



BOSTON ATHENAEUM
Trustee Biographies

Slate of Officers:

TIMOTHY W. DIGGINS | *President*

A Member of the Boston Athenaeum since 1996 and a Proprietor since 2013, Mr. Diggins has served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2017, and as President since 2020. Mr. Diggins is a member of the Hannah Adams Society and the Armstrong Society and is a donor to the expansion into 14 Beacon Street.

Mr. Diggins retired as a partner of Ropes & Gray in 2023, where he was a member of the firm's corporate department, and served as the co-head of the firm's sovereign investment and derivatives practice groups. He is co-chair of the Brigham and Women's Hospital Leadership Council and Director of A Far Cry Orchestra and was a long-time Trustee of the Boston Ballet. Mr. Diggins holds a JD from the University of Chicago and a BA in Latin and Greek Classics from Holy Cross. He studied in Germany under a grant from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst. Mr. Diggins has pursued his interests in the Classics since college, and has collected a substantial personal library of works in Latin and Greek. It was the Boston Athenaeum's collection of Latin and Greek works, and of ancient philosophy and commentaries, that initially drew him to the Athenaeum.

SUSAN B. WEATHERBIE | *First Vice President*

A Member and Proprietor of the Boston Athenaeum since 2009, Susan B. Weatherbie is an active member of the Boston cultural community and passionate about art, travel, classical music, and reading. Mrs. Weatherbie has served on the Board of Trustees since 2011 and was elected Vice President in 2016. She currently chairs the Special Collections Committee and is active on the Standing Committee. She is a member of the Hannah Adams Society and the Armstrong Society and is a donor to the expansion into 14 Beacon Street.

Mrs. Weatherbie graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College with a major in Sociology. She has worked for 23 years in the legal profession, first for the Boston law firm of Herrick and Smith, and then for the firm of Choate, Hall, and Stewart. At Mount Holyoke College, she was a Trustee for 10 years, was a member of the Art Museum Advisory Board for 17 years and chair for 8 years. She also served on the Alumnae Development Committee and the Campaign Steering Committees for the 2003 and 2011 Campaigns.

At the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Mrs. Weatherbie serves on the Board of Trustees. She is the Chair of the Collections Committee and serves on the Budget and Finance Committee. She is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Handel and Haydn Society. Mrs. Weatherbie is a native

of South Hadley, Massachusetts. She and her husband split their time between Boston (their primary residence), New Hampshire, and Florida.

MELISSA FETTER | *Second Vice President*

A Member of the Boston Athenaeum since 2019 and a Proprietor since 2020, Melissa Fetter is a community volunteer and the founder and owner of Beacon Hill Books & Cafe in Boston, MA.

With an interest in equitable access to the arts, education, and public broadcasting, Ms. Fetter is a past Vice-Chair of the NPR Foundation, a current trustee of Boston's NPR affiliate, WBUR, a current trustee of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and is the immediate past Chair of the Cantor Center for the Visual Arts at her alma mater, Stanford University. Ms. Fetter is also a founding board member of the Smithsonian's American Women's History Museum Advisory Board.

F. JAVIER CEVALLOS | *Treasurer*

A Member of the Boston Athenaeum since 2020 and a Proprietor since 2021, Dr. F. Javier Cevallos is the President of the American Academic Leadership Institute and former President of Framingham State University, which was founded in 1839 by noted education reformer Horace Mann as the first public university dedicated to the education of teachers. Dr. Cevallos began his career in education as an assistant professor of Spanish at the University of Maine at Orono. Later, he moved to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he served as a professor and faculty advisor to the provost. In 1997, he became chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and soon after, he was appointed Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Before beginning his tenure at Framingham State University in 2014, he was President of Kutztown University in Pennsylvania for many years.

Dr. Javier Cevallos was born in Cuenca, Ecuador, and his family moved to Puerto Rico when he was 14. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez. From Puerto Rico, he moved to Illinois, where he earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His area of research is Latin American literature, with particular emphasis on the Colonial era. Dr. Cevallos has served on the boards of AASCU, NCAA Division III President's Council, the United Way of Tri-County, Jewish Family Service, and the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce. He also served as a Commissioner of the regional New England accrediting body for higher education. He is also a former Board member of the Reading Museum in Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR B. PAGE | *Secretary*

A Member of the Boston Athenaeum since 2014 and a Proprietor since 2015, Arthur B. Page is an avid reader, interested both in history and ongoing issues in society and disparate communities, and is a frequent attendee at Athenaeum programs. He views the library as “a sanctuary of beauty, treasure, and knowledge in a time-challenged world; as a community of diverse and inquisitive thinkers, respectful of old, new, and contrary ideas; and as an institution with a responsibility to make learning and scholarly thought available to an ever-wider audience through the use of technology.”

He has served on the Board of Trustees since 2017 and was elected Secretary in 2018. He is active on the Advancement Committee, the Nominating & Governance Committee, the Special Collections Committee, the Standing Committee, and the Search Committee for the next

Stanford Calderwood Director. He is a member of the Hannah Adams Society and is a donor to the Campaign for 14 Beacon Street.

