



## **Report from the SCRLC Nominating Committee**

The SCRLC Board of Trustees Nominating Committee presents the following nominations for Board of Trustees for terms beginning in 2025

### **Kristen Dade, Cornell Univeristy, for a second term, 2025-2029.**

Kristin Dade, Ph.D., M.S.Ed., is the Director, Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI); Director, Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program/Pre-Professional Programs (P3); Director and Co-PI, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program; and the Institutional Coordinator for the Leadership Alliance at Cornell University.

Dr. Dade was born and raised in Southern California and began her journey to higher education after she dropped out of college at the age of 19. She was a first-generation college student who did not understand college and how to navigate that space. On a path to finding herself, she decided to move to Washington State.

While in Washington, she enrolled at a local community college and found a home. She studied abroad for the first time in her life, sparking a lifelong passion for travel. Kristin transferred to a four-year institution and completed her BA in Sociology. She began working at a bank but quickly knew this was not where she belonged.

At the behest of her community college advisor/lifelong mentor, Kristin uprooted herself once again and moved to Southern Illinois for graduate school. She took many classes in higher education policy and management, but the class that spoke to her most was Black Feminist Thought. As a bi-racial Black woman, she thought she was alone in her experiences. This knowledge and desire to educate others pushed Kristin through her M.S. Ed. Higher Education and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration.

While writing her dissertation on *Education From the "Bottom" Up: Black Women Navigating the Community College Transfer Experience*, Kristin decided it was time to make another move. She left Southern Illinois and moved to New Paltz, NY to teach at a community college. During her time as a lecturer, she was approached to advise the Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). Kristin knew from her first advising session that it would be her life's mission to educate, guide, and empower underrepresented students.

Kristin's journey took her on another path, one that led her to Cornell University in beautiful Ithaca, NY where she been at Cornell for nine years.

Dr. Dade cares deeply for all of her students and their success. She is a proud single mother of a nine-year-old daughter and plans to continue using her knowledge and experience to serve the community of underrepresented patrons that frequent the libraries. She enjoys spending time with her daughter and mother; playing dominos, cards or other board games; or she will be watching something on the Food Network.

She has been actively engaged in SCRLC and currently serves as the Board of Trustees President.

**Kirsten Gosch, Cayuga Museum of History & Art, for a first term, 2025-2029.**

Kirsten Gosch is the Executive Director of the Cayuga Museum of History and Art. She also serves as the museum's chief curator and the Auburn City Historian, leading exhibition development and reinterpretation projects. A Pennsylvania native, Kirsten has lived and worked in central New York for over ten years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Art History from Penn State University, and a Masters Degree in Museum Studies from Syracuse University.

**Marge Kappanadze, Elmira College, for a second term, 2025-2029.**

For just over fifteen years, Marge has been at Elmira College's Gannett-Tripp Library, initially as Information Services Librarian, overseeing Access Services and maintaining all aspects of electronic resources subscriptions. She has taught library instruction sessions for various classes, provided research help to students, and has planned and overseen several major projects involving the print collection. Marge has been responsible for maintaining the library's integrated library system and discovery service, and has been instrumental in creating and maintaining the library's LibGuides pages. For the past eight years she has been the Director of the Library. During the first half of 2019, she planned and oversaw the implementation of a new ILS and discovery service.

In 2011, Marge was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Chemung County Library District, representing the County's eighth legislative district, and [] served as president of the board for two years until her term ended at the end of 2019.

**Hugh McHarg, Corning Museum of Glass Rakow Library, for a first term, 2025-2029.**

\Hugh McHarg joined the Corning Museum of Glass in 2023 as the Director of the Rakow Research Library and as a member of the Museum's leadership team. He is responsible for leadership of the Library, including engagement with research and creative communities, print and digital collection development and management, public services, special collections, conservation and preservation, and digital initiatives. Over the last 17 years, he held several positions with the University of Southern California Libraries, most recently as Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives. His collaborations included the Pacific Rim Research Libraries Alliance, ONE Archives Foundation, KCET public television, and other partners to integrate library programs and collections into public conversations and academic discourse. He oversaw academic, cultural, and public programming, as well as communications operations and the USC Libraries' grants office.

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