by Jim Byron, *President and CEO, Richard Nixon Foundation*

Sara Bon-Harper, *Executive Director, James Monroe's Highland*

Jamie Bosket, *President and CEO, Virginia Museum of History & Culture*

Jane Kamensky, *President and CEO, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello*

Christina Shutt, *Executive Director, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum*

Janet Tran, *Director, Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum*

10:45–

11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM–

12:00 PM

Unfinished Business: What Remains and How to Achieve It

GRAND BALLROOM

Moderated by Susan Swain, *former CEO of C-SPAN*

Rachel Flor, *Executive Director, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation*

Kurt Graham, *President, Adams Presidential Center*

Nia Mosby, *Head of Programs + Civics Season, Made By Us*

David Lee, *President and CEO, National First Ladies Library & Museum*

Meredith Slichter, *Executive Director, Eisenhower Foundation*

12:00–
2:00 PM

Book Signing

PROMENADE FOYER

John Wrory Ficklin, author of *An Unusual Path: Three Generations from Slavery to the White House*

Presigned books by Anita B. and Giovanna McBride, authors of *The First Ladies Make History*

A selection of Association titles pre-signed by authors will also be available

12:15–
1:45 PM

Lunch

EAST BALLROOM, CHINESE BALLROOM, CABINET ROOM

Buffet will be served in Promenade Foyer

1:00–
1:30 PM

Lunch Program, A Toast to the New Sites: The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and the Barack Obama Presidential Center

EAST BALLROOM

Moderated by Stewart D. McLaurin, *President, The White House Historical Association*

Edward O'Keefe, *CEO, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation*

Tina Tchen, *Executive Vice President of Programs, The Obama Foundation*

2:00–
2:45 PM

Forging Partnerships: Examples and Ideas for Future Collaborations

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Moderated by Anita B. McBride, *Presidential Sites Summit Chair*

Douglas Bradburn, *President and CEO, George Washington's Mount Vernon*

John Bridgeland, *CEO and Executive Chair, More Perfect*

Charles Hyde, *President and CEO, Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO FOLLOW

2:45–
3:00 PM

Break

3:00–
4:00 PM

Civics Education in Election Years: Leveraging the Lessons of 250 for 2026 and 2028

GRAND BALLROOM

Moderated by Barbara Perry, *J. Wilson Newman Professor of Governance, The Miller Center*

David Bobb, *President, Bill of Rights Institute*

Louise Dubé, *CEO, iCivics*

Donna Phillips, *President and CEO, Center for Civic Education*

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00–
7:00 PM

Evening Reception

THE WHITE HOUSE, THE ROSE GARDEN

4:15 PM Buses begin departing the Mayflower Hotel. Shuttles will pick up on Desales Street NW. Attendees will enter at 17th Street and State Place. Gates will open at 4:30 PM and close at 5:15 PM.

Remarks by First Lady Melania Trump

Remarks by John F.W. Rogers, *Chairman of the Board of Directors, The White House Historical Association*

7:00 PM: Buses begin departing The White House. Shuttles will pick up at 17th Street and State Place.

Thursday, September 10

MOVING INTO THE FUTURE, LEADERSHIP,
AND NAVIGATING CHALLENGES

7:45–
8:45 AM

Networking Breakfast

**EAST BALLROOM, CHINESE BALLROOM,
CABINET ROOM**

9:00–
10:00 AM

Teaching History Toward a More Perfect Union

GRAND BALLROOM

Introduced by Anita B. McBride, *Presidential Sites
Summit Chair*

Moderated by Matthew Costello, *Chief Education
Officer, The White House Historical Association*

Andrew Davenport, *Vice President for Research and
Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International
Center for Jefferson Studies at the Thomas
Jefferson Foundation*

Susan Page, *Washington Bureau Chief, USA Today*

Colleen Shogan, *CEO, In Pursuit*

Mark Updegrove, *President and CEO of the LBJ
Foundation, Co-Chair of In Pursuit*

10:00–
10:15 AM

Break

10:15–
11:15 AM

**Funding and Sustaining the Mission:
Partnerships and Philanthropy**

GRAND BALLROOM

Moderated by David M. Rubenstein, *Co-Founder
and Co-Chairman, The Carlyle Group*

Jennifer Condon, *former Chief Executive Officer,
America250*

Lawrence Di Rita, *Head of Global Public Policy and
President of Greater Washington DC, Bank of America*

Hilary Hamm, *Chair of the Board of Trustees,
Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library*

Lindsay Leonard, *Vice President of Boeing
Global Engagement*

11:30 AM–
1:30 PM

Book Signing

PROMENADE FOYER

Gary Walters, author of *White House Memories 1970–2007: Recollections of the Longest Serving Chief Usher*

A selection of Association titles pre-signed by authors will also be available

11:30–
1:00 PM

Lunch

EAST BALLROOM, CHINESE BALLROOM, CABINET ROOM

Buffet will be served in Promenade Foyer

12:00 PM

Lunch Program: Reuniting Presidential History

EAST BALLROOM

Introduced by Stewart D. McLaurin, *President, The White House Historical Association*

Val Crofts, *Chief Education and Programs Officer, American Village*

Amanda Isaac, *Chief Curator, George Washington's Mount Vernon*

1:15–
2:15 PM

Digital Frontiers: Integrating Technology for Post-250 Engagement

GRAND BALLROOM

Moderated by Teresa Carlson, *Global Head of Public Sector, Anthropic*

Matt Briney, *Chief Communications Officer, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation*

Chris Cummings, *Founder and CEO, Iconic*

Elizabeth Merritt, *Vice President for Strategic Foresight and founding director of the Center for the Future of Museums at the American Alliance of Museums*

Stephen Platenberg, *President, Cortina Productions*

2:15–
2:30 PM

Break

2:30–
3:30 PM

Expanding Presidential Narratives: Lesser-Known Stories for Broader Engagement

GRAND BALLROOM

Moderated by Matthew Goetz, *Senior Historian, The White House Historical Association*

Sarah Fling, *Historian, The White House Historical Association*

Robin Von Seldeneck, *President and CEO, The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum*

Christie Weininger, *Executive Director, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museum*

Jason R. Zajac, *President and CEO, The Hermitage*

3:30 PM

Closing Remarks and Special Announcements

Stewart D. McLaurin, *President, The White House Historical Association*

5:00–
9:00 PM

Evening Reception and Performance

FORD'S THEATRE

Evening Reception at Ford's Theatre and a performance of *Come From Away*

4:30 PM Buses begin departing the Mayflower Hotel. Shuttles will pick up on Desales Street NW. The reception is located at the Frances and Craig Lindner Center for Culture and Leadership (512 10th Street NW, across from Ford's Theatre).

