Provis Marcella David today announced Nashid Madyun, D.M., as the new director of the University’s Black Archives and Research Center.

As director of the renowned Carrie Meek-James M. Eaton Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archives and Research Center, Madyun will be responsible for overseeing the specialty museum and archives that house regalia and printed material relevant to the history of Africans and African-Americans. The Center collects, preserves, and disseminates significant information about African Americans and their experiences and contributions in Florida and throughout the Southeastern United States.

Madyun is an accomplished enterprise operations and business development leader with extensive experience in museum management and operation. Prior to coming to FAMU, he served for four years as director of the Hampton University Museum, where he handled the administering of the 10 million documents and collections of the oldest African-American museum in the country. He increased traffic at the museum by 45 percent over three years. Madyun is also a distinguished publisher and researcher. He previously served as the publisher of the International Review of African-American Arts. His research interests include African-American women in leadership in nonprofit organizations, the post-structuralism revolution, emerging business models for African-American-serving nonprofit organizations, and audience development for minority-serving institutions.

“We are extremely happy to have a person with Dr. Madyun’s capabilities and passion for preserving African and African-American history for future generations taking over the operation of one of the University’s most prized assets,” said David.

Commenting on his appointment Madyun said, “I look forward to carrying forward the torch of serving the community and preserving African and African-American history started by the legendary James Eaton and continued by his successors Dr. Elizabeth Murell Dawson and Ms. LaTanya White. They have established a foundation of excellence that I will endeavor to preserve and enhance.”

Madyun is a member of the Association of Art Museum Directors. He received his bachelor’s degree in history from Mississippi Valley State University, master’s degree in history education from Delta State University, and Doctor of Management in organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix. Madyun will start work on Nov. 2. He was selected for the position after a national search conducted by the University in partnership with Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc.