



## Clinton Daly Announced as New Board Chair

**Baltimore, Md. (October 14, 2020)** – The Maryland Center for History and Culture has announced the appointment of the institution’s new Board Chair, Clinton Daly. Formerly the Maryland Historical Society, the Maryland Center for History and Culture recently reopened its doors following its closure due to COVID-19, and revealed a new brand identity that reflects the organization’s mission to define itself as a space where the community can come to discover and develop a deeper understanding of our nation’s history and culture through a Maryland prism. Daly, previously a board member, succeeds Louise Lake Hayman, who served as board chair from July 2015 through 2020, and championed the new branding, as well as many other initiatives during her tenure.

“Clinton Daly has been committed to our mission throughout his tenure as a board member,” said Mark Letzer, president and CEO of the Maryland Center for History and Culture. “As Board Chair, helping us to usher in this new era for the Maryland Center for History and Culture and embark on the Shaping the Future of History fundraising campaign, Clinton will be an incredible asset. He has supported our innovations, like our pivot to expand virtual programming when the global pandemic forced us to shut our doors. We see a bright future as we continue to forge a new path, sharing Maryland history and culture with our ever-growing audience.”

Clinton Daly has served for five years on the board of the Maryland Center for History and Culture. A partner at Brown Advisory, Clinton also serves on the boards of the Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School and Mercy Health Services, and as an advisory board member for the Center of Environment and Society (CES) at Washington College.

As board chair, Daly shares MCHC’s commitment to not only preserving and sharing Maryland’s history and culture, but realizing the potential of the museum and library in making meaningful connections between the past and present. In fact, one goal of the Shaping the Future of History campaign is to create an enhanced education and visitor experience. The institution will look to create a new, state-of-the-art Learning Lab for vibrant, vital, and inclusive programs that will engage and connect with new, diverse audiences.

Through the campaign, MCHC will also create intentional community spaces made for facilitated dialogue and discovery, while increasing access to the collections and library resources, both onsite and online. The balance between education, access, and sustainability is crucial to moving the Maryland Center for History and Culture forward.

“Taking on this new role with the Maryland Center for History and Culture at this time of transition offers great opportunity,” said Daly. “More than any other organization in our state – the Maryland Center for History and Culture understands how to connect people of all ages to the power of history. Continuing that tradition – one that began in 1844 – especially as we embark on a fundraising campaign effort meant to further the reach and offerings of the museum and library, is a great honor.”

In addition to the new board chair, several members have been added to the board. Frederick C. Leiner, Katherine Pinkard, C. John Sullivan, Jr., and Tyler Tate join the board as trustees:

Frederick C. Leiner is a career attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice where he is a counsel in the Office of Professional Responsibility. He has been a member of the Maryland Center for History and Culture for 30 years and the chairman for the maritime committee since 2011.

Katherine Pinkard is co-founder and president of Pinkard Properties. Prior to founding Pinkard Properties, she worked at PNC Bank Wealth Management in asset management for high net worth and ultra-high net worth investment management private clients, foundations, and institutions.

C. John Sullivan, Jr. has a breadth of museum experience, including at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum where he was the Consultant/Appraiser and Exhibit Coordinator from 1993 to 2006 and Director of Operations from 2011 to 2013.

Tyler Tate is president of Lewis Contractors. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Mother Mary Lange School and on the Advisory Boards for Baltimore Basilica **Historic Trust and Johns Hopkins Homewood Museum**.

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**The Maryland Center for History and Culture (MCHC)** collects, preserves, and interprets the history, art, and culture of Maryland. Originally founded as the Maryland Historical Society in 1844, MCHC offers a museum, library, and education programs to inspire critical thinking, creativity, and community. Learn more at [mdhistory.org](http://mdhistory.org).

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