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**American Ancestors/New England Historic Genealogical Society
Appoints Meghan Hallock as Vice President for Advancement**

Accomplished Professional Brings Higher Education and Law Experience

June 1, 2021 – Boston, Massachusetts – American Ancestors/New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) – a national center for family history, heritage, and culture – has appointed Meghan Hallock as its new Vice President for Advancement. Bringing more than 20 years of experience, Hallock comes to the organization from Northeastern University School of Law where she served as Director of Development and Alumni Relations. As a key member of the American Ancestors senior management team, she will serve as chief fundraiser working closely with leadership and the advancement group to manage resource development and raise funds to fulfill its growth goals.

“As the oldest and largest genealogical society in America and having just celebrated our 175th anniversary, it’s an exciting time to welcome Meghan,” said D. Brenton Simons, President and CEO, American Ancestors/NEHGS. “We’re working on the significant next chapter of our history, and she is a key part of the future strategy.”

Hallock brings more than a decade of advancement experience combined with past roles as a lawyer and consultant. In her previous capacity at Northeastern as a member of the leadership team for the law school dean, Hallock contributed to strategic planning efforts for both the school and broader university, as well as led a comprehensive team of professionals encompassing major and planned gifts, alumni relations, and the annual fund. Among her most notable accomplishments, Hallock secured the largest endowed gift in the law school’s history to establish a justice fellowship.

“I’m thrilled to join American Ancestors at such an important juncture for the organization,” Hallock said. “I look forward to leading the fundraising efforts to help expand the organization, continue our important work for members, visitors, and partners, and increase our impact regionally and nationally.”

Prior to joining Northeastern in 2017, Hallock worked at New England College (NEC) in Henniker, New Hampshire, serving as Director of Development before being promoted to Associate Vice President of Development. In the latter position, Hallock played a critical role in the successful execution of NEC's capital campaign, resulting in the construction of a new academic building and performing arts center. Hallock joined NEC from Anna Maria College where she served as Director of Annual Giving.

An amateur genealogist, Hallock has a strong appreciation for lifelong learning. She earned a bachelor's degree in world politics from Hamilton College and an MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. She also holds a Juris Doctor from the Marshall Wythe Law School at the College of William & Mary.

About American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society

American Ancestors is a national center for family history, heritage, and culture. It is the global brand of New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), America's oldest and largest genealogical society (founded 1845). American Ancestors serves more than 350,000 members and millions of online users engaged in family history nationally and around the world through its website [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.AmericanAncestors.org) with more than 1.4 billion names in its databases. Its national headquarters, located in Boston's Back Bay, is home to a world-class research library and archive, an expert staff, and the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. It maintains a publishing division which produces original genealogical research, scholarship, and educational materials, including the *Register*, the flagship journal of American genealogy since 1847; *American Ancestors*, its award-winning magazine; and *Mayflower Descendant*, a quarterly journal of Pilgrim genealogy and history.

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