8:45 PM Guests will need to go to the shuttle pick-up at Ford's Theatre (511 10th Street NW). Shuttles return guests to the Mayflower Hotel.

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William Barker

Veteran historical actor-interpreter Bill Barker is widely recognized as the nation's foremost interpreter of Thomas Jefferson. After portraying Thomas Jefferson at Colonial Williamsburg for 26 years, Barker joined the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello in 2019. Barker began interpreting Jefferson in 1984—fittingly, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Combining the tools of theater with rigorous historical scholarship, his approach explores Jefferson's life and times, and how it relates to our world today.

Barker has performed as Jefferson around the country and around the world, at sites including the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Palace of Versailles, and more. He has been featured as Jefferson in numerous publications including *TIME*, *People*, and *Southern Living*, and has appeared as Jefferson on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, C-SPAN and Comedy Central's *Colbert Report*. Monticello guests encounter Barker as Mr. Jefferson in regularly-scheduled programming at Monticello. He also contributes to educational outreach efforts, including electronic field trips and livestream programs, and represents Monticello at special events around the country.



David Bobb

For more than 20 years David Bobb has been one of the leading advocates for strong history and civic education in the United States. David is president and CEO of the Bill of Rights Institute, a position he's held since 2013. David serves on the advisory board for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's National Civics Bee and on the Steering Committee for Educating for Democracy. Author of *Humility: An Unlikely Biography of America's Greatest Virtue*, and a chapter on Frederick Douglass in a volume published by Oxford University Press, David has written for the *Wall Street Journal* and *Education Week*, among more than 100 other publications. His next book, due out June 2, 2026, and co-authored with Tony Williams, is *Divided Over the Declaration: How an Enduring Debate Sustains the Vision of America*. David earned a PhD in political science from Boston College.

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Dennis Boggs

Dennis Boggs travels all over the nation bringing Abraham Lincoln's story to life for audiences of all ages. With his extensive theatrical background, Mr. Boggs was first introduced into playing the role of President Lincoln in a theatrical production on stage at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC) in his hometown of Nashville, Tennessee, and with the art of professional storytelling performance within her background, his wife Molly highly encouraged her husband to further pursue his portrayal of this great historical figure. She definitely saw the passion within him while preparing for the role, and through much in-depth research and study, Mr. Boggs grew an even deeper admiration and appreciation of this great man, mainly because of the many challenges and trials and tribulations that he endured throughout his life, beginning as a little boy and on into his adulthood. He also recognized that Abraham Lincoln had very little schooling within his background, but with much hard work and determination, he eventually succeeded and even rose to achieve the highest office in the land. So through continuing years of research and study, and many hours of reading countless books and papers, and with much prayer, he was highly driven to recreate and personify President Lincoln's story through his first person, storytelling program entitled *Meet Mr. Lincoln*.

Now, as a full-time profession, he averages close to 250 programs a year, traveling coast to coast, presenting President Lincoln for schools, colleges & universities, civic organizations, Chautauqua events, library program, museum, civil war roundtables, storytelling events, festivals, motivational speaking programs, churches, as well as many other special events. Some of his credits include 2 documentaries for the History Channel, entitled *Being Lincoln* and *Looking for Lincoln*, as well as being highly featured on several PBS (Public Broadcasting System) programming stations.

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Sara Bon-Harper

Dr. Sara Bon-Harper is Executive Director of James Monroe's Highland in Charlottesville, Virginia. Her tenure has transformed this presidential site, where new exhibition elements weave together dramatic research discoveries and stories of historic individuals and events that established and developed the United States. A core feature of Dr. Bon-Harper's leadership is collaboration with Highland's Council of Descendant Advisors, which has a strong voice in museum and community initiatives, including co-curation of exhibitions and programming.

The recipient of numerous grants and awards, she shares her enthusiasm by engaging members of the public in ongoing inquiry about the past. She believes that stories about our shared past are a crucial component of healthy communities.

Bon-Harper earned a PhD in Anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a B.A. in Anthropology and Classics from the University of Arizona. She holds faculty affiliations in Anthropology and the Institute for Integrative Conservation (IIC) at William & Mary. She serves on the National Advisory Council of More Perfect, and on the board of the Charlottesville-based Presidential Precinct. She previously served as Archaeological Research Manager at Monticello, taught at the University of Virginia, and led international research teams.



Jamie Bosket

Jamie Bosket is President & CEO of the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC)—the oldest museum in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of the premier historical organizations in the nation. Founded in 1831, the VMHC serves hundreds of thousands of people annually and stewards a renowned history collection of more than nine million items.

Previously, Jamie served in a number of leadership positions at George Washington's Mount Vernon over a period of ten years, including Vice President for Guest Experience. In 2024, Jamie was elected to the governing board of the American Association for State & Local History (AASLH), the only comprehensive national organization dedicated to state and local history. Jamie was appointed by the Governor of Virginia and currently sits on the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and the executive committee of Virginia's American Revolution 250th Commission. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Tessitura Network, non-profit technology company that supports leading cultural organizations across the world.



