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## SARATOGA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

K. Michelle Arthur, Ph.D., Sets Aggressive Agenda to Deliver Upon SCHS Vision

BALLSTON SPA, NY, August 13, 2018—Saratoga County Historical Society (SCHS) announces the appointment of K. Michelle Arthur, Ph.D., as executive director.

“We are thrilled to welcome Michelle to the organization. She has dedicated her career to engaging, educating and inspiring others to better understand how the past influences our lives today in an increasingly global landscape,” said Ervin Murray, President of the SCHS Board of Trustees. “She brings an abundance of hands-on knowledge and demonstrated successes in exhibit curating, program and curriculum development, grant writing and fundraising, marketing, and community outreach.”

As executive director, Dr. Arthur is charged with fulfilling the vision of Saratoga County Historical Society: to lead Saratoga County in the preservation of its history and inspire the community to keep history alive for all to explore. She is responsible for the strategic planning and successful execution of all SCHS’s departments and teams.

“Saratoga County Historical Society is a vital resource of information, educational programs for all ages, art, culture, and, of course, history. I have made it my priority to share all that this organization has to offer through out the Capital Region,” said K. Michelle Arthur, Ph.D. “I look forward to connecting with and forging strong relationships and partnerships with Capital Region leaders and organizations. The Brookside Museum stands as a center of community in the region, and I am committed to exciting, engaging, and welcoming all of the members of our community.”

Dr. Arthur is an educator who employs a multitude of innovative approaches to engage her audiences, from interactive simulations to visual thinking strategies. She most recently was the education coordinator at Shaker Heritage Society and an educator at MiSci in Schenectady. She has been a curator at the Yager Museum of Art and Culture at Hartwick College, as well as at The Morgan Library and Museum, in the Department of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts. Additionally she lectured for thirteen years at The Cloisters, which is the Medieval branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art besides teaching at The Brooklyn Museum, S.U.N.Y. New Paltz, S.U.N.Y Oneota, and Hartwick College.

True to her profession, Dr. Arthur is affiliated with numerous professional organizations including the Association of Art Museum Curators and the New York Council of Nonprofits. She has compiled an

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impressive list of published articles on a variety of topics, as well as having presented papers at national and international conferences.

Dr. Arthur is proficient in French, Middle French, German, Italian, and Latin. She holds a Ph.D. in art history from Binghamton University, a master's degree in art history from Hunter College, and a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Brandeis University.

For more information on SCHS, visit [brooksidemuseum.org](http://brooksidemuseum.org).

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Saratoga County Historical Society's mission is to keep history alive through interactive educational programs and innovative exhibits that engage Capital Region communities with the exciting stories of Saratoga's past, instill a deeper understanding of how the past and present connect, and inspire all about how this knowledge impacts the future. As a non-profit organization, programs and services are made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. For more information, please visit [brooksidemuseum.org](http://brooksidemuseum.org) or call 518.885.4000.