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2025-2026 Emerging Leaders

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Emerging Leaders is an eight-month professional development program that transforms mid-career professionals working in the public interest into invested nonprofit leaders.

Participants develop the leadership capabilities, management skills, and confidence necessary to accelerate their careers while generating tangible results and lasting value for their organizations and the nonprofit sector. Emerging Leaders nurtures the connection between self-development, leadership development, relationship building, and strengthening nonprofit and social sector leadership for the long-run.

The program employs experiential learning, professional experts, and speakers to build management skills, leadership competencies, and sector-specific knowledge. The following learning tracks are woven together throughout the course of the program:

- **Self-Management and Self-Awareness**
- **Managing Others and Team Dynamics**
- **Nonprofit Management and Skill-Building**
- **Leadership Beyond the Organization**

Nonprofit professionals from any topical or educational background are encouraged to apply. The work of Princeton AlumniCorps is made possible by our volunteers, donors, and nonprofit partner organizations throughout the United States. The Princeton AlumniCorps Emerging Leaders program is made possible by grants from the **Harris Finch Foundation.**

We encourage you to follow our Leaders throughout the year as they share their experiences.

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Emerging Leaders Facilitator:

Program Facilitators serve as the lead designers and facilitators of the Emerging Leaders curriculum.



Hilary Joel
(SHE/HER)

Emerging Leaders Founder and Facilitator

Hilary Joel developed the original Emerging Leaders curriculum in 2011 and is the lead designer in refining it each year. She is an executive coach and management consultant with 30+ years of experience across numerous industries. As the founding principal of WJ Consulting, Hilary has partnered with the leadership and management of scores of nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government agencies to help them advance toward their own definitions of professional and organizational success more deeply, intentionally, quickly, and sustainably than they could on their own.

Hilary focuses primarily on nonprofit organizations, providing one-on-one coaching, leadership development, team/retreat facilitation, and guidance in organizational effectiveness to nonprofit leaders, their teams, and their boards. She has partnered with international as well as national and local organizations. Before starting her own coaching and consulting firm, Hilary spent a dozen years with management consulting firms focused on corporate clients in a range of industries.

Hilary holds an MBA degree from Harvard Business School where she was a Baker Scholar, and a BA degree in Economics from Princeton University. Hilary graduated from the Georgetown Leadership Coaching Program and is a Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the International Coach Federation. She is also a certified administrator of several assessment tools, including Myers-Briggs, DiSC, and The Leadership Circle(T) 360-feedback profile. Hilary's passion for a strong nonprofit sector extends into her personal and volunteer life. She is a cofounder and board member of Compass, which provides pro bono strategic consulting to nonprofits. She also serves on the Boards of Washington Improv Theater and CollegeTracks, which helps first-gen-to-college high school students enter college and succeed. Those who know Hilary well would describe her as positive, insightful, and supportive.

2025-26 Emerging Leaders Cohort:

The Princeton AlumniCorps Emerging Leaders cohort consists of 15 mid-career professionals who work for 15 nonprofit organizations located across the Northeast.



Clare Acharya
(SHE/HER/HERS)

Vice President of Aftercare Services,
[Anthos|Home](#)

Clare Plunkett Acharya serves as Vice President of Aftercare at Anthos|Home, where she spearheads innovative housing solutions for New York City's most vulnerable populations. Over her tenure at Anthos|Home, Clare has built and launched four major housing initiatives from the ground up—Rapid Rehousing, SHARE, FAST Lane Initiative, and Housing Retention—boosting the organization's capacity to serve clients transitioning from homelessness to stable housing.

Clare brings nearly a decade of leadership experience in nonprofit human services, including six years at Sanctuary for Families, where she progressed from Clinical Supervisor to Assistant Deputy Director of Residential Services. In this role, she oversaw operations for a 58-family transitional domestic violence shelter and collaborated directly with city agencies including HRA, DHS, and the Mayor's Office to End Gender-Based Violence. Her advocacy work has focused on expanding access to public benefits and affordable housing for survivors of gender-based violence.

