ESTHER HALL, RALEIGH | CHAIR
Esther Hall has been involved in nonprofit work for decades, both as an executive director and active volunteer. She has served as board president, chaired nominating, strategic planning, stewardship, and resource development committees, and led a capital campaign. Her work experience spans municipal and state government, the arts and museums, non-profits, and foundations. Esther was affiliated as a consultant with the National Trust for Historic Preservation for 20 years and is the author of Investing in Volunteers: A Guide to Effective Volunteer Management, published as part of the National Trust's Preservation Book Series. She has provided strategic planning consultation and training for statewide and local preservation organizations throughout the country and designed the Better Boards, presented nationally to strengthen boardsmanship for volunteers. Hall's preservation experience includes years on Raleigh's Historic Development Commission, chairing the Historic Resources and Museums Advisory Board and serving as president of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. She is a founder and current chair of Preservation Raleigh.

LESTER LOWE, RALEIGH | VICE CHAIR
Lester Lowe has been working in the civil engineering consulting business for over 35 years. He is a lifelong North Carolinian having grown up in Wilson NC. He currently resides in Raleigh where he has lived since graduating from East Carolina with a MBA and NC State with a civil engineering degree. When not working, Lester enjoys spending most of his free time at the NC coast and watching his favorite college team play football and basketball and attending his favorite artists concerts. Having worked in many small communities across NC, Lester has seen firsthand the continued decline, demolition or abandonment of the older historic downtown buildings. This lead him to want to get involved with Preservation North Carolina. His hope is to get development projects that come to these communities to work with the local city governments to save these older structures that cannot ever be replaced.

APRIL LARKINS, GREENSBORO | SECRETARY
April Larkins is a Project Executive with The Christman Company, where she leads the planning, preconstruction, and execution of complex educational, civic, cultural, and historic restoration projects throughout North Carolina. With extensive experience in historic preservation, renovation, and adaptive reuse, she has built a career focused on helping owners balance preservation goals with modern building performance, budget constraints, operational needs, and long-term stewardship. Her work spans K-12 and higher education facilities, performing arts venues, civic buildings, community landmarks, and historically significant structures throughout the region. Known for her collaborative leadership style, April brings together owners, architects, consultants, trade partners, and stakeholders to develop practical solutions that protect historic character while supporting successful project outcomes. She has guided projects through every phase of delivery, including procurement strategy, design development, preconstruction, construction, commissioning, and owner transition. Her experience includes renovation and restoration efforts involving historic facilities, aging infrastructure, occupied campuses, phased construction, and the integration of modern building systems into historic environments. Passionate about preserving the stories embodied within historic buildings, April believes successful preservation projects require more than technical expertise. Through thoughtful collaboration, strategic problem-solving, and client advocacy, she works to ensure that historic places continue serving future generations while honoring their architectural and cultural significance. She is committed to advancing preservation efforts that strengthen communities and celebrate North Carolina's historic built environment. April lives in High Point with her husband and two children. When she is not leading projects, she can often be found cheering from the sidelines of a softball game or spending time with her family exploring the communities and historic places that make North Carolina unique.

CHARLIE WILSON, DURHAM | TREASURER
Charles T. Wilson, III became the President of CT Wilson Construction Company in 2016. Charlie started in the field as a laborer early on in his life, spending summers working for the family business. Charlie received his Engineer in Training Certification after finishing his undergraduate studies at North Carolina State University in 1993. The following year, he completed his master's degree at the University of Texas at Austin, where he worked for a General Contractor specializing in medical facilities. In 1999, Charlie formally joined CT Wilson Construction. His current responsibilities include new client acquisition and managing existing client relationships. Under his leadership, CT Wilson has completed numerous historic preservation projects across North Carolina, including Revolution Mill, Mock Judson Mill, and Rocky Mount Mills.

