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Qiana Whitted is a graduate of Hampton University with a doctorate from Yale University. Her research and teaching focus on Black literary and cultural studies, and American comics and graphic novels. She is the author of the Eisner Award-winning book, *EC Comics: Race, Shock, and Social Protest (2019)* and coeditor of the collection on *Comics and the U.S. South (2012)*. Along with numerous published articles, book chapters, and online writings in comics studies, she has written the introductory essay for the recent collection of Black Panther comics for Marvel's new Penguin Classics Collection. Her forthcoming collection, *Desegregating Comics: Debating Blackness in the Golden Age of American Comics*, will be published in spring 2023. She is also the editor of *Inks: The Journal of the Comics Studies Society* and chair of the International Comic Arts Forum.



PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

John Christman
Humanities Institute, Director

Presentation of HI Outstanding Alumni Award

Scott Bennett
Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies

Introduction of Speaker

Charlotte Eubanks
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“Desegregating Comics: Debating Blackness in the Golden Age of American Comics”

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John Lucas is president and CEO of ISEP, the world's largest exchange network of more than 350 postsecondary institutions in over 60 countries. Previous leadership roles include, provost and executive vice president at the School for International Training (SIT), associate vice president of academic programs at IES Abroad, and center director in Barcelona and Alicante for the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE).

He holds a master of arts and a doctoral degree in Spanish Linguistics from Penn State, where he was an Edwin Erle Sparks Fellow in the Humanities. He also holds a master of arts in Management from SIT. Lucas is the current chair of the board of The Forum on Education Abroad. He publishes widely and has held adjunct faculty roles at Georgetown University and the Universidad de Alicante. He speaks Spanish, Catalan, French, and German.

Thank you for attending today.
Please join us for a reception following the lecture discussion.