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Clare combines clinical expertise with strategic program development. She holds a Master's in Social Work from Hunter College and a Bachelor's in Cultural Anthropology from Barnard College.

Clare's leadership centers on building collaborative partnerships across sectors and developing sustainable, evidence-based programs that create lasting change. She joins the Princeton Emerging Leaders program to deepen her impact on housing policy and expand innovative approaches to combating homelessness.



Quimoy Allen
(SHE/HER)

People and Culture Director,
SEIU Education and Support Fund (ESF)

Quimoy Allen is a strategic and mission-driven People and Culture leader with over 15 years of experience driving people-centered initiatives in nonprofit, multi-state, and unionized environments. She is recognized for building collaborative relationships, designing equitable policies, and modernizing HR infrastructure to support organizational growth and cultural transformation.

In 2022, Quimoy joined the SEIU Education and Support Fund (ESF) as the organization's first Senior Human Resources Generalist. In this role, she partners with the Executive Leadership Team to align people operations with long-term organizational vision and union considerations. She has led the design and refinement of cross-cutting HR policies, implemented standardized onboarding and offboarding SOPs, and developed scalable processes to strengthen infrastructure, and equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) initiatives.

Her earlier career includes senior HR roles with several nonprofits and charter schools across New York City, where she implemented an HRIS system, streamlined payroll and benefits administration, delivered manager trainings, and ensured compliance during periods of growth and regulatory change.

She maintains her SHRM-CP certification, holds a B.S. in Business Management and Finance with a Minor in HR Management and Development from Brooklyn College, and earned her Workplace Mental Health Ally Certificate from PsychHub.

Beyond her professional work, Quimoy enjoys traveling locally and internationally with her family, watching superhero and horror films, and indulging in Junior's cheesecake. She believes that curiosity, adaptability, emotional intelligence, and cultural awareness are essential tools for both professional success and personal fulfillment perspectives she looks forward to sharing and expanding through the program.



Beatrice Calderon
(SHE/HER)

Operations Manager,
The Opportunity Network

Beatrice Calderon is a strategic operations leader with over a decade of experience optimizing organizational infrastructure, leading cross-functional teams, and building scalable systems that drive efficiency and impact.

Currently serving as Operations Manager at The Opportunity Network, she oversees the organization's hybrid work environment, manages vendor portfolios, and develops policies and procedures. Her leadership extends to IT systems administration, institutional event planning, and knowledge management—ensuring seamless operations for 50+ staff.

Previously, Beatrice served as Asset Protection Manager for Housing Works, Inc., where she developed a comprehensive loss prevention program across 14 retail locations, managed compliance audits, and spearheaded technology system implementations.

She is recognized for her ability to connect strategic vision with practical execution, fostering collaborative partnerships and aligning operational practices with organizational values. Beatrice brings a unique blend of operational expertise, cultural fluency, and commitment to equitable practices to every leadership role she undertakes.



Ian Callahan
(HE/HIM)

Communications Specialist,
Movement Advancement Project

Ian Callahan (he/him) is a communications professional with industry experience in editorial, public relations, higher education, and most recently, the nonprofit sector. In his current work, Ian manages digital content for the Movement Advancement Project (MAP), a nonprofit think tank that tracks dozens of issues affecting LGBTQ+ people and democracy in the United States.

Ian believes that the intersection of research and communications can be extremely generative: by pairing quality analysis with accessible design, information can be widely and effectively shared. Ian's professional work is guided by his graduate-level training in sociology.

Currently a doctoral candidate (ABD), he is completing a dissertation project on coming out narratives in LGBTQ+ media through the University at Albany (SUNY). In addition to multiple research credits, Ian has taught over ten asynchronous courses as an adjunct undergraduate instructor.

Throughout his career, Ian has received awards for both his scholarship and his leadership in advancement communications. He is thrilled to join the 2025-26 Emerging Leaders cohort!



