

Amplify Gender Equity & Leadership Initiative

2022 Lead Directory



Catherine Baten – Boston College

Catherine started her career in higher education mentoring students and running leadership programs at Georgia State in Atlanta. After a couple of years, she moved to Boston and worked at Simmons University as the assistant for the Alumni Engagement team. She adventured into hospital development for a year as a major gift coordinator at MGH and clarified that higher education was a better fit. She transitioned to a frontline fundraising role at Boston College that she really enjoys and has been doing for 3 years.

Outside of work, Catherine enjoys: Playing pickleball, visiting new breweries, walks around my neighborhood with my family, and watching college football.



Ashley Bowden – Dartmouth College

Ashley jump started her career as an Annual Giving Officer at NYU, where she was engaged in affinity-based fundraising and programing. Her tenure at Dartmouth has deepened her practice in fundraising excellence with exposure to prospects at different levels of the philanthropic pipeline.

Outside of work, Ashley enjoys: Spending time with family and friends. Good food. My newest undertaking is voice acting!



Toni Buckley – Berkshire Community College

Toni is a community leader and storyteller with a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. She is passionate about creating lasting relationships, bridging divides between people of diverse backgrounds, and advancing DEI at Berkshire Community College and in Berkshire County. Toni has more than three years of experience in higher education administration and demonstrated compassionate leadership.

Outside of work, Toni enjoys: Sewing, knitting and travel. Swimming in Berkshire County waterfalls, brooks, and lakes.



Lisa Chow – University of California, Los Angeles

Lisa oversees her division's training program for about 500 employees. Currently, she leads and facilitates many of the sessions including ones for new employees, those new to the advancement field, a session on sexual harassment and discrimination prevention and empowerment for those that work with external constituents, and others depending on the organization's needs. She also manages their internship program for current undergraduate students to learn about the field. Prior to working in university advancement, she worked in collegiate athletics and recreation, event management and non-profits.

Outside of work, Lisa enjoys: Spending time with my family and friends, crafting, cooking & baking, puzzles, getting a good workout in or a walk outside when I can, live music and sporting events.



Bridget Connolly - Dartmouth College

Bridget discovered through experience that she didn't want to be a teacher, retail worker, or childcare professional. She has been in her current role since August 2019 and loves her team and the broader mission. She has the common good at the heart of what she aims to do.

Outside of work, Bridget enjoys: Cooking/baking, knitting, hiking, reading, sewing esp. vintage patterns, foraging esp. mushrooms, plants.



Jennifer Dallaire – Boston University

Jennifer is a skilled development professional with more than 20 years of experience working in various roles throughout healthcare, small non-profits, and higher education. She started her career by establishing The Heart to Heart Fund at Tufts Floating Hospital for Children’s Pediatric Cardiology Department where their focus was to provide financial, educational and emotional support to the families of Pedi Cardiology. Her work there earned her the *Heroes Among Us Award* from the Boston Celtics. She is currently a Senior Associate Director in Annual Giving for Stewardship & 1839 Society at Boston University and has been there for six years. In addition to her role on the Annual Giving team, she has also been a member of the DEI Council and Social Engagement Committee where she has had the opportunity work alongside fellow colleagues to ensure the workplace is more inclusive and that all voices are heard.

Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys: Participating in OCR (obstacle course races) with my husband and family, reading, visiting different craft breweries and trying new restaurants.



Nicole Dumas – Boston College

Nicole currently leads the team responsible for the recruiting, onboarding, and professional development of the Office's 200+ associates. Additionally, she is responsible for guiding diversity and inclusion initiatives. Before joining Boston College, Nicole was Director of Alumni Engagement and Philanthropy at the Boston Latin School Association, where she helped raise over \$50M for their Prima Perpetua comprehensive campaign. Nicole also brings nearly 20 years of experience in corporate sales, relationship management, sales training, and program experience with Fidelity Investments.

Outside of work, Nicole enjoys: Spa days, cooking, traveling, and countless attempts at learning to play the harmonica.



Sarah Dunn – Dartmouth College

The first decade of Sarah’s career was in education, spending three years teaching English in public schools around Paris, France before moving to New Orleans, Louisiana to work as a middle school French teacher. In 2019, Sarah made a career shift, bidding “adieu” to the classroom and joining the Advancement Administration team at Dartmouth. In her role, she works with the chief operating officer for advancement, talent management, market research, campaign planning and operations, and advancement systems and services to develop and implement integrated approaches to strategic planning, talent management, and business operations.

