

New Jersey Historical Commission Members Receive 2018 AASLH Leadership in History Award of Merit



Photographed left to right: Katherine D. Kane, Chair, AASLH, Richard F. Veit, Ph.D., Commission Member, NJHC, Maxine N. Lurie, Ph.D., Chair, NJHC, and John Dichtl, President & CEO, AASLH

Maxine N. Lurie, Ph.D., Chair of the New Jersey Historical Commission, and Richard F. Veit, Ph.D., Commission Member, received a Leadership in History Award of Merit on Saturday, September 28, 2018 at the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri for their publication *Envisioning New Jersey: An Illustrated History of the Garden State*. This comprehensive state history uses over six hundred images sourced from institutions across the state along with essays about defining moments and issues. The result is a compelling and nuanced story about New Jersey's complex past.

The AASLH award catalog states, "Challenging reductive stereotypes about the past, *Envisioning New Jersey* informs, inspires, and challenges readers to appreciate the full scope of their state's diversity and contributions." The Leadership in History Award of Merit is presented for excellence in history programs, projects, and people when compared with similar activities nationwide.

Maxine and Rich also participated in the meeting's National Council on Public History Poster Session sharing research methods from their work on *Envisioning New Jersey*. They were joined in Kansas City by Sara Cureton, Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission.

A very warm congratulations to Maxine and Rich on behalf of the Historical Commission!