TAMARA HOLMES BROTHERS, FAYETTEVILLE | AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
Dr. Tamara Holmes Brothers is the Director of Program Outreach & Engagement for the North Carolina Department of Natural & Cultural Resources. She oversees program development and strategic engagement for the state's historic sites, museums, parks, arts, and environmental resources, advancing inclusive public access to North Carolina's cultural assets. A respected cultural leader, Dr. Brothers has curated exhibitions that highlight African American art and artists of the African diaspora, elevating narratives that center creativity, history, and visual culture within institutional spaces. Previously, Dr. Brothers was the first person of color in senior leadership as Deputy Director of the North Carolina Arts Council, where she led transformative initiatives advancing "arts for all people," expanding equitable funding practices, and strengthening statewide community partnerships. Her leadership has consistently focused on amplifying underrepresented voices and fostering cross-sector collaborations that connect arts, history, and

public life. Her career spans executive roles in fine arts, philanthropy, and higher education, including positions at Duke University's Nasher Museum of Art and Fayetteville State University. Throughout her work, she has cultivated platforms for artists of color and helped shape programming that bridges scholarship, community engagement, and cultural preservation. A dedicated community advocate, Dr. Brothers has served on numerous boards and councils, including the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission, several Governor appointed advisory councils, Preservation NC, The Historic Magnolia House, the Winston Salem State University Foundation Board, the Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia Advisory Board, and the Scottish Sculpture Workshop in the United Kingdom. A native of Fayetteville, NC, Dr. Brothers holds a B.A. in Art from Hampton University, an M.S. in Sport Management from West Virginia University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Management from Hampton University, along with multiple certifications in grief support, historic preservation, curating, and nonprofit management.

CLAIRE EDWARDS, FARMVILLE | IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

With a background in design and a license in general contracting, Claire Edwards has a passion for historic preservation and excels in adaptive re-use tax credit restorations. Influenced by the beautiful urban landscape and historic architecture of her alma mater, The Savannah College of Art and Design, Claire is a passionate believer of downtown revitalization and economic development. Her design skills paired with programming, project management, and on-site commitment, yield cohesive, detailed, and beautiful restorations. Her process is well-illustrated on her social media platform (ig: j_claire_edwards) as she is an active voice for preservation and tells the story of the projects she works on - generating influence and understanding that new life can exist in historic structures. Claire helped lead the saving, redevelopment, and restoration of two important cornerstone buildings on Main Street in Farmville, NC that just a few years ago were slated for demolition. She now has worked on many upfits for new and existing businesses in her region and is eager to revitalize communities one storefront at a time. Claire loves being part of Preservation NC and looks forward to building more exciting relationships in the preservation industry and continues to learn from and play a role in preservation projects all over North Carolina.

JASON ALLEN, RALEIGH

Jason is a native of Greensboro and the owner of Allen Historic Restoration in Raleigh. He previously worked for 8 years as a civil engineer doing land development consulting. Jason earned his B.S. in civil engineering from NC State University and his associates degree in Historic Preservation Technology from Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro. He is a licensed engineer and contractor in North Carolina, with a particular interest in preservation of rural areas and small towns. Jason lives in Raleigh with his wife and two kids. When he's not doing restoration work, he enjoys spending time outdoors hiking and camping.

KATE BOWERS, WILMINGTON

As director of strategic planning for Moseley's multifamily and senior living housing sectors, Kate is driven by a commitment to building thriving communities and fostering meaningful connections within them. In her role, she helps cultivate strong relationships, assemble collaborative teams, and identify opportunities that support the firm's continued growth and impact. Through her work at Moseley, Kate has developed a deep appreciation for the built environment and the role that existing and historic places play in shaping the identity and character of communities. She is passionate about preservation and adaptive reuse, particularly the opportunity to honor the history and stories embedded in these places while helping them remain relevant and useful for future generations. Kate brings a strong work ethic grounded in diligence and integrity to both her professional and community involvement. She values opportunities to connect people around a shared purpose and believes thoughtful stewardship of the places that define our communities can create a lasting impact across generations.