Sarah Gibbs
(SHE/HER/HERS)

Program Manager, Corporate Engagement,
Center for Reproductive Rights

Sarah Gibbs is the Program Manager for Corporate Engagement at the Center for Reproductive Rights. She joined the Center two years ago (in the wake of the Dobbs decision) to help build a new corporate engagement program, contributing to program strategy and implementation as well as setting up sustainable systems and processes.

Sarah's career is a study in adaptability. Graduating with her bachelor's in English and psychology in 2009, she worked in various roles at a small law firm in her hometown, culminating in managing the administration of the firm's caseload. After seven years at the firm, she wanted to shift to mission-driven work and joined the Peace Corps where she served as an English Education volunteer in Georgia. In addition to co-teaching, she partnered with local nonprofits working to increase civic engagement and leadership amongst Georgia's youth and young adults. During this period, she discovered her passion for supporting nonprofits in creating an equitable world, and decided to pursue a master's degree in global affairs at NYU.

At NYU, Sarah studied peacebuilding and international development and consulted with international and local nonprofits, including Elman Peace and Human Rights Centre, Institute for Healing of Memories, Harboring Hearts, and the Peace Project. Upon graduating in 2020, she joined PILnet, a global public interest law nonprofit. During her time there, she held multiple roles and responsibilities, including coordinating the annual three-day, 400+ participant Global Forum, coordinating relationship management with law firm partners, and developing institutional processes to align strategy and practices across offices and projects.

Sarah spent most of her life in Louisiana and moved to NYC seven years ago; she lives in Brooklyn with her year-old cat Lilith. In her personal time, she enjoys baking treats, savoring a good book or podcast, dabbling in crafts, and visiting small music venues.



AJ Jacob
(SHE/HER)

Deputy Director,
UNICEF USA

AJ Jacob is a driven philanthropy leader who has built her career at the intersection of global impact, strategy, and values-driven human connection. As Deputy Director of Philanthropy at UNICEF USA, she partners with some of the world's leading philanthropists and families to design bold strategies that advance child rights and deliver measurable, life-changing outcomes for the world's most vulnerable children.

With a deep belief in building authentic relationships, AJ has helped donors co-create groundbreaking initiatives such as Project LION, which has moved over 1.7 million children in India from institutions to family-based care. Today, she is spearheading UNICEF USA's family philanthropy strategy and multi-generational engagement efforts as well as serving as a leading frontline representative for UNICEF in the New York area.

AJ began her UNICEF journey as a member of UNICEF NextGen, and today she helps shape the very donor pathways that first inspired her own commitment. Prior to UNICEF, she worked with the United Nations Foundation, where she advised UN agencies and NGOs on partnerships, and earlier in her career, she built a foundation in political fundraising and advocacy in Washington, D.C. AJ graduated magna cum laude from The George Washington University.

A proud Brooklyn native and reality TV enthusiast, AJ enjoys planning themed dinner parties, exploring new cuisines, or chasing her next adventure abroad.



Dayna Joseph
(SHE/HER)

Director of Alumni Affairs,
Prep for Prep

Dayna Joseph is the Director of Alumni Affairs at Prep for Prep, a leadership development organization dedicated to supporting high-achieving students from underserved communities in New York City. In her role, she liaises with internal and external stakeholders to successfully craft and execute engagement and fundraising strategies on behalf of a network of 4,000+ alumni internationally.

Prior to joining Prep for Prep, Dayna returned to her alma mater, The Spence School, as Alumnae Manager. At Spence, she played a key role in cultivating alumnae relationships, raising over \$1MM for two consecutive years in support of girls' education. She remains connected to the school by serving as an Alumnae Board Director and Co-Chair of the Alumnae Outreach Committee, charged with developing a diverse slate of annual programming.

Combining her professional skillset with her passion for the arts, Dayna serves as Co-Chair of the Tang Contemporaries, leading a group of 30+ alumni dedicated to advancing the mission of the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College. In her free time, she enjoys discovering emerging artists, visiting new galleries and museums, and watching reality TV.



