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The Historical Society of Pennsylvania Welcomes Three New Councilors
Philadelphia, PA (June 24, 2021)— At its most recent meeting, HSP’s Board of Councilors unanimously elected three new members—H. Richard Dietrich III, Curlee R. Holton, and John C. McMeekin II.

“All three of the new Councilors have already become enthusiastically involved, and the knowledge and perspective they bring to HSP will be valuable assets. We look forward to working together,” said HSP President & CEO David R. Brigham.

H. Richard Dietrich III is President of the Dietrich American Foundation. He has spent his career working in non-profit management, having first started out in Washington, D.C. in government for the Democratic National Committee, then Senator Claiborne Pell. Richard worked with the Natural Lands Trust in Pennsylvania to conserve his family’s 1,500 acre farm, helping to establish a 600 acre park and preserve and conservation easements throughout the entire property. Richard earned his BA at Wesleyan University and an MBA from Yale. He is also a member of the board of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Museum of the American Revolution, and the Shaw Institute in Maine. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Chevy Chase, MD.

Curlee Raven Holton is an artist, educator, and entrepreneur. He is currently the executive director of the David C. Driskell Center at the University of Maryland (College Park). He also serves as the David M. Linda Roth Emeritus Professor of Art at Lafayette College (Printmaking and African-American History) and is the founding director of the Experimental Printmaking Institute. He earned is BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art and a MFA from Kent State University with a concentration in Printmaking and Painting. Curlee is a well-known printmaker and actively exhibits across the country.
About the Historical Society of Pennsylvania

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania is a provider of education and information for the people of Philadelphia and beyond. With over 21 million documents—including manuscripts, graphics, and ephemera—HSP serves more than 4,000 on-site researchers annually and millions more around the globe who use its resources online. HSP offers extensive online resources including digital collections, curricular materials, and it hosts educator workshops, public programs and lectures throughout the year. HSP is also a chief center for the documentation and study of ethnic communities and immigrant experiences in the 20th-century, and one of the largest family history libraries in the nation. For more information, visit http://www.hsp.org

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