LESLIE BRIANS, ABERDEEN

Leslie Brians is board president and co-founder of The Pines Preservation Guild, a historic preservation nonprofit in Moore County, NC. In this role, she works with municipalities, developers, the NC SHPO, and citizens on preservation legislation, tax credit programs, and property owner incentives. She presented on grassroots preservation advocacy at Preservation North Carolina's 2023 conference. As a preservation and design professional, Leslie has conducted historic structures reports for public and private buildings in Moore County. In 2022, she co-led a team that helped Cameron, NC establish a preservation ordinance, Historic Preservation Commission, and Local Historic District. She has contributed to architectural inventories in Rocky Mount, NC and Wayne, Dublin, and Rutherford Counties. Leslie has worked as a Preservation Planner for Richard Grubb and Associates since 2024. She holds a B.A. in Historic Preservation from the University of Mary Washington and a Master of Architecture from Texas A&M University. She received the 2025 Alexa Aycock Grassroots Leadership Award from Preservation North Carolina and was named 2016 Ft. Bragg Military Spouse of the Year. She previously chaired the Southern Pines Historic District Commission and served as vice-chair of the Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission. A Virginia Beach, VA native and military spouse, Leslie spent 10 years in graphic design, branding, and web design while stationed worldwide. She and her husband are rehabilitating a 1951 Colonial Revival in Aberdeen, NC with their two daughters.

RYAN CARTER, CHARLOTTE

Ryan Carter is the Director of Government Affairs at the NC Sustainable Energy Association Leadership Fund where he works with government officials on ensuring an energy future for all North Carolinians. Ryan has over 13 years of legislative and advocacy experience at the state, Federal, and Local levels. He has worked on environmental, housing, land use, business, and Veterans issues. He is a 10th generation Carolinian with a passion for the region's history. While not at the legislature, you can find Ryan on a river, in his garden, or engaged in a stimulating conversation about his hero, Theodore Roosevelt.

AJ CASAVANT, WILMINGTON

AJ Casavant, a North Carolina native, has been a leading figure in affordable housing development throughout the Southeast, currently owning and managing a portfolio of 22 multifamily communities within just NC alone. His work with top firms such as Gilbane Development and the Related Companies has involved complex acquisitions and projects leveraging public-private financing tools like low-income housing tax credits, tax-exempt bonds, and project-based rental assistance, making quality, affordable housing a reality for these communities. AJ founded The Federation Companies in 2019 to focus on preserving and creating affordable housing across the region. Before starting Federation, he was at Gilbane Development, where he helped manage a $1.1 billion pipeline of affordable housing projects. AJ holds a Master's in Real Estate Finance from Georgetown University and a B.S. in Construction Management from East Carolina University's College of Engineering.

DAVID ERDMAN, CHARLOTTE

Growing up in historic New Bern, David Erdman learned at an early age both the importance of historic preservation and the consequences of its absence. He witnessed firsthand the monumental restoration of Tryon Palace in the 1950s. At the same time, he watched as irreplaceable landmarks—including New Bern's roundhouse, Kafer Hospital, the Governor Tryon Hotel, and the Blades Mansion—were lost. Those contrasting experiences sparked a lifelong passion for preserving North Carolina's architectural heritage. Erdman received the Angier B. Duke Scholarship to attend Duke University, where he became Duke's first graduate in Biomedical Engineering. He earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. While at Georgetown, he worked on the U.S. Senate Watergate Committee and lived on historic Capitol Hill. During law school, Erdman traveled extensively throughout the United States. He later traveled to virtually every corner of North Carolina as an advance man for Jim Hunt's first campaign for governor. Wherever he went, he made a point of exploring historic neighborhoods, buildings, and landmarks—an interest that deepened his appreciation for the remarkable diversity of North Carolina's architectural heritage. A Charlotte resident since 1976, Erdman has combined a distinguished legal career with decades of civic involvement and advocacy for historic preservation. He has championed preservation as a private citizen, as an at-large member of the Charlotte City Council, and during six years of service on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. He has written numerous articles on history and historic preservation and has delivered hundreds of talks on the history of Charlotte. He has also assembled a collection of thousands of digital images documenting Old Charlotte and its changing architectural landscape. He is the author of 100 Lost Architectural Treasures of Old Charlotte. His lifelong interest in the places that give North Carolina communities their identity continues through his service on the board of Preservation North Carolina.

JAMES GOODNIGHT, RALEIGH

James Goodnight is a Raleigh native who graduated from UNC with a degree in history and psychology. In the past he has worked at SAS in various roles in finance and corporate real estate. Currently, he is a real estate developer with a focus on historic preservation and adaptive reuse. James has preserved numerous buildings in Raleigh, Wilmington and most recently Sanford, many utilizing tax credits. In Raleigh he renovated the Nehi Building and former Raleigh Industrial Bank, now known for Death and Taxes Restaurant. He has previously served six years on the board of Preservation NC. James lives in Raleigh with his wife Bernadette and children.