Douglas Bradburn

Douglas Bradburn, President and CEO of George Washington's Mount Vernon and the former Founding Director of the George Washington Presidential Library at Mount Vernon, is a well-known scholar of early American history and author of *The Citizenship Revolution: Politics and the Creation of the American Union, 1774-1804*, and three anthologies, including *Early Modern Virginia: Reconsidering the Old Dominion*. He is the co-founder and editor of the award-winning book series, *Early American Histories*, and the winner of numerous awards, grants, and fellowships, including the yearlong Gilder Lehrman Research Fellowship at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello. Dr. Bradburn has appeared on C-SPAN, *Good Morning America*, and *CBS Sunday Morning* and was featured in the History Channel's docudrama, *WASHINGTON*. Before coming to Mount Vernon, Bradburn served as Chair of the History Department at Binghamton University, State University of New York. He received his PhD in History from the University of Chicago and his B.A. in history and economics from the University of Virginia.

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John Bridgeland

John Bridgeland is Executive Chairman of the Office of American Possibilities, a civic innovation initiative that mobilizes Americans to solve public challenges across divides. In that capacity, he is Founder & CEO of More Perfect, a bipartisan alliance of 44 Presidential Centers, the National Archives Foundation, and 100 organizations working to advance five core democracy goals ahead of America's 250th anniversary. He also co-chairs In Pursuit, where leading public figures and scholars share lessons from U.S. presidents and first ladies.

John is also Co-Founder & CEO of the COVID Collaborative; and Co-Founder & Co-Chair of Welcome.US, supporting the resettlement of Afghan, Ukrainian, and other refugees; and Founding CEO & Vice Chairman of Malaria No More, launched at the White House Summit on Malaria, which has helped save over 14 million lives since 2001.

He has been a leader for 20 years on the high school dropout challenge, with his report *The Silent Epidemic* generating a *TIME* cover story and two Oprah Shows, co-development of a civic marshal plan to address it, and co-leadership of the Grad Nation campaign. His work was the subject of the lead cover story in the August 2024 edition of the Stanford Social Innovation Review.

Bridgeland served under Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush, including as Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council and founding Director of the Freedom Corps. A Harvard graduate, he earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia and lives in McLean, Virginia, with his family.



Matt Briney

Matt Briney is Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, which opened July 4, 2026 in Medora, North Dakota—timed to America’s 250th anniversary. At TRPL, Matt leads the Library’s integrated marketing and communications strategy, including Trailblazer, its AI-powered engagement platform that personalizes each participant’s experience by connecting Roosevelt’s legacy to contemporary life through immersive storytelling and adaptive digital content. Central to the Library’s technology vision is a partnership with Microsoft that produced a custom LLM and virtual historian—giving researchers, educators, and curious visitors direct access to Theodore Roosevelt’s papers, letters, and speeches in a conversational, accessible format. It’s one of the most ambitious applications of AI in the presidential library space. Before joining TRPL, Matt served as Vice President of Communications at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, where he led award-winning digital experiences including the Be Washington Interactive Theater. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech.



James Byron

James T. Byron is President and CEO of the Richard Nixon Foundation. Byron served in the Trump Administration with the authority of the Archivist of the United States charged with management of the National Archives and Records Administration, a federal agency home to the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights that also administers the nationwide system of presidential libraries. Leading up to America’s 250th birthday, he launched nationwide celebratory programs, including The Freedom Plane National Tour of Founding-era documents. Byron was elected President and CEO of the Nixon Foundation in November 2021 at the age of 28. He prioritized scaling the Foundation’s programming nationwide, expanding its online and social media impact, and led a capital campaign to support civics education. Byron is a native of Santa Monica, California and grew up in Orange County. He is a graduate of Chapman University, where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration with a Minor in History. He is a member of the Board of Directors of The Pacific Club in Newport Beach. He lives in Washington, D.C., and Orange County and enjoys playing tennis and golf.



Teresa Carlson

Teresa is the Global Head of Public Sector and Market Development at Anthropic, where she works with governments to leverage AI responsibly and drive their missions through the adoption of cutting-edge technology. Prior to this role, she was the Founding CEO of the General Catalyst Institute, which worked with policymakers to accelerate national resilience at a global scale across applied AI, defense, energy, finance, health, and manufacturing.

Her career includes decades of leadership as a visionary technology executive including time at Amazon, where she founded and led Worldwide Public Sector and Industries for AWS, growing it into a multibillion-dollar business. Carlson has led large global organizations at Splunk and Flexport, serving as President and Chief Growth Officer, and earlier in her career she led the U.S. Federal Business at Microsoft. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Commure and the Public board of PagerDuty, and she is a Board Observer for Re: Build, Re: Car, Cobot, and Mark43. She also dedicates time to philanthropic roles as the Vice Chair of the White House Historical Association, Executive Committee Member of The Atlantic Council, and Board Trustee at Meridian International.



Matthew Costello

Dr. Matthew Costello is the Chief Education Officer and Director of the David M. Rubenstein National Center for White House History, where he holds the Gerard B. Lambert Foundation Chair in White House History. In this role, he oversees the Association's education programs, historical research, digital archives, public programming, and partnerships. Costello joined the Association in 2016 as the Senior Historian after completing his Ph.D. and M.A. in American history at Marquette University. He has published articles in academic journals and magazines, as well as two books. The first, *The Property of the Nation: George Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, and the Memory of the First President*, was a finalist for the George Washington Book Prize. He also co-edited the volume *Mourning the Presidents: Loss and Legacy in American Culture*.

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Jennifer Condon

Jennifer Condon is a senior public affairs and strategic communications executive with more than two decades of leadership experience spanning government, business, and the nonprofit sector. She currently serves as Senior Vice President at Dezenhall Resources, following her tenure as Chief Executive Officer of America250, the national organization leading the commemoration of the United States' 250th anniversary, the Semiquincentennial. As CEO, Condon led the organization's strategy, communications, government relations, partnerships, and stakeholder engagement, working across the public and private sectors to advance one of the nation's largest commemorative initiatives.

Prior to America250, she served as Lead Federal Project Manager at Oracle Cerner Corporation, where she led complex, cross-organizational teams supporting the Department of Veterans Affairs. Earlier in her career, Condon served as Confidential Advisor to the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and held senior leadership positions in corporate communications and nonprofit development, including Executive Director and Chief Development Officer of the Joint Council on International Children's Services.

