WAMC Board Elects New Trustees

The WAMC Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that at its annual meeting on May 14, 2024, the Board unanimously elected the following new Trustees:

Dr. Mia Mask – Dr. Mask holds an endowed chair at Vassar College. She has taught courses in Cultural Studies and many aspects of film, including Feminist Film Theory and African-American Cinema. She has extensive administrative experience, having served as chair of the Vassar Film Department and as advisor to the college President and several of the college deans on various issues. Dr Mask, who did her undergraduate work at Tufts and received her PhD from NYU, has been a visiting professor at Yale and the University of Pennsylvania, and has written widely in her field.

Dr. James A Hendler – Dr. Hendler is the Director of the Future of Computing Institute and Tetherless World Professor of Computer, Web and Cognitive Sciences at Rensselaer Politechnical Institute (RPI). He has served as an advisor to both the Federal and New York State governments, as well as to the United States Military. He is a world leader in the field of data science, and has received countless fellowships, awards and honors. Jim appears regularly on The Roundtable, WAMC's morning conversation on public affairs and current events, bringing his expertise in emerging technologies to the discussion.

Cianna Freeman-Tolbert is a partner in the Albany law firm Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP, specializing in all aspects of immigration law, including immigration defense, claims for asylum, and other complex individual litigation. She is admitted to practice in New York, Georgia and Texas. She serves on several boards, including the American Red Cross. Ms. Freeman-Tolbert has a BA from the University of Michigan and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center. Cianna often brings her insights and expertise to The Roundtable conversations, particularly in areas impacting immigration and immigration policy.

The new Trustees will serve an initial three-year term.