

Reframing History in the South

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William “Bill” Martin, director of the Valentine, leads the oldest museum in Richmond and the only museum dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the city’s diverse history. For 25 years, Martin has expanded the Valentine’s programming, grown Richmond walking and group tours, and worked collaboratively in the community to support city tourism initiatives and promote the social, cultural and educational importance of the 1.6 million objects in the Valentine’s collection.

He currently serves on the boards of the Afrikana Film Festival and TheaterLAB, is an active member of the Church Hill Association and ChamberRVA’s Richmond Cabinet and the convener of the Richmond Area Museum Directors. Martin holds a B.A. in Urban Studies and an M.A. in Public Administration from Virginia Tech.