

Pamela Schwartz
Executive Director, Orange County Regional History Center
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Pamela Schwartz is a national award-winning curator and museum industry executive who currently serves as executive director of the Historical Society of Central Florida and manager of Orange County Regional History Center.

Working within the museum industry since 2002, Schwartz joined the Orange County Regional History Center in 2016 as its chief curator and senior program manager. In her role as chief curator she helped increase diversity and inclusion, leading its regional and national award-winning exhibitions and collections.

Shortly after the Pulse nightclub shooting in 2016, Schwartz spearheaded the urgent-response One Orlando Collection Initiative, which includes over 10,000 artifacts, photographs, archives, and oral histories. She has become a national authority on historical collecting after community tragedy, an effort that earned her staff the 2019 Institute of Museums and Library Service National Medal, the top award in the industry.

Prior to working at the History Center, Schwartz was executive director at Boone County Historical Society. Her previous work experience also includes stints at Iowa cultural institutions Maquoketa Art Experience (2010), Cedar Rock: Frank Lloyd Wright Residence (2009), UNI Museums (2007-2009) and Jackson County Historical Society (2002-2005).

Schwartz received her Master of Arts in Museum Professions, Exhibition Development, from Seton Hall and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from the University of Northern Iowa.