

# Meet Your 2024 Lunch & Learn Speakers!



## Nicholas J. Hoffman

Administrator of Museums and Historic Sites

Nicholas J. Hoffman is the Administrator of Museums and Historic Sites for the Wisconsin Historical Society. His prior work at the History Museum at the Castle in Appleton featured a succession of nationally award winning exhibitions, public programs, and community engagement projects culminating with receiving the National Medal – the nation’s highest honor for museum work. During his tenure at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis he worked as a member of the executive committee to open the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum and led education, public programs, and visitor experience departments, including re-accreditation in these core areas in 2019. He is the co-author with Jesse J. Gant of the WHS Press book *Wheel Fever: How Wisconsin Became a Great Bicycling State* (2013).



## Jill Sterrett

Collections Division Administrator

Jill has worked in the arts and cultural heritage sector for over 30 years. Before joining WHS, she was Interim Director and Deputy Director at the Smart Museum of Art at the University of Chicago. Prior to that, she was Director of Collections at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. She has also worked at the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, the Library of Congress, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the National Library of Australia. A conservator by training, she operates at the intersection of collections and memory and she believes this business of objects has always been about people. Her research focuses on the role of cultural organizations in contemporary society. Jill joined WHS with purpose—joining this organization now, as a new History Center is being realized, is a right-time, right-place opportunity.