# SAMANTHA FRANKLIN

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Grantmaking professional employing a proven combination of strategic competency and compassionate relationship building to support change-makers in amplifying the power, sustainability, and joyfulness of their work. Over a decade of experience in social justice philanthropy with emphasis on LGBTQI+, racial, and gender justice.

#### Contact Information

# October 2020

#### Education

Masters of Science, Social Work Columbia University

New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Harvard University Cambridge, MA

Service and Leadership

Member, Denver County **Cultural Council** Denver Arts and Venues

2023 - Present

Vice President, Board of **Trustees** 

Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum Foundation 2024 – Present (various titles since 2022)

Member, Board of Directors Rainbow Heights Club 2018 - Present

Presentations, Publications, and Posts

Author, "Grassroots leaders in the Midwest have the solutions..." forwomen.org July 2024

Author, "Lessons from the journey: Reflections on the Ms. Foundation Safety Cohort"

Philanthropy News Digest October 2023

Facilitator and Presenter, "Beyond Trust: Developing a Philanthropic Ethic and **Practice Rooted in Care**" **CHANGE Philanthropy Unity** Summit (virtual content) October 2023

#### **Platforms**

MS Office Suite, Blackbaud Grants Management, Salesforce

Experience

Present

Senior Program Officer (2023 - Present) **Program Officer (2021 – 2023)** Interim Program Officer (2020 – 2021)

Ms. Foundation for Women, New York, NY

- Strategy Development: Led landscaping process and strategy creation for Foundation's first geographically focused portfolio in the Midwest. Collaboratively led iterative strategic refinements to the grantmaking strategy in the South, now in its fourth year.
- Program Development and Implementation: Implemented data-driven refinements to Foundation-wide capacity building program serving 100+ organizations, resulting in external investments that doubled program budget to \$1M. Doubled number of partnerships from 5 to 10+.
- Portfolio Management: Led application cycle and implementation of Foundation's \$1.5M+ Southern and \$600k+ Midwestern grantmaking initiatives, providing multifaceted strategic support to movement building organizations in these regions.
- Data and Institutional Learning: Developed evaluation and learning framework for capacity building program. Deepened institution's understanding of the program's impact, areas for improvement, and the capacity building needs of grantee partners.

June 2019 -December 2021

## **Independent Consultant**

S. Franklin Services. LLC

- Program Development Support: Created monitoring and evaluation frameworks and performance metrics for organizational clients focused on community-centered capacity building.
- Grant Writing and Reporting: Composed proposals to prospective foundation funders to support the development of organizational infrastructure and implementation of programming. Composed reports for funders, per grant requirements.

# April 2017 -February 2019

### **Director of Community Investment**

L+M Development Partners, New York, NY

- Strategy Development: Identified and pursued directions for \$3M grantmaking initiative and other partnerships that promoted L+M's business objectives while aligning with emerging best practice in program areas.
- Program Development and Implementation: Designed and implemented needs assessments, programming, and initiatives in collaboration with property management teams and external stakeholders to serve residents in low-income communities.
- Grants Management: Executed all workflows for full grant cycle, including prospecting and due diligence; proposal review and grant recommendations; and performance management and compliance for portfolio of approximately 30 grantees.

October 2010 April 2017

**Program Officer (2013 – 2017) Grants Manager & Program Associate (2010 – 2012)** 

- Johnson Family Foundation, New York, NY
- Portfolio Development and Management: Designed, built, and managed ~\$500,000 grant portfolio in emerging program areas.
- Grants Management: Conducted all tasks related to the management of the Foundation's overall grantee portfolio.
- Reporting: Generated regular reports for use by Foundation Executive Director and Board of Trustees.