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## **SHAKER MUSEUM NAMES LINDSAY TURLEY CHIEF DONOR RELATIONS OFFICER**

**CHATHAM, NEW YORK, April 12, 2021** – Shaker Museum, which stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives, announced today that Lindsay Turley joined the museum staff as Chief Donor Relations Officer. In this new role, Turley will work closely with the Museum’s Leadership Team and Board of Trustees on all fundraising initiatives to support the museum’s current operations and future aspirations. Turley’s responsibilities will include cultivation and stewardship of individual and institutional giving.

Turley brings fifteen years of experience working in museums, libraries, the non-profit sector, and academic environments to Shaker Museum. For the past ten years, Turley has worked at the Museum of the City of New York. Most recently, she was the Vice President of Museum Collections and part of the organization’s seven-person Executive Team. In this role, she developed, applied for, and oversaw all externally funded projects and associated restricted budgets for the Collections Department.

Prior to the Museum of the City of New York, Turley worked for the American Civil Liberties Union, Brooklyn College, and the Whitney Museum. Turley earned a Master of Science in Information and Library Science from Pratt Institute in New York, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Tulane University in New Orleans.

Shaker Museum Executive Director Lacy Schutz commented, “Shaker Museum is excited to welcome Lindsay Turley to our small but fierce team. I have known Lindsay for years and she is an incredible talent. She will be an integral part of our team during this critical phase of our development.”

Lindsay Turley said: “It is an honor for me to join Shaker Museum and play a part in preserving the legacy and telling the story of American Shakerism. Their community, beliefs, and the objects they have left behind hold important lessons for how we live today, and I am especially thrilled to join the team as we work toward expanding the reach and impact of this museum and its collection.”

After being closed to the public for more than ten years, Shaker Museum has purchased a 19th century industrial building in Chatham, NY and is in the process of renovating and building an expansive

addition to the facility designed by Selldorf Architects. The new facility is essential to the museum's ability to deliver humanities programming to local, national, and international audiences, allowing it to share and preserve its unparalleled collection. The museum's ambition is to tell the complete story of the Shakers, including their material culture as seen through furniture, clothing, archives, and photographs; their social legacy of communalism, inclusion, and pacifism; and their technological innovations in manufacturing, architecture, agriculture, and engineering.

### **About Shaker Museum**

With more than 18,000 objects, Shaker Museum stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives. It is the leader nationwide among organizations devoted to Shaker history. Its permanent new facility in Chatham, NY designed by Selldorf Architects is estimated for completion in 2023. The museum also stewards the historic site in New Lebanon, NY and has a campus in Old Chatham, NY, which is open year-round by appointment, where the administrative offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection can be viewed online at <http://shakermuseum.us>.

**Photos:** <https://www.dropbox.com/s/5cj2zctxcz2kbpk/LindsayTurleyinsidenevmuseumbuilding.HEIC?dl=0>

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