Outside of work, Sarah enjoys: Adventures with her husband and toddler, running and exercise, cooking, discovering new restaurants, attending festivals, and staying connected to friends and family near and far.



Michelle Giovino – Brown University

Michelle is an experienced software engineer who has worked in healthcare, finance, payroll solutions, scanned based trading and now higher ed. She works to create solutions that expedite processes, solve business problems, and resolve issues in web or desktop applications by continuously learning new technologies.

Outside of work, Michelle enjoys: Any time I get to spend with my children, but especially cooking, theater, traveling, and ice skating. You can often find me training or hiking with my Golden Retriever, Nutmeg. I also enjoy reading, volunteering, and exercising, especially running.



Renée Gordon – University of Oregon

Renée was new to higher education development when she left the corporate world and started at the University of Oregon. She has been promoted five times during her tenure. Today, she oversees development for the College of Arts and Sciences. Creating collaborative relationships with a diverse group of donors, deans, faculty, and staff with various levels of fundraising knowledge has been integral to the unit’s success, especially in times of transition. Renée has raised over \$40M since she joined the college’s fundraising team in 2013.

Outside of work, Renée enjoys: Running, hiking, cooking, skiing, and having adventures with my husband, daughter, and our GSD.



Carolyn Haddad - Brown University

Carolyn first joined the Brown University Division of Advancement as a student worker in 2010 and supported the Biomedical Advancement Team throughout the entirety of her undergraduate career at Brown. In 2015, she joined the Brown Annual Fund team as a Reunion Giving Associate, and since then, she has held various roles within Annual Giving. For the past four years, she has held positions focused on Young Alumni and Student philanthropy. In her current role, she serves as a senior manager on the Annual Fund team and leads a team of staff focused on managing volunteers and securing current-use funds from undergraduate alumni in non-reunion years. She also oversees the Young Alumni and Student Giving team.

Outside of work, Carolyn enjoys: Spending time at home, and just celebrated the first anniversary of buying my first house! My interests include gardening, trying new recipes, watching British murder mysteries and crime dramas, working on cross-stitching (my pandemic hobby), and getting in as many snuggles as my cat, Chico, will allow. I am fortunate to live within driving distance of most of my family and enjoy spending time with them - I especially love driving up to New Hampshire to spend long weekends with my mom. I am looking forward to being able to (hopefully) travel again soon and can't wait to continue my mission of spending time in an art museum in every new city I visit!



Dominique Matteson – UConn Foundation, Inc.

Dominique has more than fifteen years of experience working in higher-education Advancement and has been immersed in every aspect of annual giving during that time. In her current role of Associate Vice President for Annual Giving, she is responsible for driving strategy for annual giving focused on increasing dollars and donors across all areas of support. Prior to joining the UConn Foundation, she held annual giving roles at a small liberal arts college, a private research university, and a public graduate school where her responsibilities included the management and coordination of annual giving solicitations, volunteer recruitment and management, and managing a portfolio.

Outside of work, Dominique enjoys: Reading, listening to music, going for hikes with my husband and our dog, traveling, entertaining at home, catching up on the latest Bravo show, cooking and baking for friends and family, and discovering new breweries with my husband.



Jennifer Mora – University of San Francisco

Jennifer leads the activities for the major gifts team program, including the expansion of fundraising efforts for DEI and Community Initiatives at the University of San Francisco. She began her advancement career at UC Berkeley where she held various development roles for 14 years. In addition, Jennifer has 15 years of direct agency experience focused on developing and launching public relations campaigns for nonprofit, government, and consumer product clients.

Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys: Running, hiking, cooking classes, spending time with friends, sunsets/sunrises, mentoring, my children, and traveling.



Mary Beth Neiser – University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy

Every day, Mary Beth develops deeper relationships with people and aligns their passions with the mission of her institution. She started her career in higher education at the University of Rochester where she worked in annual giving and learned the ropes of major gifts by working with the Parent Committee. After a few years there, she returned to Kentucky to work for Centre College, a small liberal arts school. At Centre, she directed annual giving, launched a parent giving program, and began raising major gifts. Next, she led a building campaign and naming opportunity for the University of Kentucky College of Law. Currently, she serves the UK College of Pharmacy, and has successfully completed a comprehensive campaign there.