Mr. Page joined Hemenway & Barnes in 2008 and brings with him 30 years' experience representing non-profit institutions. He serves as a trustee of various foundations that support, among other interests, scholarship, the study of women artists, and of the photographic profession. He is chair of the board of the Travis Roy Foundation which provides adaptive equipment grants to those paralyzed through spinal cord injuries and research funds focused on recovery of motor function and independence. He occasionally skates with (or against) Mr. Enriquez in charity hockey events.

He is a graduate of Harvard University, Hastings College of the Law, and Boston University Graduate tax program.

For a term of three years:

PERRIN GRAYSON | *second term*

Member of the Boston Athenæum since 2003 and a Proprietor since 2022, Perrin (Penny) Moorhead Grayson earned her bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Radcliffe College and her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law. She has spent much of her career in the communications field, including positions with American General Media, Time-Life Films, and WQED-TV in Pittsburgh, PA. She has served on the board of WBUR since 2015. She was a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study from 2005 to 2022.

Since she and her family moved to Beacon Hill from Baltimore in 2004, she has been a member and served on the boards of The Beacon Hill Circle for Charity and The Hestia Fund, and has been a member of The Boston Athenæum. For the past seven years, she has been Chair of the summer library in Prouts Neck, Maine where she oversees book acquisition, children's programming, and general operations.

NANCY MAULL | *second term*

A Member of the Boston Athenæum since 2009 and a Proprietor since 2023, Nancy Maull has had a career in the academic world. A graduate of the universities of Florida (B.A.) and Chicago (A.M., S.M., Ph.D.), she taught the history and philosophy of science at Yale, Harvard, and Chicago. As her work turned to administration, she was Allston Burr Senior Tutor and Academic Planning Officer at Harvard, Dean of Students and Deputy Provost at Chicago, and then Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard. After Harvard, she was a principal and vice president at Isaacson, Miller until her retirement. She is a past President of the Tavern Club and served on the Brandeis Institutional Review Board.

Alongside her academic work, Nancy has had a long career as a painter, with shows in Maine and Boston. At the Athenæum, she has been a member of several search committees—for Chief Development Officer, for Director of Communications and Marketing, and for the Stanford Calderwood Director.

WINSTON E. LANGLEY | *third term*

A Member of the Boston Athenæum since 2015 and a Proprietor since 2016, Winston E. Langley is an eminent scholar of international organization and global governance as well as a seasoned educational administrator. He has been involved with the University of Massachusetts Boston for 50 years, and is currently a professor emeritus of Political Science and International Relations and Senior Fellow at the McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies.

Dr. Langley's scholarly interests include human rights, alternative models of world order, religion, and politics. His research has focused on the inadequacy of the nation-state system, the weakness of intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations' expanding power and influence, and the paucity of alternative models for global ordering. Dr. Langley is the author of "Kazi Nazrul Islam: The Voice of Poetry and the Struggle for Human Wholeness" and the "Encyclopedia of Human Rights Issues Since 1945", which won the Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award. His more recent publications include "Abolishing War," "Six Ideas That Threaten The World," and "The Grand Corruption. He is a member of Citizens for Global Inclusion and a reviewer of nine publications.

AMY ELIZABETH RYAN | *third term*

A Member of the Boston Athenæum since 2008 and a Proprietor since 2018, Amy E. Ryan has over thirty-five years of library management experience, most recently as the Boston Athenæum's Interim Stanford Calderwood Director from September 2019 until May 2020. During this time, she also served an important role on the Search Committee for the next Director.

Prior to her time at the Athenæum, she was President of the Boston Public Library, Director of the Hennepin County (Minnesota) Public Library, and she served in leadership positions for 28 years with the Minneapolis Public Library. During her tenure in these roles, she earned national awards for programming, strategic planning, innovative public service, and excellence in architectural initiatives. She earned her Master's in Library Science from the University of Minnesota and a BA from Mankato State University; and also studied at the Institute for European Studies in Freiburg, Germany, and the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Program.

Ms. Ryan was an Advisor in Residence at Simmons University Graduate School of Library and Information Science and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council. She was a long-standing member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries Visiting Committee and former Chair of the Board of Directors of the Digital Public Library of America. She continues to be actively involved with the Athenæum and other library engagements

FREDERIC WITTMANN | *first term*

Frederic Wittmann was active for 40+ years in the real estate capital market, placing debt and equity locally and nationally in large commercial projects as a senior managing Director at HFF and JLL. He is currently on the Esplanade Association Board and the GBH Board of Advisors. He is currently Chair of the Real Estate Committee and was Board Chair of Neighborhood Charter School, a high performing pre K - 12th school in Dorchester. NHCS was one of the original charter schools in Boston, and while he was Board Chair, the school successfully added a high school. He also served on the Boards of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority and Cambridge Friends School. He has a BA from Tufts University.

