

## 2019 CANDIDATES FOR FSHC BOARD

### Public Category



**Name:** James Burke

**Position:** Partner; Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP

**Education:** Harvard Law School, JD; Princeton University, AB

James R. Burke is a partner at Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP, where he has been a Boston-based member of the corporate and business group since 2010. Prior to joining Hinckley Allen, Jim was a partner at WilmerHale (previously Hale and Dorr LLP), where he practiced law for nearly 19 years. Jim is a member of the Boston Bar Association (BBA), where he has served as a member of the BBA's Education Committee and as Chair of the BBA's Business Transactions Section. Jim was recently elected to the Board of Governors of the Concord Museum in Concord, Massachusetts and currently sits on the Board of Directors of Actors' Shakespeare Project, which is a Boston-based professional theatre company. Jim previously sat on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities (Mass Humanities), where he served at various points as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. He is Co-Chair of the President's Council of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and a member of the Campaign Cabinet for Colonial Williamsburg's *Campaign for History and Citizenship*. Jim is also a member of the American Battlefield Trust, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Massachusetts Historical Society and former Board President of the Boston Classical Orchestra. He received his AB from Princeton University ('88), where he was Co-Chair of the Special Gifts Committee for his 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion, and his JD from Harvard Law School ('91). Born and raised in Western Massachusetts, Jim lives in Lincoln, Massachusetts with his wife, Dr. Laura M. Burke, Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Regis College.

### Public Category



**Name:** Eva Caldera

**Position:** Associate Secretary and COO, The Phi Beta Kappa Society

**Education:** Harvard Law School, JD; Harvard-Radcliffe College, AB

Eva Caldera is the Associate Secretary/Chief Operating Officer of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She oversees the Society's operations and collaborates with staff, leaders, and members to shape programs, member engagement, advocacy and outreach that advance the organization's mission: to champion education in the liberal arts and sciences, foster freedom of thought, and recognize academic excellence.

Immediately before joining Phi Beta Kappa in 2017, she served in the Obama Administration at the National Endowment for the Humanities, as Assistant Chairman for Partnership and Strategic Initiatives. She was a core member of the NEH senior leadership team for nearly eight years, and she was responsible for the

agency's signature initiatives promoting the public humanities, including Bridging Cultures and The Common Good: Humanities in the Public Square. She also launched Standing Together, NEH's special initiative focused on the experience of veterans.

Caldera is originally from Winnetka, Illinois. Her career has taken her across the country and back. She earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy from Harvard College, then earned a JD degree from Harvard Law School. She practiced law in Washington, DC, and Los Angeles, then went on to become a Research Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law, where she combined teaching, research, and practice focused on medical ethics. Caldera is an avid reader and an amateur violinist currently playing in a local community orchestra. She is married to Louis Caldera and has three adult daughters.

### **Council Category**



**Name:** David Pettyjohn

**Position:** Executive Director, Idaho Humanities Council

**Education:** University of Tulsa, MA, BA

David Pettyjohn became the Executive Director of the Idaho Humanities Council in January 2018. Prior to that, he served as Executive Director of Preservation Oklahoma, a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities in the state. Prior to joining Preservation Oklahoma, he served 11 years (2001-2012) as Program Officer and later as Assistant Director for the Oklahoma Humanities Council. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from the University of Tulsa. He resides in Boise with

his husband, Geoffrey, and two miniature schnauzers, Haskell and Fiyero.

### **Public Category**



**Name:** endawnis Spears

**Position:** Director of Programming & Outreach, Akomawt Education Initiative

**Education:** University of Massachusetts, MA; University of Denver, BA

endawnis Spears (Diné/ Ojibwe/ Chickasaw/ Choctaw) is impassioned about the diverse and complex intersections of Native American narratives and museums. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Denver. endawnis has worked for the Heard Museum, the Museum of Northern Arizona, the Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma, the Narragansett Indian Tribe and was a Peabody Essex Museum Native

American Arts and Culture Fellow. She is the Director of Outreach and Programming and founding member of the Akomawt Educational Initiative, an Indigenous education and interpretive consultancy that collaborates with K-12 schools, universities and public history institutions. endawnis has worked as an

educator in public programs and in the marketing department at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. Originally from Camp Verde, Arizona, endawnis lives with her husband Cassius Spears Jr., and their four children, Nizhoni, Sowaniu, Giizhig and Tishominko in their Narragansett homeland, present day Rhode Island.

**Council Category**



**Name:** Brenda Thomson

**Position:** Executive Director, AZ Humanities

**Education:** Yale Law School, JD; Yale University, BA

Brenda Thomson became Executive Director of Arizona Humanities in March 2010. She was delighted to share her knowledge and experience in development, human resources, public speaking, community relations, and strategic planning. She is committed to promoting diversity, equity, access and inclusion through the humanities. She is inspired by the rich history of the people and places of Arizona.

Prior to joining Arizona Humanities, Brenda served as the Director of The Center for Law Leadership and Management at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, and was Executive Director of the Maricopa County Bar Association. Before becoming a nonprofit leader she practiced law for several years with the Urban Indian Law office in Phoenix, and corporate law with Cooley Godward in Palo Alto, CA. She has clerked for a federal judge, worked as a Congressional intern, and volunteered to promote justice and equal rights.

Brenda has served on a number of nonprofit boards. She currently serves as Treasurer for the Hance Park Conservancy, and on the Executive Committee of the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame.