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Senate Confirms Library Professor, Others to National Museum and Library Services Board

On May 25, 2007, Lotsee Patterson, a Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma, was one of the three Presidential nominees confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as members of the National Museum and Library Services Board. The board advises the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal agency that is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums.

About Ms. Patterson (from [IMLS's press release](#)):

Lotsee Patterson, Ph.D., Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma, was born and raised in rural southwestern Oklahoma. A member of the Comanche Nation, she credits her experience growing up in Indian country with developing her passion for libraries and library services for Native Americans. She is a recipient of the Oklahoma Library Association's highest honor receiving their Distinguished Service Award and being designated by this association as a Library Legend. Patterson has also been honored for her work with tribal libraries and for recruiting and mentoring American Indian librarians by the American Library Association.

"I expect these outstanding new board members, with their wide array of experience, to make significant contributions to the National Museum and Library Services Board," said the Institute's Director Anne-Imelda M. Radice.

The National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB) is a 24-member advisory body that includes the IMLS director and deputy directors for libraries and museums, the chair of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and 20 Presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, library or museum services.

For more information about the National Museum and Library Services Board visit the Institute's Web site at www.ims.gov/about/board.shtm.

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