

The HBCU Library Alliance Signals a Bold Transformative Future with Appointment of New Executive Director

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The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance is thrilled to announce the appointment of Tracie D. Hall as its new Executive Director, effective January 20. Ms. Hall will succeed Loretta Parham, who has served as Interim Executive Director and is Co-Founder and Inaugural Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance.

“Ms. Hall’s appointment marks a pivotal and transformational moment in the history of our organization”, said Adrienne C. Webber, Chair, HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors and Dean, Grambling State University Digital Library & Learning Commons. “Her formidable record of accomplishments and unparalleled leadership will frame and accelerate our goals and strategies for innovation, growth and collaborative opportunities.”

The Executive Director of the HBCU Library Alliance will provide leadership and strategic direction to advance the organization’s mission and long-term goals, strengthen member engagement, energize advocacy outreach and elevate visibility of the HBCU Library Alliance across higher education and related networks.



“It is a profound honor to step into this role as Executive Director of the HBCU Library Alliance knowing the immense legacy of these institutions, the important collections and archives they house, and the pivotal role they play in higher education and in our nation as a whole,” said Hall.

Most recently, Ms. Hall was the Distinguished Practitioner in Residence and Professor of Practice at the University of Washington

Information School in Seattle. She has also served as Executive Director of the American Library Association (ALA), becoming the first Black woman to helm ALA in its nearly 150-year history...

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Hall has a rich background having served in significant library and arts leadership positions nationwide including: The Joyce Foundation; Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events; Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science; Queens (NY) and Seattle Public Libraries and more.

Ms. Hall holds dual bachelor's degrees from the University of California at Santa Barbara and master's degrees from Yale University and the University of Washington Information School. Concerned about authorship and agency in the age of fast-accelerating machine intelligence expanding, Hall launched the Black Information Futures initiative in 2025.

In 2022, Hall was honored with a National Book Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. In April 2023, TIME Magazine named Hall to its annual TIME100 list of the most influential people in the world. Her career distinctions are numerous, and in her own words, "it is her passionate desire to ensure that the HBCU Library Alliance reaches new heights in funding, capacity, and impact."


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About the HBCU Library Alliance

The HBCU Library Alliance works to transform and strengthen its membership by developing leaders, preserving access to collections and planning for the future. As a non-profit consortium of institutional members, the HBCU Library Alliance serves a unique and indispensable role as guardians for history, culture and the African American experience.

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