## Bio Amy Golden-Shepherd Deputy Director Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

An early childhood, elementary, and middle school educator for 29 years, Amy spent the last 18 serving as librarian and director of diversity, equity, and inclusion at St. Anne's Episcopal School. It was there that she honed the skills of integrating inclusive literature, social justice, and cross-discipline studies into a collaborative method of reaching students. Amy has learned through her life experiences and formal DEI training through Cornell University's Diversity & Inclusion certificate program, Diversity Directions intensive, and multiple NAIS People of Color Conferences, that the best way to make authentic connections with others and really understand how to move through the world with empathy is through the development of cultural competency.

In September 2022, she decided to continue this work on a new career path. She is now the Deputy Director of the DE Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs where they work to preserve Delaware's cultural resources and share the important stories that have for too long gone untold. Amy's approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion work is to introduce concepts and allow people to actively work through what they are learning by applying it to their own experiences.