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## **Upcoming Webinar Will Share Findings of First-of-its-Kind Survey about Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in History Organizations**

Indianapolis, IN and Nashville, TN – The National Council on Public History (NCPH) and the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) have partnered to conduct a first-of-its-kind study on the prevalence of gender discrimination and sexual harassment in history organizations in the United States.

The findings of the survey will be shared during a **webinar on Tuesday, April 19 at 3 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Those interested in attending the webinar can register at the NCPH website at [NCPH.org/news/gdsh-in-public-history/](https://www.ncph.org/news/gdsh-in-public-history/).

In September of 2020, NCPH and AASLH [launched a year-long survey about sexual harassment and gender discrimination in public history organizations](#). The survey and report are the culmination of an effort begun by members of NCPH's board-led Subcommittee on Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (GDSH).

NCPH and AASLH contracted with [Oberg Research](#) to create a report to the public history field analyzing the survey data to understand about how gender discrimination and sexual harassment take place; who is most vulnerable, and where they are most vulnerable; and what current workplace and professional association policies and best practices can do to create safer, more equitable and inclusive work environments.

**The report analyzing the survey data will be released on Thursday, April 14** and will be available on both the NCPH and AASLH websites ([www.NCPH.org](http://www.NCPH.org) and [www.AASLH.org](http://www.AASLH.org)).

At the webinar on April 19, staff and committee members from NCPH, AASLH, and Oberg Research will walk through this inaugural report and discuss its significance. **Participants will be encouraged to share feedback about how the field should respond** to the report's findings.

If you have experienced sexual harassment, sexual violence, or gender-based discrimination, resources are available to you.

- For immediate assistance, call [RAINN's](#) National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE (4673) to be connected with a trained staff member from a sexual violence service provider in your area, or visit [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org) to chat live with a trained support specialist.
- The [U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#) enforces federal laws prohibiting workplace discrimination, including sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination.
- The [Legal Network for Gender Equity](#) at the National Women's Law Center connects people who have experienced sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination at work, at school, or when getting health care, with legal assistance.

- [Equal Rights Advocates](#) accepts applications for free legal advice for people who have experienced sexual harassment and gender-based discrimination at [work](#) or at [school](#).
- National Council on Public History has prepared [resources](#) on gender discrimination and sexual harassment for use by those who work in the field of public history.

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The National Council on Public History (NCPH) is a nonprofit membership association that inspires public engagement with the past and serves the needs of practitioners in putting history to work in the world. NCPH builds community among historians, expands professional skills and tools, fosters critical reflection on historical practice, and publicly advocates for history and historians. Members of the organization include historical consultants, museum professionals, government historians, professors and students, archivists, teachers, cultural resource managers, curators, film and media producers, historical interpreters, policy advisors, and many others. Members confer at the annual meeting each spring and share their expertise in a scholarly journal (*The Public Historian*), quarterly newsletter, and multiple online formats, such as the NCPH blog *History@Work*. Learn more at <http://www.ncph.org>.

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), a national nonprofit association, provides leadership and resources to help the history community thrive and make the past more meaningful for all people. AASLH serves the tens of thousands of history organizations, professionals, and volunteers around the country who help people of all ages develop critical thinking skills and understand how learning history helps society make progress toward justice. Through research, advocacy, and our field-leading professional development program, AASLH advances public history practice and connects history practitioners to critical issues in the field and to one another. For more information about AASLH visit [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org).