Outside of work, Mary Beth enjoys: My family brings me the greatest joy. I married my college sweetheart, Jason, 20 years ago and am so blessed to spend every day with my best friend. We are raising three wonderful children, who make our lives messy, colorful, and fun! Kara is 13. She loves music, plays piano and violin beautifully, and reads anything and everything. She has a kind heart and gentle soul. Anne is nine. She loves people, finds friends no matter where she is and doesn't know the meaning of the word stranger. She would rather be swimming than doing anything else in the world. She plans to be a teacher and swim coach and her little brother gets all the benefit of Anne's passion. Adam is five and he is Ms. Anne's first student. During our year of quarantine, she established a school for him. She's taught him to read, write and add, often to her delight and his distress. Adam adores his whole family, but he would do anything to please Anne. Adam's favorite things are The Incredibles, Mario Kart (especially Donkey Kong), and playing chess, which Anne also taught him.



Anna Sangalang – Harvard University

Anna Sangalang joined Harvard’s University Development Office in 2015, after previously working in development at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. In her current role in University Donor Relations, Anna manages stewardship and donor recognition strategies for top University-wide donors and donors to presidential funds and priorities. Also at Harvard, Anna serves on the Staff Liaison Committee for the University’s Office of Gender Equity; as an executive committee member on the Committee on the Concerns of Women, an employee resource group; and as an academic advisor through the Board of First-Year Advisors. She holds a BA in political science with a minor in Middle Eastern and Islamic studies from Boston College.

Outside of work, Anna enjoys: Reading, cooking, baking, hiking, swimming, Cape Cod beach trips with my family.



Carly Sokolik – Dartmouth College

Carly has been at Dartmouth since the fall of 2017 originally as the Managing Director of the Parents and Grandparents Fund. In that role, she helped the fund reach its \$4M goal each year. She oversaw the Family Leadership and Fundraising Committee working to create an elevated volunteer experience for the over 60 families on the committee. In May of 2021, she was promoted to the Associate Director of Family Giving where she oversaw a leadership giving portfolio and the execution of the Family Fellow Society program, Dartmouth’s leadership giving society for parent and family donors.

Prior to Dartmouth, she served as Associate Director for Parent Fundraising at Columbia College overseeing a \$4.5M annual fund and managing the Parent Leadership Council. In 2019, she was named one of *EverTrue’s 40 under 40 in Advancement*.

Outside of work, Carly enjoys: All things outdoors. Hiking, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, backcountry skiing, kayaking, trailing running, and camping. All of those activities are even better with my dog Pierogi by my side. I also love to cook and host people in my home. I have yet to find an Alison Roman recipe I don’t enjoy!



Holly Stanco – California State University, East Bay

In her twenty-four years of advancement work, Holly has obtained direct experience in all areas of educational advancement, from work in donor relations and alumni events, communications and marketing, to annual fund, major gifts, planned giving, and corporate and foundation giving. She currently oversees all fundraising units as well as advancement services and stewardship offices.

Outside of work, Holly enjoys: I have been a volunteer of many organizations in the communities in which I've lived, most passionately performing arts, animal rescues and various social service agencies. I am a musician, baker, gardener, and traveler--- all things that bring me great joy.



Caroline Stuart – Boston College

Caroline began her career in university advancement as an undergraduate student worker on the William & Mary Athletics Development team. After graduation she helped establish William & Mary's regional advancement office in Washington, DC. After two years, she moved to Nashville, TN to serve as the Associate Director of Planned Giving at Vanderbilt University and later as the Associate Director of Major Giving for the College of Arts & Science. In the spring of 2021, she relocated to Boston, MA and accepted the role of Associate Director of Major Gifts at Boston College. She currently manages prospects in Pennsylvania and the wider NYC metro region, fundraising for all schools and initiatives.

Outside of work, Caroline enjoys: Being a Girls on the Run coach, hiking, cooking, and history.



Corinne Tramuta – Boston University

Corinne's role has shifted many times over the past two years. Prior to the pandemic, she managed programming and engaged alumni volunteers in the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, and Southern regions of the US. During the pandemic, her role shifted into engaging alumni and planning programming around the affinity interest of Sustainability. With her new position, she will be responsible for continuing Sustainability programming and creating and managing alumni volunteer chapter communities in densely populated US cities.

Outside of work, Corinne enjoys: Yoga, Hiking, Food & Wine, Travel, Interior Design/Decorating, Art, History.



An Tran – University of Washington

An started her career in AmeriCorps and K-12 independent schools, then shifted to relational major gifts in higher education in 2015. In her current role, she travels regularly to sustain relationships with University of Washington supporters in Northern California.

Outside of work, An enjoys: Hiking, baking, reading, and travel.