

American Studies 2000 Eras Alumni Panel

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SHERRI BERGER

Sherri Berger (2005) is a strategic, technology-focused leader in cultural heritage, with 20 years of experience driving impact at complex institutions such as the Smithsonian Institution and the University of California. As the inaugural director for Digital Access & Archives at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, she is executing a vision for dramatically expanding access to millions of historical treasures and the stories they tell. Sherri holds an MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a BA in American Studies from Northwestern University. She resides in Washington, DC

BENJAMIN KAHAN

Benjamin Kahan (2002) is the Herbert Huey McElveen Professor of English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Louisiana State University. He has held fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the National Humanities Center, and a number of other institutions. He is the author of *Celibacies: American Modernism and Sexual Life* (Duke, 2013) and *The Book of Minor Perverts: Sexology, Etiology, and the Emergences of Sexuality* (Chicago, 2019). His new monograph *Sexual Aim and Its Misses* is under contract with Chicago. He is also the editor of *The Cambridge History of Queer American Literature* (Cambridge, 2024). and a co-editor of *Theory Q*, a book series from Duke University Press.