Erin Lothes
(SHE/HER)

Executive Director
Bethany Center

Erin Lothes, Ph.D., is a Catholic theologian and author of *Inspired Sustainability: Planting Seeds for Action* (Orbis 2016) and *The Paradox of Christian Sacrifice: The Loss of Self, The Gift of Self* (Herder and Herder, 2007), as well as many articles on faith-based environmentalism, divestment, and energy ethics. She holds an AB in English from Princeton University, an MA in theology from Boston College, and a Ph.D. in contemporary systematic theology from Fordham University. While an Earth Institute Fellow at Columbia University, she conducted focus group research on diverse U.S. faith-based environmental communities (13 diverse Christian congregation, as well as Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Reform Jews, Jains, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Gwich'in and Navajo Native Americans, and persons who identified as secular or agnostic) to analyze common patterns of spirituality, engagement, challenge, and success.

Dr. Lothes was an associate professor of theology for ten years at St. Elizabeth's University and then senior manager of the Laudato Si Animators Program with the Laudato Si Movement. In this capacity she led the movement's global environmental education programs aimed at inspiring care for creation by thousands of grass roots leaders. She has been a long-time collaborator and activist with many faith-based environmental coalitions such as the Catholic Climate Covenant, GreenFaith, and the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale. She is a leader in the faith-based fossil fuel divestment movement. Most recently, she has written a commentary to introduce the Orbis Books paper publication of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*.

She is also a visiting scholar at the the Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and an Ecclesial Affiliate at the Laudato Si Research Institute, Campion Hall, University of Oxford.

Erin is thrilled to be beginning her new role as executive director of the Bethany Center for ecological education in New York's Hudson Valley.



Sophie
Mangassarian
(SHE/HER)

Program Manager, Science Policy & Government Relations,
American Geophysical Union

Sophie Mangassarian (she/her) is a grassroots engagement, policy, and advocacy professional with a background in biology and a master's degree in environmental policy from the University of Colorado Boulder. As the Program Manager on the Science Policy and Government Relations team at the American Geophysical Union, she helps scientists and researchers translate their expertise into real-world impact. Through policy engagement and professional development, she supports the scientific community in building the skills needed to advance evidence-based decision-making.



Taylor Mills
(SHE/HER/HERS)

Individual Giving Manager,
STRIVE

Taylor Mills serves as the Individual Giving Manager at STRIVE, a national workforce development nonprofit based in East Harlem. In this role, she manages the organization's portfolio of and cultivation plans for individual donors across all sites. Taylor has been with STRIVE for over two years, having also served as their Special Events Manager.

Taylor is a dedicated non-profit fundraising professional. She began her career on the fundraising team at her local YWCA where she took classes as a child. She later served as associate on the development team at Partnership Schools and a project manager for Cleopatra Consulting Group, focusing on pipeline management and database implementation. Taylor is passionate about social justice with a specific focus on prisons and policing. She is looking forward to bringing these experiences and learning from those of her cohort during Emerging Leaders.

A proud New Jersey native, Taylor is from Ewing and received her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies from Princeton University in 2020, followed by her Master's Degree in Sociology from The New School in 2023. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, live music, and spending time with her three cats.



Abbie Minard
(SHE/HER)

Operations Manager & Executive Assistant,
Harmony Program

Abbie Minard is a New York City-based social impact professional active in the arts, culture, and education spheres, committed to maximizing accessibility and fostering opportunity through youth development and community-building. A versatile arts administrator, she has experience with operations, finances, human resources, fundraising and development, program planning, and editorial work.

Since February 2022 she has served full-time at the Harmony Program, supporting its mission to bring musical training directly into underserved communities across New York City as Operations Manager & Executive Assistant. She previously worked at Partnership Schools as Special Assistant to the Superintendent and began her career with several part-time and intern roles in public history, archives, and publications, including at the Papers of Thomas Jefferson and historical societies across New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania.

She is a contracted copyeditor for The Textile Museum in Washington D.C. and recently provided research support for a book on the 1851 Christiana Resistance, which is slated for publication with Simon & Schuster in 2026. She is also an Advisory Trustee on the board of the Princeton Broadcasting Service, Inc. Abbie is an active performing artist, having toured her music in Japan, Canada, and across the United States, as well as a freeform radio host at Jersey City's WFMU, always learning valuable lessons about community organizing in these artistic realms. She holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University, where she concentrated in American history with a certificate in creative writing.



