

Omar Eaton-Martinez

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Omar Eaton-Martinez is the Senior Vice President for Historic Sites at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, where he leads the preservation, interpretation, and stewardship of 28 historic sites across the country to tell the full American story.

Prior to this position, he led the Prince George's County Historical Resources which include historical house museums, an aviation museum, the Black History Program and archaeological parks. He also oversees the programming of those sites with an emphasis placed on preserving, sustaining and enhancing these resources as well as engaging and building communities through education, outreach and innovation. Recently, he managed the interns and fellows' program at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History (NMAH). Omar has worked at the National Park Service, the Office of the National Museum of the American Latino Commission, NASA and he also was a K-12 teacher in NYC and DC. He builds coalitions that support diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion.

He has had leading roles in racial equity organizations like Museums and Race: Transformation and Justice, Museum Hue as well as a part of the Museum as Site for Social Action project. His research interests are Afro Latinx identity in museum exhibitions, Diversity and Inclusion in museums and cultural institutions, and Hip Hop history, culture and education. Moreover, he has supported public history projects centering blackness in Puerto Rico.

Eaton-Martinez participated as an American Alliance of Museums Diversity. Equity. Accessibility. Inclusion (DEAI) Senior Fellow, who is dedicated to diversifying museum boards. Additionally, he serves as a trustee for the International National Trusts Organisation and serves on the board of directors for the AAAM as Immediate Past Chair.

Formerly, he was a gubernatorial appointee to the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and a member of the Executive Council of Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Eaton-Martinez is member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., a husband, and father of four children.