

The Oneida Community Mansion House is pleased to welcome Thomas A. Guiler, Ph.D., as the Director of Museum Affairs.



Born and raised in Rochester, New York, Dr. Thomas A. Guiler earned a B.A. in History and Philosophy from the University of Scranton, a M.A., a M. Phil., and Ph.D. in History from Syracuse University. Prior to coming to the Oneida Community Mansion House, Tom spent just over five years as Assistant Professor of History and Public Humanities at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library outside Wilmington, Delaware. Tom is a specialist in utopian and intentional communities and the Upstate New York region. He has published and presented on a wide range of topics including communal groups in the Arts and Crafts Movement and the history of the Oneida

Community from its roots into the twentieth century. He is currently serving as the Vice President for the Communal Studies Association.

Tom will lead the museum into its next stage of interpretation and engagement. With a focus on relevancy and community engagement, Tom will highlight three centuries of community at the Mansion House and explore its relevance in today's world.

"There are so many incredible stories at the Mansion House that have such relevance today," Tom stated. "The Oneida Community is a story of community, family, and the desire to imagine a better world. I think there is a lot we can still learn from the Oneida Community about what it means to be a member of a community—to look out for one another, to value compromise, and to come together to celebrate life as a collective. I am really excited to see how we can reimagine this important National Historic Landmark for the 21st century."

Members will have an opportunity to meet Tom virtually on November 22nd at a Meet and Greet Zoom Event. Please check the OCMH website or our Email News for more information.

The Oneida Community Mansion House (OCMH) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit with an educational charter from New York State. It was designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1965. The Mansion House was home to the Oneida Community, one of the most radical and successful of the 19th century utopian societies. Today, the Mansion House is a museum, historic inn, residence and performance center featuring tours, programs, music, culture offerings, facility rentals, landscaped gardens, grounds, trails, and a historic golf course. The mission of OCMH is to use its historic site and collection to share the story of the Oneida Community to explore pressing social issues that still confront audiences today.

The Mansion House is open for visitors daily from 10am--3pm for self-guided tours. Guided tours are available by appointment. Landscaped gardens, grounds and trails are free to the public year-round. Oneida Community Mansion House is located at 170 Kenwood Ave., Oneida, NY 13421. More information: 315.363.0745 or www.oneidacommunity.org.