She is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and SAFe Agilist (SA). She holds an MBA in Organizational Management from Eastern University and a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Religion from Bucknell University. She lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with her husband and five children.

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Val Crofts

Mr. Val Crofts began his teaching career in 2001 in Wisconsin and currently serves as the Chief Education and Programs Officer and Chief Historian at the American Village in Montevallo, Alabama. He previously taught at Milton High School in Milton, Wisconsin, for 17 years and worked as a teaching consultant for the Wisconsin Virtual School for nine years. He was selected as a private Commissioner to America 250 in 2018 and serves on Alabama 250 as the co-chair of the Education Committee.

He is a former teacher of AP Government and Politics, AP U.S. History, U.S. History, and U.S. Military History. In his current role at the American Village, he and his team work to create an engaging, accurate, and inclusive curriculum to help assist teachers and students of all ages to learn about American history, America's Founders, and the legacy that they left for future generations.

In 2008, Crofts founded the Discovering Democracy program at Milton High School. Discovering Democracy immersed hundreds of students into government through public policy research and culminated with a weeklong field study in Washington, D.C. His students were privileged to meet with top policy experts and national leaders such as Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Antonin Scalia, Sonia Sotomayor, and former Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan. Mr. Crofts was recognized for his teaching efforts when he received the Crystal Apple Award for Teaching Excellence. He was also selected as the Wisconsin DAR Outstanding Teacher of U.S. History in 2020.

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Chris Cummings

Chris Cummings is the founder and CEO of Iconic, a global agency creating immersive digital experiences for cultural institutions, governments, and leading brands. Iconic's proprietary 3D platform, Iconic Worlds, brings spaces, collections, and stories to life through high-fidelity, browser-based experiences accessible from anywhere. A three-time founder, four-time CEO, and former federal attorney, Chris has built his career at the intersection of technology, storytelling, and cultural preservation. His work has received the United Nations World Summit Award for innovation in culture and tourism and has helped institutions reach new audiences, generate revenue, and preserve important cultural legacies.



Andrew Davenport

Dr. Andrew M. Davenport is Vice President for Research and Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. He has published widely about U.S. history and culture, including in *Lapham's Quarterly*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and *Smithsonian Magazine*. His scholarship has appeared or will appear soon in *African American Review*, *American Historical Review*, *French Cultural Studies*, and in edited volumes about American history and literature. Davenport is a trustee of the American Agora Foundation, which insists that historical consciousness is an essential asset for a democratic republic, an advisory board member at Historiq, a start-up that seeks to make advancements in archival processing through artificial intelligence, and Founding Fathers Papers, Inc., which supports the publication of the papers of major U.S. founders. He earned a B.A. in English from Kenyon College, an M.A. in American Studies from Fairfield University, and an M.A. and PhD in U.S. History from Georgetown University.

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Lawrence Di Rita

Lawrence “Larry” Di Rita leads Bank of America’s global public policy team, which includes federal, state, and international government relations, as well as the policy analysis and insights team. He also leads the environmental strategy team, working with the lines of businesses and other partners to help meet Bank of America’s sustainable finance and related objectives. Larry also serves as President, Greater Washington DC of Bank of America, leading a team of 2,600 from across the company’s lines of business and support functions. Before joining Bank of America in 2006, Larry was in public service. His last government assignment was as Counselor to the Department of Defense. Other positions included special assistant to the Secretary of Defense, head of the Pentagon’s Office of Legislative Affairs and of the Office of Public Affairs, and chief spokesman for the Department of Defense. Prior to the Pentagon, Larry served as legislative director, then chief of staff, for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas. Earlier roles included deputy director of foreign policy and defense studies at The Heritage Foundation, and policy director of the Phil Gramm for President Campaign. A U.S. naval officer prior to his civilian public service, Larry had seagoing and shore based assignments in the United States and abroad, completing active duty in the Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, The Joint Staff. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the United States Naval Academy and a Master of Arts from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. Larry is a director of The Rumsfeld Foundation and of the U.S. Navy Memorial and the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council. He also serves on the boards of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. and Greater Washington Board of Trade.

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Louise Dubé

Louise Dubé serves as the CEO of iCivics. As the largest provider in the nation, iCivics champions and re-imagines history and civic learning. Under her leadership, iCivics has won many awards including Fast Company's Top 10 Most Innovative Education Companies, the MacArthur Foundation's Award for Creative and Effective Institutions and EdTech Creator winner from Unity. Previously, Louise served as Managing Director of Digital Learning at WGBH where she helped launch PBS LearningMedia, a platform reaching 1.5M educators. Before WGBH, Louise had a successful career in K-12 educational technology. Louise won the 2017 People's Voice award from the DVF - Diller Foundation as well as the 2018 Civvys - Civic Collaboration National award from Bridge Alliance. She was recognized as a 2019 Donaldson Fellow by Yale SOM. Louise is a frequent commentator on civic learning in media outlets from the *Washington Post* to PBS. Louise began her career as an attorney in Montreal, Canada, and holds a law degree from McGill University, as well as an MBA from Yale University.



Sarah Fling

Sarah Fling started at the White House Historical Association in 2019 as a graduate public history fellow before joining as a historian in 2021. Her research focuses on free and enslaved workers, the first ladies, and the White House Collection. Sarah is a contributor in *The Cambridge Companion to US First Ladies* (2025) and has published her research in *White House History Quarterly* and *Teen Vogue*. Sarah also serves as a Community Lead in the Youth250 Bureau, a non-partisan initiative that highlights the Gen Z perspective during America's 250th. Sarah's previous work experience includes internships at historic sites such as George Washington's Mount Vernon and the Frick Pittsburgh. She received her bachelor's degree in History from the University of Pittsburgh and her master's in Public History from American University.