MATT HOBBS

Matt Hobbs is a Director at Blue Heron Asset Management LLC, a commercial real estate investment and development company based in Raleigh, NC. Outside of this day job, Matt is a restoration carpenter and furniture maker. He has restored two Preservation NC homes, including one in the Edenton Cotton Mill Village and his family's current home, the Crabtree Jones House in Raleigh. Matt serves as chairman of the board of the Self-Help Ventures Fund in Durham, a leading nonprofit community development financial organization. Matt received a BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Princeton University, an MA in Early American Culture from the University of Delaware/Winterthur Museum, and an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

VALERIE ANN JOHNSON, OXFORD

Dr. Valerie Ann Johnson is a scholar/activist, currently working as Co-Director and Director of Infrastructure and Development for the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN). Formerly Dean of Arts, Sciences, and Humanities at Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, Dr. Johnson served in the Academy for over 30 years in a variety of positions. She is experienced in connecting undergraduate and graduate students, especially at HBCUs, with community groups working on health equity and environmental justice issues. She is also a member of the North Carolina Governor's Environmental Justice Advisory Council. Service on other boards and commissions includes: the North Carolina (NC) African American Heritage Commission (chair), the NC Historical Commission, NC Maritime History Council, Association for Advancing Participatory Sciences (AAPS), the Humanities Action Lab Advisory Committee, and NC Opera. Dr. Johnson is an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at North Carolina State University. Her research, conducted in Costa Rica, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, the Seychelles Islands and the US, centers on gender, bioethics, disability, the health of women and girls, African American foodways and environmental justice. She is co-editor with Dr. Lynn Harris of *Excavating the Histories of Slave-Trade and Pirate Ships: Property, Plunder, and Loss* about the intersection of maritime archaeology with the study of pirates and the slave-trade. She holds a Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology from UC Berkeley, a M.A. in Sociology from Atlanta University (now Clark-Atlanta University), and a B.A. in Sociology from Spelman College. Dr. Johnson also completed doula training specializing in providing Black women birthing assistance

CHRISTOPHER LOCKLEAR, RED SPRINGS

Christopher Locklear is a real estate professional, business owner, and community leader from Red Springs, North Carolina. Licensed in real estate since 2015, he is associated with Liberty Realty Group, now celebrating its tenth year in business. His professional experience includes property management and marketing historic homes dating to the early 1900s. Christopher serves as President of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Red Springs Planning Board, a Justice of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina's Administrative Court, and a member of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He recently joined the Advisory Board for the American Indian Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His previous leadership includes serving as Board Chair of the Robeson County Partnership for Children, Rotary Club President for 2024–2025, and a five-year member of the Downtown Lumberton Advisory Board. During his service in Lumberton, he participated in downtown revitalization efforts, public art initiatives, the establishment of a historic overlay district, and the community's entry into the Main Street America network. Christopher is committed to historic preservation, downtown revitalization, and protecting North Carolina's architectural and cultural heritage, with a particular interest in preserving Native American history for future generations.

THOMAS MASSEY, CAROLINA BEACH

Thomas Massey is the current board chair of the Bellamy Mansion Museum in Wilmington, a stewardship property of Preservation North Carolina. Thomas is Professor of History at Cape Fear Community College and served as the Department Chair of Social Sciences for five years before returning to the classroom last year. A native of Great Britain, Thomas earned a B.A. in History at the University of Wales, Swansea, and an M.A. in History at UNC-Wilmington. Thomas has served on the board of the Bellamy Mansion Museum for many years and prioritizes taking his students on field trips to the Mansion and the Slave Quarters each semester.

