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Ahmad Ward

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Ahmad Ward is the Executive Director for the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park located on Hilton Head Island, SC. The mission of the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park is to preserve, promote and honor Historic Mitchelville, the first self-governed town of formerly enslaved people in the United States.

Ward is responsible for developing and implementing a master plan, that will recreate this historic town as an interpretative site. Prior to this position, Ward spent fifteen years leading the Education Department at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham Alabama. Ward is a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

He received a BA in Art from Elizabeth City State University and a MA in Museum Studies from Hampton University. He is a member of Rotary of Hilton Head Island Club and the Southeastern Museums Conference Jekyll Island Management Institute Selection Board. He and his wife, Dafina have two brilliant daughters, Masani and Aminah.