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Rachel Flor

Rachel Flor has served as Executive Director of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation since October 2019. She oversees all operations of the Foundation, the non-profit partner and creative collaborator of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Under Rachel's leadership, the JFK Library Foundation is pioneering innovative programs and partnerships to bring the lessons and inspiration of the Kennedy legacy to today's biggest challenges. Among these initiatives include the Foundation's groundbreaking partnership with The Earthshot Prize, a high-impact global venture to address the climate crisis led by Prince William, and the 2022 historic visit of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to the JFK Library in celebration of the 60th anniversary of President Kennedy's Moonshot speech.

Prior to her appointment as Executive Director, Rachel served the Foundation for more than thirteen years in a variety of roles spanning all facets of the organization, including Deputy Director and Vice President of Communications and Digital Media. She has been named one of Boston's Most Influential People by *Boston Magazine* and to the *Boston Business Journal's* 40 under 40 list.



Matthew Goetz

Matthew joined the Association full-time in 2025, though he previously interned with the history team in 2019. He earned his doctorate in American history from The George Washington University (GW) in 2023, after which he taught history at GW, Georgetown University, and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Matthew has published scholarship in numerous outlets, including *White House History Quarterly* and *Washington History Magazine*, and has contributed chapters to the edited volumes *What the Presidents Read* (2025) and *The Routledge History of Religion and Politics in the United States since 1775* (2024). Originally from California, Matthew enjoys living in Washington, D.C., and exploring the many museums and historic sites in the city and surrounding area.

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**Kurt
Graham**

Kurt Graham is the president of the Adams Presidential Center in Quincy, Massachusetts. He is the former director of the Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri, and the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas, Texas. He also directed the Church History Museum in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the McCracken Research Library at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, Wyoming. He has an undergraduate degree in English and a master's in American Studies from Brigham Young University and earned a PhD in American history from Brown University. Prior to entering the museum/library field, he was on the history faculty at California State University, San Bernardino, where he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in early US and constitutional history. He is the author of *To Bring Law Home: The Federal Judiciary in Early National Rhode Island*.



**Hilary
Hamm**

Hilary Hamm is Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library. She also holds leadership roles across business and philanthropy, including Vice Chair of the Arnall Family Foundation, Advisory Board Member of Continental Resources, and Board Member of a private, regulated financial instruments trading company. Previously, Hilary served as Director of Federal Affairs & Corporate Sustainability at Continental Resources. She holds a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College.

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Charles Hyde

Charles A. Hyde is from Indianapolis, Indiana, but his roots reach across the country from Maine to Idaho. He majored in history at Hanover College and spent his senior year at the University of Oxford. In the subsequent 26 years, Hyde has built a reputation as an innovative, strategic, and visionary non-profit leader focused on public engagement, talent development, and fundraising. Since 2014, he has served the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site as its president & CEO, leading the organization forward as it developed and successfully implemented three ambitious 5-year strategic plans. During his tenure, the Presidential Site has experienced significant growth, increasing attendance by more than 25%, and receiving national attention for its Future Presidents of America and Project POTUS initiatives. He has overseen the publication of three books as well as the Emmy-award winning documentary, *A President at the Crossroads*. Most recently, Hyde spearheaded the \$6.8 million Old Glory, New Vision capital campaign, restoring the National Historic Landmark and transforming the grounds for visitor engagement and accessibility. He serves on multiple civic and cultural boards locally and nationally, and in his leisure time engages in wide-ranging interests, including art, kayaking, and travel. Charlie and his wife, Samantha, have two sons.



Amanda Isaac

As Chief Curator at George Washington's Mount Vernon, Amanda Isaac oversees a collection that ranges from George and Martha Washington's personal possessions to the fine art and historical relics that reflect on their multifaceted legacy. During her time at Mount Vernon, Isaac has spearheaded the research and conservation of the remarkable clothing and textile collection and led the refurbishing of several of the major rooms in the mansion. She also curated the ground-breaking 2013 exhibit, *Take Note! George Washington the Reader*, which highlighted Washington's diverse intellectual interests. She holds an MA from the University of Delaware's Winterthur Program in Early American Culture and a BA from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

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Jane Kamensky

Jane Kamensky is President and CEO of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. A leading historian of early America and the United States, she worked for three decades as a professor and higher education leader, most recently as Jonathan Trumbull Professor of American History at Harvard University and Pforzheimer Foundation Director of the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard Radcliffe Institute. She brings to her work at Monticello a strong sense of civic purpose and a commitment to the ways that rigorous scholarship and compelling, honest storytelling help to build citizen capacity and revitalize the American experiment.

Kamensky is the author or editor of numerous books spanning four centuries of American history, including the prize-winning *A Revolution in Color: The World of John Singleton Copley* (2016). Her most recent book, *Candida Royalle and the Sexual Revolution* (2024), was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography.

A former Commissioner of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery and past Trustee of the Museum of the American Revolution, Kamensky is as a member of the Executive Committee of Educating for American Democracy, among many other public history roles. From 2018 through 2025, she served as a scholarly advisor and on-camera expert for the Florentine Films/ Ken Burns documentary, *The American Revolution*.

Kamensky holds a BA and a PhD in American history from Yale University.

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David Lee

David Lee is a cultural leader and nationally recognized storyteller dedicated to bringing American history to life through bold, engaging, and accessible experiences. As President & CEO of the National First Ladies Library & Museum, he leads the nation's only museum solely focused on interpreting U.S. history through the lens of the First Ladies, elevating their influence, leadership, and enduring impact on the country. Under his leadership, the organization has expanded far beyond its physical campus in Canton, Ohio, developing innovative programs and digital initiatives that connect audiences nationwide to the stories that have shaped America. David's work is rooted in the belief that history should be neither static nor distant, but alive, relevant, and reflective of the diverse voices that define the American experience. A passionate advocate for access and inclusion, he has helped position the institution as a national resource for students, educators, and lifelong learners. He has also strengthened its national presence through a distinguished advisory board that includes every living First Lady, creating an unparalleled connection to both past and present history. Known for his dynamic voice, David approaches history as a living narrative, inviting audiences not just to learn, but to see themselves within it.

