

Malcolm White has returned to lead the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) as Executive Director. He previously held the position from 2005 – 2012, after which he became director of the Mississippi Development Authority's Tourism Division. While there, White developed and implemented plans to create economic growth and opportunities through tourism, the creative economy and promoted the state as a travel destination and film location. Prior to his tenure at MAC, he worked in the hospitality industry, running a popular restaurant and founding special events and festivals throughout the state.

A native of Stone County, Mississippi, White holds a bachelor's degree in social studies from the University of Southern Mississippi. Throughout his career, he has been a member of and served on the committees of numerous civic organizations. White is involved with South Arts as well as the Mississippi Blues and Country Music Trails. He is past chairman of the Mississippi Blues Commission and the recipient of the 2009 *Preserver of Mississippi Culture* award. In 2015, he published *Little Stories: A Collection of Mississippi Photos*, a book of images he created from visits covering the state over several years.