

## Executive Director Liselle LaFrance Named President of Historic Huguenot Street



NEW PALTZ, NY (July 6, 2021) – Historic Huguenot Street Board of Directors voted unanimously to name Liselle LaFrance President of the historic site and museum, in recognition of her achievements since she was hired as Executive Director in 2018.

LaFrance has overseen over \$1.2 million in grant fundraising for Historic Huguenot Street since she arrived. During 2020 alone, the museum's unrestricted contributions increased fifty percent.

"I am honored by this expression of support from the Historic Huguenot Street Board of Trustees," LaFrance

says. "It is a privilege to work with this remarkable site's talented team to fulfill the HHS mission, which is so relevant to the issues we grapple with today."

LaFrance has done a remarkable job managing the museum and staff through the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown and has been incredibly successful in getting artifacts from all archaeological digs over the past 20 years returned to museum collections - another major accomplishment.

"I personally enjoy working with Liselle and supporting her in her leadership role," says Mary-Etta Schneider, Board President. "She is an amazing person with great knowledge of museums and their role in continuing to record and interpret history. The entire board and staff are grateful for Liselle's contributions to HHS's success!"

### About Historic Huguenot Street

A National Historic Landmark District, Historic Huguenot Street is a 501(c)3 non-profit that encompasses 30 buildings across 10 acres comprising the heart of the original 1678 New Paltz settlement, including seven stone houses dating to the early eighteenth century. Historic Huguenot Street was founded in 1894 as the Huguenot Patriotic, Historical, and Monumental Society to preserve the nationally acclaimed collection of stone houses. Since then, Historic Huguenot Street has grown into an innovative museum, chartered as an educational corporation by the University of the State of New York Department of Education that is dedicated to preserving a unique Hudson Valley Huguenot settlement and engaging diverse audiences in the exploration of America's multicultural past in order to understand the historical forces that have shaped America.

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