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Lindsay Leonard

Lindsay E. Leonard is vice president of Boeing Global Engagement. Named to her position in May 2025, Lindsay is responsible for the development and execution of The Boeing Company's charitable giving and employee volunteerism strategies, including administration of the Boeing Charitable Trust. In her role, she oversees programs and directs resources that address key issues in Boeing communities around the world and works directly with local partners and organizations to strengthen community impact.

Lindsay previously held the role of senior director of Government Operations for Boeing South Carolina. In that role, she led the team that managed relationships with elected officials, business leaders, and community partners; advocated for key issues that advance Boeing's business objectives; and led philanthropic opportunities and community engagement. In 2024, Lindsay was named the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (SCMA) Woman of the Year, honored for her leadership and contributions to the state's manufacturing industry.

Prior to joining Boeing, Lindsay was an associate at the law firm of White & Case LLP, in New York, where she served in both the firm's Competition and Commercial Litigation groups. She previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable David C. Norton, U.S. District Court, in Charleston. Lindsay also served as an advisor to Senators Jesse Helms and Ted Stevens.

Lindsay holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of North Carolina, and a juris doctor from Fordham University School of Law. She currently serves on the Charleston Regional Development Alliance (CRDA) Executive Council, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) President's Advisory Group, South Carolina Aerospace Council on Competitiveness, and Meeting Street Schools Board.

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Anita B. McBride

Anita B. McBride is an internationally recognized expert on first ladies and the operations of the White House. She directs the Legacies of America's First Ladies Initiative at American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies in the School of Public Affairs. Her White House experience spans two decades and three Administrations, including as Assistant to President George W. Bush and Chief of Staff to First Lady Laura Bush. She is the co-author of three books on the evolving role of the first lady and their historical influence on the American presidency, including a first-of-its-kind college textbook and an illustrated children's book. She is a frequent speaker and media commentator on White House history and presidential transitions. She is actively engaged in philanthropic efforts nationally and globally, supporting women's leadership, the arts, cultural heritage, historic preservation, veterans' wellness, and civic education.



Edward F. O'Keefe

Edward F. O'Keefe is the CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation. He previously spent two decades in broadcast and digital media at ABC News, CNN, and NowThis, during which time he received a Primetime Emmy Award for his work with Anthony Bourdain, two Webby Awards, the Edward R. Murrow Award, and a George Foster Peabody Award for ABC's coverage of 9/11. A former fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, he graduated with honors from Georgetown University. He was born in North Dakota and lives in New York with his wife, daughter, and son.

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Susan Page

Susan Page is the Washington Bureau chief of *USA TODAY*, where she writes about the White House and national politics. She is also the best-selling author of biographies of Barbara Bush (*The Matriarch*), Nancy Pelosi (*Madam Speaker*), and Barbara Walters (*The Rulebreaker*). Her new book, *The Queen and Her Presidents: The Hidden Hand That Shaped History*, was published by Harper in April. In 2024, Susan covered her twelfth presidential election and is now covering her eighth White House administration. She has reported from six continents and interviewed the past ten presidents. She has served as president of the White House Correspondents Association and of the Gridiron Club, the oldest association of journalists in Washington. She has won multiple awards for her work, this year including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington Press Club Foundation and the William Allen White national citation. In 2020, she moderated the vice-presidential debate between Mike Pence and Kamala Harris. Yes, that was the one with the fly.



Barbara Perry

Dr. Barbara A. Perry is the J. Wilson Newman Professor at the Miller Center, where she co-directs the Presidential Oral History Program. She has authored or edited 17 books on presidents, First Ladies, the Kennedy family, the Supreme Court, and civil rights and civil liberties. Perry has conducted more than 160 interviews for the George H. W. Bush, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and Joe Biden Presidential Oral History Projects; participated in the Bill Clinton interviews; and directed completion of the Edward Kennedy Oral History Project. Her most recent book is *Reconcilable Differences: The Unlikely Political Alliance of John F. Kennedy and Eleanor Roosevelt*.

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Donna Phillips

Dr. Donna Paoletti Phillips is the President and CEO of the Center for Civic Education, leading the Center's research-backed civic education programs in all 50 states and D.C., including We the People and Project Citizen. Phillips has a PhD from the University of Maryland College Park in education policy focused on democratic civic education. Drawing on decades in school and district-level leadership, instruction, curriculum, and assessment innovation, she continues to contribute to the field of civic education through her leadership at the Center. Through her two decades of school-based experience, she conducted peer reviewed as well as action research on the experiences of students in democratic civic education. She has decades of higher education instructional experience as associate and adjunct professor for psychological foundations of education and elementary social studies methods. Throughout her career she has been at the helm of every major social studies and civic education national effort including the College, Career and Civic Life (C3) framework, the NAEP Standing Civics Committee, the Education for American Democracy (EAD) Roadmap steering committee, and member of the National Academy of Education (NAED) Civics Steering Committee. She was a 2007 recipient of the American Civic Education Teacher Award.

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Stephen Platenberg

Stephen joined Cortina Productions in 2000 and was named the company's second president in January 2023. For more than 25 years, he has helped shape Cortina's growth into a leader in digital media for museums and location-based visitor experiences. Recent projects include The People's House: A White House Experience, The American Story and Discovery Center at the National Archives Museum, Obama Presidential Center, and Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library.

As president of Cortina, Stephen leads new business and strategic partnerships while providing media design, creative direction, and problem-solving leadership across projects. He is passionate about how media and technology can enhance location-based storytelling, personalize the visitor experience, and create deeper connections between visitors, content, and place. Stephen holds a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University.



Beau Robbins

Beau Robbins is an historical interpreter, speaker, consultant, and model for historical artists. He is also an historical tailor and mantua maker, bringing to life fashions of the past for other interpreters and museums, specializing in the 18–19th centuries. He has performed at historical sites and events throughout the US including national and state parks, as well as private venues and film.