ANDRE' NABORS, RALEIGH

Andre' Nabors has served as the Partner Relations Manager for the Visit North Carolina (formerly North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film & Sports Development) since 2010. Visit NC a unit of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC), supporting sustainable efforts to market and promote the state's natural, historic and cultural resources for communities, non-profits, and tourism related entities to improve tourism product and visitation across North Carolina. In December of 2012, Tourism was charged to oversee the NC Certified Retirement Community Program to encourage retirees and those planning to retire to make their home in North Carolina. Andre manages that program Andre' formerly held a similar position with the West Virginia Division of Tourism 1999-2006, where he provided marketing, research, communications and other types of assistance to communities, attractions and CVBs throughout West Virginia. In that role, he worked to develop the state's first African-American Heritage Guide identifying cultural and historic attractions, as well as foster its Civil War Trail program. Andre' also worked on several projects such as Scenic Byways, Rail to Trails, National Coal Heritage Area, Freedom Trek II and III, Governor's Black History Month Kick- Off Program, and the Booker T. Washington Institute at WV State University. Before moving to North Carolina, Andre' was convention sales manager for the Charleston (W.V.) CVB, where he covered the markets of sports, military, group, fraternity and also managed the Charleston Sports Committee. He began his career in tourism in June 1992 with the West Virginia's Parkways Authority Welcome Centers as a travel counselor and manager. Andre' is a Tourism Marketing Professional (TMP) through the Southeast Tourism Society Marketing College program and has over 25 years of experience in the tourism industry. Andre' graduated from Concord University in Athens, WV and served on the Concord University Foundation Board of Directors for 12 years. Andre' also serves on the NC

Folklife Institute Board of Directors, Civil War Trails Inc. Board and numerous advisory committees focused on heritage tourism and retiree attraction. He currently resides in Mebane, NC with wife Stacy, have 2 daughter's Malia (21), Morgan (26), son Deion (29) and now grandson Hendrix (14 months).

PATRICK NERZ, CARRBORO

Patrick Nerz joined DHIC in August 2021. DHIC is the Triangle's largest and most experienced non-profit affordable housing developer, having developed over 50 apartment communities and 4,000 units in North Carolina since its founding in 1974. In his role at DHIC, Patrick 1) identifies and evaluates potential opportunities for affordable housing communities, and 2) manages all aspects of development for secured projects, including building financial models, coordinating design and construction scopes, and facilitating debt and equity partnership. He currently leads projects in downtown Durham, Chapel Hill, Holly Springs, and Southern Pines. Prior to joining DHIC, Patrick worked for Empire Properties, a Raleigh, NC historic tax credit development company. In his role at Empire Properties, he was responsible for analyzing development viability, leading historic tax credit projects from acquisition through historic rehabilitation, and leading financing efforts for new development and existing projects. Patrick holds a B.A. in history and political science from UNC-Chapel Hill and a Master of City and Regional Planning with a concentration in real estate development from UNC-Chapel Hill (where he was a teaching assistant for Myrick Howard).

NATALIE PASS-MILLER, GREENSBORO

Natalie Pass Miller is the owner of The Historic Magnolia House, a historic Green Book site that officially opened in January 2022 as a fully restored new boutique hotel and event space in Greensboro, NC. A cultural catalyst who has carried her skills and talent from the corporate world in change management and digital transformation to the nonprofit and hospitality sectors, Natalie founded The Historic Magnolia Foundation in 2018, which develops educational resources and programs dedicated to the preservation of Green Book history. Natalie oversaw the renovation and relaunch of The Historic Magnolia House while also serving as an advocate for public education about the history and impact of the Green Book and the African American Traveler. As a leader in preservation with a focus on historic African American sites, her priority is to reunite history with its communities through preservation, community engagement, the arts, and promoting S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) fields. A Greensboro native and alumni of North Carolina A&T State University, her mission is fueled by her deeply rooted family heritage and the important contributions they have made in the history of the Triad.

MARY ROSE, HARRELLS

Mary McGill Rose worked in municipal and county planning, downtown development, and historic preservation for 31 years, retiring in August 2025. During her career in municipal and county planning she was involved in downtown streetscape projects, public art projects, stakeholder engagement, development and implementation of branding and comprehensive plans. She has served as staff support for various committees and boards, including the Clinton Historic Preservation Commission and Clinton Main Street Program. During her municipal career with the City of Clinton, Mary was involved in five NC Main Street award winning projects, which included two streetscape projects, two public/private partnership projects and an award for community branding. Mary has experience in engaging stakeholders, working with citizens, business owners, and partnering organizations. Mary also served upon the North Carolina Downtown Development Association Board of Directors for 18 years with one term as President. She has a passion for advocacy and hopes to use this passion in her service to Preservation North Carolina. Since joining The Wooten Company in September 2025 as a client representative she has focused on strengthening existing relationships and building new ones with government units across North Carolina. Mary resides just outside of Harrells in southern Sampson County.

