



Public Art and Monuments Advisory Committee Member Bios

Tricia Burke is President of Office Environment Company, a family-owned and operated business for more than 100 years. She is an avid community leader, affiliated with numerous organizations and boards including GLI, Louisville Metro Parks Foundation, Leadership Louisville, Metro United Way, and National Association of Women Business Owners.

Carol Jones Clay is Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Community Relations at Republic Bank. Ms. Clay recently served on the Louisville Metro Historic Preservation Task Force which focused on developing systems and best practices to honor our community heritage, and previously served on the Louisville Metro Landmarks Commission. She is an active community leader serving on boards for nonprofit and civic organizations representing arts and culture, advocacy for women, athletics, healthcare and economic development.

Dr. Dewey M. Clayton is Professor of Political Science at the University of Louisville. As a lifelong educator committed to integration and social justice, Dr. Clayton's teaching and research areas include race, law, and politics, specifically political discourse from the modern day civil rights movement. Dr. Clayton earned a PhD in political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1995, and his academic focus areas include civil rights, equity and inclusivity. He currently serves as an affiliate for the University of Louisville Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research.

Ashley Haynes is a Project and Change Manager at Yum! Brands. Her professional experiences include managing complex projects with multiple stakeholder groups, communications, and change management. She holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and a BA in Anthropology, specializing in cultural anthropology. She has volunteered with organizations such as Kentucky Derby Museum, The Council on Developmental Disabilities, Kentucky College of Art and Design, and the University of Louisville's MPA Advisory Council.

Dr. Tomas Owen is an Archivist and Historian, with expertise in the history of Louisville and Kentucky, and politics during the Civil War. He has been an archivist and professor at the University of Louisville for over 40 years. Dr. Owen earned his PhD in American history from the University of Kentucky. He served as a Louisville Metro Council Representative from 2003 through 2016, and on the Board of Alderman from 1990 to 1998.

Dr. Chris Reitz is Assistant Professor of Critical and Curatorial Studies and Gallery Director at the Hite Art Institute at University of Louisville. He currently serves on the Louisville Metro Commission on Public Art. Dr. Reitz has worked as a project manager at Public Art Fund in New York and as an independent curator. Dr. Reitz earned a Ph.D. in Modern and Contemporary Art from Princeton University in 2015, and his areas of research include Art and Exhibitions in the Era of Neoliberalism, The Art Market, and Critical Theory.

Cathy Shannon operates E&S Gallery, Inc. in Louisville, a prominent African American fine art gallery. Over the course of 25 years, E&S has grown into an award winning gallery with a reputation of working with clients to build art collections, and specializes in original and limited edition fine art. Ms. Shannon currently serves on the Louisville Metro Commission on Public Art and is an active community business leader.