



Wade Lawrence Bio
Director, The Museum at Bethel Woods

Wade Lawrence is the director of The Museum at Bethel Woods. He has over twenty years experience in history museums, historic sites, decorative arts, historic preservation, and heritage tourism.

Before accepting his current position as museum director at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Wade served as the director of Glensheen, a house museum in Duluth, Minnesota, owned by the University of Minnesota. He has also served as assistant director of Drayton Hall, a National Historic Landmark in Charleston, South Carolina, which is owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the historic preservation officer for Orange County, Florida; and the curator of collections at the Historical Society of York County, Pennsylvania.

Wade studied architecture and studio art at the University of Tennessee and the University of Florida between 1972 and 1977 before suspending his college career to work as an architectural draftsman in Duluth, Minnesota. Wade returned to college in 1982, earning his B.A., summa cum laude, in art history from the University of Minnesota in 1984 and his M.A. in early American culture from the University of Delaware as a fellow in the prestigious Winterthur Program in Early American Culture in 1987.