BILL SHERBERT, CHARLOTTE

Bill Sherbert is the Managing Principal of Sherbert CPA, PC and is Chief Asset Manager for the Moxie Investment Funds. Mr. Sherbert has been providing tax, audit, and accounting services to real estate projects and contractors for over 20 years. In that timeframe, he has cost certified over $3 billion of tax credit transactions. In addition, Mr. Sherbert developed a best practices analysis technique to help clients to identify the most effective ways to finance and run their projects. This analysis has led to over $10 million of cost and financial savings opportunities for his clients; his service and hard work has achieved numerous accolades from clients for superior service. Mr. Sherbert specializes in the audits of real estate projects, cost certifications, tax planning, and tax credit structuring. He performs extensive tax research for complex partnerships and tax credit tax issues. Moreover, he has performed hundreds of audits, tax returns, cost certifications, and compilations. Mr. Sherbert has also provided accounting advice for Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Rehabilitation Real Estate projects. Prior to starting Sherbert CPA, PC, Mr. Sherbert was the Chief Financial Officer for a large contractor. The contractor was struggling when Mr. Sherbert took over the position; however, Mr. Sherbert was able to refinance the company's debt, streamline operations, and cut down on overhead, which took the company from annual losses to strong annual income. Mr. Sherbert passed the CPA exam in 1995, receiving an award for one of the 10 highest scores on the exam; he is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in several states.

KATY STEVICK, SOUTHERN PINES

Katy Stevick is the founder and principal advisor of Align Financial Planning, an independent wealth management firm based in Southern Pines, and co-owner, with her husband Michael, of The MacPherson House Bed & Breakfast in Fayetteville. The Stevicks came to Fayetteville in 2013 with the Army and were quickly drawn to its downtown historic district. In early 2020 they purchased the MacPherson House and transformed it into an inn, renovating through a global pandemic, a combat deployment, and a daycare closure that made their young daughter part of the crew. The MacPherson House opened as a full-service bed and breakfast in October 2020 and has since earned consistent five-star reviews while drawing travelers from across the country into downtown Fayetteville. A financial advisor since 2013, Katy applied the same long-view thinking she uses with clients to building a business in a historic property that sustains itself. Katy is a co-founder of the Military Family Foundation, which provides educational resources on policy issues affecting military families, and was named the 2018 Ft. Bragg Military Spouse of the Year. She is a member of the Junior League of Moore County and lives in Southern Pines with Michael and their two young children.

LESLIE SYKES, CHARLOTTE

Leslie Sykes is the Director of Development and Corporate Engagement at the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC). She leads the generation of private funds that support EDPNC's mission to drive economic progress for the businesses, communities, and people who call North Carolina home. Sykes' background is in nonprofit administration, philanthropy and law and has held several roles at prominent nonprofit organizations in the Charlotte region. In addition to her professional work, Sykes previously served on the Board of Directors for the Plaza Midwood Neighborhood Association, a historic streetcar suburb neighborhood in Charlotte for six years. Sykes has restored two homes in Charlotte, one a 1929 bungalow in Plaza Midwood, and her current home, the 1966 Andrew Hearn Residence in SouthPark. Sykes holds a J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law and is a licensed attorney and member of the North Carolina State Bar.

DARIN WATERS, ROLESVILLE

Dr. Darin Waters is Deputy Secretary for Office of Archives and History. He oversees the operations of the divisions of State History and Maritime Museums, State Historic Sites and Properties, Archives and Records, Historical Resources (including the State Historic Preservation Office, Office of Historical Research, and the Office of State Archaeology), and commissions (including Roanoke Island Festival Park and Tryon Palace), and Education and Outreach. He is also the secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer. Originally from Asheville, Waters was most recently an Associate Professor of History at UNC Asheville, and the Executive Director of UNCA's Office of Community Engagement. He previously held other teaching, research, and community engagement positions at UNCA, UNC-Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State University. Early in his career he was an Adult Probation Parole Officer with the Department of Public Safety. Waters received a B.S. in Political Science and Government from Liberty University, a master's in History from North Carolina State University, and a PhD in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has served on numerous non-profit and state boards, including the North Carolina Historical Commission and African American Heritage Commission.