Isedua Oribhabor
(SHE/HER)

Business & Human Rights Manager

[Access Now](#)

Isedua Oribhabor is the Business and Human Rights Manager at Access Now, a global NGO working to defend and extend the digital rights of users at risk. Her work focuses on corporate accountability for human rights in the digital age. As BHR Manager, Isedua advocates for rights-respecting corporate policies and practices that put people over profit.

Previously, she worked with the Center for Constitutional Rights as an Ella Baker intern, doing research on corporate influence on the U.S. legislative process and at the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities researching genocide prevention in South and Southeast Asia. Isedua also worked at the NYC Bar Association where she provided wills and estates support to low income New Yorkers through the Planning & Estates Law Project.

Isedua is a member of the Blacks of the American Society of International Law (BASIL), NYC Bar Association's International Human Rights Committee, and a co-chair of the NYC Bar's Business and Human Rights Committee. She received her J.D. from Fordham Law School in New York, a Master's in International and European Business Law from Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Madrid and her undergraduate degree from Princeton University.



Kiara Santos
(SHE/THEY)

Director of Family and Community Engagement

[Literacy In Community](#)

Kiara is a passionate community leader, educator and advocate who's spent the past 15 years working throughout New York City in a variety of settings. An East Harlem native, Kiara believes language is a foundational pillar for binding communities together. Growing up, Kiara's family emphasized the importance of education in order to see and understand the world.



Iman Thambi

(SHE/HER)

Associate Director, Integrated Marketing, Digital Fundraising and Supporter Engagement

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Iman Thambi is a dynamic nonprofit strategist with a strong foundation in digital marketing and a passion for systemic change. As Associate Director of Integrated Marketing at Planned Parenthood Federation of America, she leads innovative, multichannel fundraising campaigns that deepen donor engagement and drive sustainable revenue growth. Her strategic mindset and collaborative approach have earned her recognition across the organization, where she serves as a trusted liaison between cross-functional teams, breaking down silos and fostering a culture of transparency and partnership.

Iman's work centers on building community through thoughtful donor stewardship, inclusive engagement strategies, and data-informed decision-making. She has championed initiatives that bring volunteers into fundraising efforts, piloted peer-to-peer texting campaigns, and advocated for accessible giving vehicles to broaden supporter participation. Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping long-term strategic projects, including RFPs and steering committees, and she is frequently called upon to consult on future-facing initiatives.

With a B.A. in psychology from NYU and a love of the performing arts, Iman brings exceptional communication skills, public speaking finesse, and a talent for distilling complex ideas into actionable insights. She is eager to continue growing as a leader—refining her management style, strengthening her data literacy, and expanding her influence within the reproductive rights movement. For Iman, nonprofit work isn't just a career—it's a calling, and she's committed to creating meaningful change through thoughtful leadership and community-driven strategy.



Tamara Wong
(SHE/HERS/HERS)

Associate Director, Inclusive Economy

CUNY OCIP

Tamara Wong is the Associate Director of Inclusive Economy at the City University of New York (CUNY), where she supports a team of more than 40 professionals across multiple roles, including industry specialists, integrated advisors, and academic chairs. In this role, she helps advance CUNY's mission of connecting students with inclusive pathways into the workforce, while fostering a strong and collaborative team culture.

Prior to her work in higher education, Tamara spearheaded the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) Fellows Program, building it from the ground up and expanding participation from just 10 applicants to nearly 200 annually. Earlier in her career, she advanced sustainability initiatives at MAC Cosmetics, where she led a company-wide recycling program that enabled customers to recycle makeup pots directly through traditional recycling bins, a first for the brand.

Outside of her professional roles, Tamara is deeply engaged in community and leadership development. She volunteers with her family's dog nonprofit in Tunisia and is a co-founder of Impactful Womxn NYC, a networking group that connects women across the city working in social impact, ESG, and sustainability.