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**John
F.W. Rogers**

John F.W. Rogers is executive vice president of Goldman Sachs. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, he was a senior fellow at the Baker Institute at Rice University. Mr. Rogers served many years in the US government as an undersecretary of state, assistant secretary of the treasury, and as an assistant to President Ronald Reagan at the White House. He is a recipient of the Presidential Citizen Medal. Mr. Rogers is chairman of the Supervisory Board of Goldman Sachs Bank Europe SE, chairman of the Goldman Sachs Foundation and Goldman Sachs Gives, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Council, and a life trustee of the Ronald Reagan Foundation.



**David
M. Rubenstein**

David M. Rubenstein is Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of The Carlyle Group. He is a 1970 graduate of Duke University and a 1973 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School. Mr. Rubenstein is a Baltimore native and is the Chairman, CEO, and principal owner of Major League Baseball's Baltimore Orioles. Mr. Rubenstein is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and Chairman of many educational and nonprofit boards. He is an original signer of The Giving Pledge and the host of *The David Rubenstein Show*, *Bloomberg Wealth with David Rubenstein*, *Longevity with David Rubenstein*, and *Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein*.



Colleen Shogan

Dr. Colleen Shogan served as the 11th Archivist of the United States, the first woman in American history to lead the National Archives and Records Administration. Prior to becoming Archivist, Colleen was Senior Vice President at the White House Historical Association, worked in the United States Senate, and served as a senior executive at the Library of Congress and its Congressional Research Service. She is the 2024 recipient of the American Political Science Association's Hubert Humphrey Award for outstanding public service.

Colleen is a Senior Advisor at More Perfect, where she leads "In Pursuit," a nationwide civics project for 2026. She is Senior Fellow in Civics Education at Stand Together, an Adjunct Professor of Government at Georgetown University, and a Practitioner Senior Fellow at the University of Virginia's Miller Center. She also serves on the Board of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.



Christina Shutt

Christina Shutt is the executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the premier institution for understanding the history and legacy of Abraham Lincoln and Illinois. She is a recognized leader in libraries and museums and is frequently sought after for her expertise in museum management and accreditation. Since her appointment in 2021, Shutt has launched community outreach efforts to make the institution more welcoming and inclusive, curated national award-winning exhibitions showcasing the diverse history of Illinois, and created the museum's first augmented reality digital experience in partnership with Google. Additionally, her innovative and collaborative leadership resulted in the ALPLM being awarded first-time national museum accreditation, a distinction only 3% of museums hold in the U.S. Shutt is passionate about making history relatable and is co-author of the award-winning book, *Lincoln: The Life and Legacy that Defined a Nation in 100 Objects* that weaves together expert commentary, poignant anecdotes, and beautiful photographs to bring to life rare, personal objects and the most iconic items and documents from Lincoln's life and tenure as president. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Central Methodist University and holds two master's degrees in library science/archives management and history from Simmons University.



Meredith Sleichter

Meredith Sleichter is the Executive Director of the Eisenhower Foundation, where her leadership advances the organization's mission to champion the life and enduring legacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower to inspire leadership, character and service. Named as one of Ingram's "50 Kansans You Should Know" in recognition of her statewide impact, Meredith has advanced projects of both state and national significance. She helped guide the Foundation's \$12 million dollar renovation of the Eisenhower Presidential Museum—a transformation that contributed to the site being named "Best Presidential Attraction" by *Newsweek*. Working closely with a national board of directors, she has expanded education programs to reach more than 40,000 K–12 students across 36 states and strengthened public programming through partnerships with other organizations including the Columbia Law School, the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, and NATO.

Today, Meredith leads the I LIKE IKE fundraising campaign, a bold initiative to construct a new Education Center on the Eisenhower campus. She has successfully secured transformational funding, including gifts ranging from \$5,000 to \$5 million dollars, for the project and continues to build a national coalition of support. Meredith is proud to amplify the impact of a world-class institution located in Ike's hometown of Abilene, Kansas—demonstrating how Dwight D. Eisenhower's legacy can shape national conversations on civic learning, history, and leadership.

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Gary Stamm

Gary's performance career spans more than forty years and includes theater, musical theater, a cappella quartets, emceeing, radio-theater, television commercials, narration, and a host of other media. Some of his theatrical roles include: Ebenezer Scrooge, Harold Hill in *The Music Man*, Fagan (in *Oliver*), Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey* and scores of others.

Additionally, he is a voice impersonator having recreated the voices of: Jack Benny, FDR, Yogi Bear, and many others on radio and elsewhere. Career highlights include writing, directing and voice-over work for Hanna-Barbera Productions in Hollywood, singing as one of the Pied Pipers with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at Chicago's Ravinia Festival and touring Sweden with a vocal quartet. Interestingly, he also appeared on a national television game show, *Second Chance* and as a competitor on the *Food Network's Chopped*.

His presentations as Franklin D. Roosevelt, our country's 32nd President, began a number of years ago. Since then, he has performed as FDR in New York, Oregon, Kentucky, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Vermont, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado and Illinois. He has appeared four times at the FDR National Historic Site in Hyde Park by invitation from the National Park Service: twice at the Wallace Visitors Center, at Top Cottage and at Springwood, FDR's home to portray our 32nd President in their "Torchlight Parade" which has been an election-year tradition since 1932. He has presented at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Park in Kentucky and has appeared as the keynote speaker at the Pigeon Forge, Tennessee "Wilderness Wildlife Week". For two years he toured in *A Fireside Chat: A Conversation with FDR*, a one-man theatrical show which was critically acclaimed.

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**Susan
Swain**

Susan Swain retired as co-CEO of C-SPAN in January 2025. During her long tenure she helped build the network into a national institution. In addition to C-SPAN's signature coverage of Congress and national politics, she nurtured its coverage of nonfiction books and American history. She helped lead the network into the digital age and oversaw its expansion into audio and streaming platforms. A principal on-camera interviewer, Susan has more than 5300 interviews posted in C-SPAN's archives, including for many of its well-regarded history series. Susan has been inducted into both the Cable Hall of Fame and the Broadcasting Hall of Fame.



