

Wisconsin Historical Society: Rebecca Comfort to join the Wisconsin Historical Society as the American Indian Nation liaison

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Madison, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society is delighted to announce the hire of Rebecca Comfort, an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, as the new American Indian Nation Liaison at the Society. This is a newly formed position at the Society and it was created to support relationships between the Society and American Indian Nations.

“It is important to the Society to build on our relationships, particularly with the 12 American Indian Nations here in Wisconsin,” said Christian Overland, Ruth and Hartley Barker Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society. “The Society values its partnerships and the critical work being done to share the history of our tribal neighbors. Rebecca’s strong background in bringing institutions and American Indian communities together will help ensure that these tribal voices are heard.”

As part of the director’s office, Comfort will help to develop and strengthen relationships between the Society and American Indian Nations. She will represent the Society on American Indian projects and she will advise Society staff on American Indian relationships and issues.

Comfort’s most recent role was the scholarship coordinator for the Forest County

Potawatomi Foundation. She was previously employed by the UW-Madison as the interim American Indian Curriculum Services consultant where she collaborated with faculty and staff to implement Wisconsin Act 31 and obtain desired educational outcomes as identified by the Native communities of Wisconsin.

For more information on the Wisconsin Historical Society visit www.wisconsinhistory.org.

About the Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit wisconsinhistory.org.