**Tina
Tchen**

Tina Tchen is the Executive Vice President of Programs for the Obama Foundation. She oversees the Foundation's programming in Chicago and around the world to strengthen and build an active democratic culture. This includes the Foundation's Global Leadership programs, the Girls Opportunity Alliance, the My Brother's Keeper Alliance, the programs that take place at the Obama Presidential Center, and the Foundation's annual Democracy Forum.

Ms. Tchen is an attorney, activist, and lifelong advocate for women and girls. She served in the Obama White House through both terms, and was an Assistant to President Barack Obama, Chief of Staff to First Lady Michelle Obama, and Executive Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls. Prior to the White House, Tchen practiced law for 23 years at Skadden. At the firm, she was a corporate litigation partner, chaired the pro bono committee, and was a long time leader of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation.

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**Janet
Tran**

Janet Tran is Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum within the National Archives and Records Administration, where she stewards history by preserving, protecting, and sharing over 60 million presidential records and more than 90,000 artifacts at the most visited Presidential Library.

Prior to her current role, Janet was the founding director of the Center for Civics, Education, and Opportunity at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute in Washington, DC. Joining the Foundation in 2010, she designed and expanded a national civic learning portfolio, including immersive simulations, educator training, and student leadership programs that reach hundreds of thousands of learners annually and award over \$1 million in scholarships each year.

In 2015, she helped establish the Reagan Institute's Washington, DC office, launching an accredited experiential university leadership program, currently the Academy for Civics Education and Democracy (ACED). She founded the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), a bipartisan national convening addressing polarization, civic learning, and the future of education.

Janet began her career as a teacher-leader in South Los Angeles. She holds a BA from UCLA, an MA from California State University, Northridge, and a Doctorate in Education from Pepperdine University.



**Mark
K. Updegrove**

Mark K. Updegrove is a presidential historian and author. He serves as the Chairman and CEO of the LBJ Foundation, the presidential historian for ABC News, and the host of the PBS series, *Live from the LBJ Library with Mark Updegrove*. Earlier in his career, he was director of the LBJ Presidential Library. He has interviewed seven U.S. presidents.



Robin von Seldeneck

Robin von Seldeneck served as President and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, Virginia from 2015 to July 2026, where she led a significant interpretive transformation centered on honest engagement with a complicated presidential legacy. Under her leadership, the organization advanced new interpretive frameworks that share the complex story of Wilson with honesty and care, and expanded its outreach efforts to make the organization more welcoming and inclusive. Her work focuses on building institutional trust through thoughtful public engagement, connecting with diverse audiences, and developing sustainable approaches to presenting history in ways that are both relatable and accessible. She now serves as Executive Director of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia, where she continues this commitment by expanding interpretation to include the lived experiences of settlers, enslaved Africans, and Indigenous communities. Raised on a dairy farm in West Virginia, Robin earned her undergraduate degree in history and political science from Mary Baldwin College and her Master of Public Administration from James Madison University.



Christie Weininger

Christie M. Weininger is the executive director of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont, Ohio. Christie holds a bachelor's degree in history from Otterbein University and a master's degree in history from the University of Toledo. While at Otterbein, Christie spent a semester abroad at Roehampton Institute in Wimbledon, England, where studying local history meant working with documents that were 600 years old. Christie was the director of the Wood County Museum, Bowling Green, for nine years and spent seven years as director/curator of the Wyandot County Museum, Upper Sandusky. Christie is currently the president of the Ohio Museum Association, treasurer for the American Association for State and Local History, and a past president of the Ohio Travel Association.

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Jason Zajac

Jason R. Zajac serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Andrew Jackson Foundation. He began his tenure in October 2024 as the seventh professional director of the site.

Zajac is recognized for his leadership in national fundraising, board engagement, and mission-driven growth for historic, cultural, and nonprofit organizations. He brings a deep understanding to the Jacksonian era and a belief that historic sites must engage both local communities and national audiences while presenting the full and complex story of America's past.

Prior to joining The Hermitage, Zajac was a founder and partner of Celsinus Partners, where he advised philanthropic families and nonprofit organizations across the country. He has worked with nationally significant sites, including the National Cold War Center in Arkansas, Yellowstone National Park, and the permanent memorial at the Flight 93 crash site in western Pennsylvania.

As President and CEO, Zajac is responsible for the preservation of The Hermitage, strengthening the Foundation's financial sustainability, advancing educational and interpretive programming, and investing in infrastructure and technology to enhance the visitor experience. He holds a bachelor's degree in American Studies from Fordham University.

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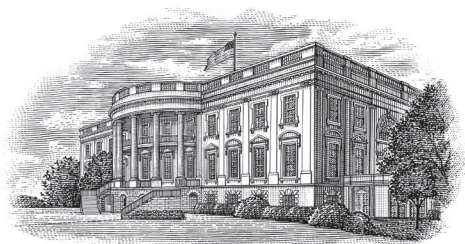
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Founded in 1961 by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, the White House Historical Association is the nonprofit, nonpartisan organization entrusted with preserving and sharing the history of the White House. Supported entirely by private philanthropy and the sale of educational books and products, the Association reaches millions of students, teachers, and lifelong learners through research and scholarship initiatives, public programming, and the authoritative titles published by its independent press. Throughout each presidency, the Association works with the Offices of the First Lady and the White House Curator to acquire and preserve historic objects for the White House Fine and Decorative Arts Collection. The Association also operates The People's House: A White House Experience, a free, immersive, educational museum in Washington, D.C., which welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors annually.

The David M. Rubenstein National Center for White House History shares the vibrant history of the White House with the public. It does so through its research initiatives and scholarship, digital archives and exhibits, public programming, and K-12 educational resources, field trips, and teacher professional development programs. The Rubenstein Center offers authoritative, comprehensive, and accessible content to inspire learners of all ages, advance historical literacy, and encourage civic engagement. It is committed to sharing the stories of those who have lived and worked at the White House, as well as its traditions, changes, and role as a national symbol. Established in 2010 and named for David M. Rubenstein in 2011 to recognize his generous support, it is located at Decatur House, a site owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and operated by the White House Historical Association.

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