Having grown up in six countries, Tamara brings a unique global perspective and an adaptable leadership style shaped by her cross-sector experience in cosmetics, real estate, and higher education. She is passionate about mentoring others and aspires to become a Chief of Staff, leveraging her ability to bridge strategy, people, and impact. Through the Emerging Leaders program, Tamara hopes to strengthen her leadership voice, grow as a mentor, and cultivate the skills needed to rise into advisory leadership roles that drive meaningful organizational change.

Princeton AlumniCorps Staff:

Princeton AlumniCorps employees coordinate the recruitment and application process for the Emerging Leaders program. They collaborate with the Program Facilitators to design, evaluate, and amend the program each year, ensuring that it accomplishes AlumniCorps's mission.



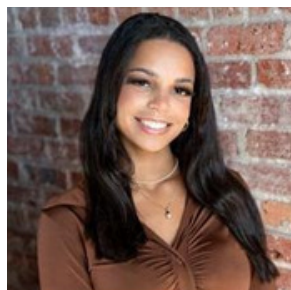
Kimme Carlos

(SHE/HER)

Executive Director

Kimme joined Princeton AlumniCorps in 2016 and was appointed Executive Director in 2023. Her previous role was Director of Operations and Strategy. Kimme is also a certified health and wellness coach with the Institute for Integrative Nutrition; a certified instructor for Mental Health First Aid and author of the published book *The Window of Grace: Living in Recovery through Christian Faith*. As an advocate with lived experience, Kimme keynotes and facilitates on mental and emotional wellness, dismantling racism and the power of self-care.

Kimme has been a member of several nonprofit boards including Foundation Academies, Children's Futures, and The Center for Family, Community, and Social Justice; and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Mercer County. She is a graduate of Regent University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and a minor in Psychology. She has received numerous awards for her nonprofit and volunteer work, including the YWCA Princeton 2020 Tribute to Women Award. Kimme is the proud daughter of Dr. John W. Carlos, 1968 Olympian and civil rights activist. Kimme has two children, six grandchildren and lives in Pennsylvania.



Laissa Gibson

(SHE/HER)

Program Coordinator,
Fellowship Engagement
& Development

Laissa Gibson joined the Princeton AlumniCorps team in July 2023 as Program Coordinator for Fellowship Engagement & Development. She is a New Jersey native and currently resides in her hometown at the Jersey Shore. Laissa earned her B.A. from The College of New Jersey in 2021 where she majored in International Studies.

Following graduation, Laissa served as an AmeriCorps VISTA Member with the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance as Internship Program Liaison where she developed and implemented a statewide YMCA internship program for college students. Laissa is passionate about environmental protection and makes a concerted effort to be a conscious consumer. She loves coffee, animals, thrifting, and Taylor Swift.



Mateusz Pitrus

(HE/HIM)

Manager of Operations
and Administration

Mateusz “Matt” Pitrus recently joined the Princeton AlumniCorps team in the Fall of 2024 as the organization's Senior Office Administrator and was promoted to Manager of Operations and Administration in the Summer of 2025. Matt was born in Poland but raised in Central Jersey, where he still currently resides. Matt received his B.A. in Political Science from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey in 2010 and returned to earn his Master’s in Public Policy in 2014.

Matt brings with him a variety of experience across non-profit and private sectors including but not limited to, non-profit program coordination, grant/proposal writing, grant program delivery, office administration, and project management. In his free time, Matt enjoys numerous hobbies including strength training, boxing/MMA, hiking, tennis, video gaming, Marvel and DC media, and improving his mechanical and home improvement skills in his spare time.



Tim Schmidt

(HE/HIM)

Director, Programs
and Strategy

Tim Schmidt is the Director of Programs and Strategy at Princeton AlumniCorps. He collaborates with dedicated staff, partners, and volunteers to support and strengthen AlumniCorps’ programs. His work allows him to practice one of his core beliefs: bring out the best in leaders so they can bring out the best in those they serve.

A South Jersey native, Tim earned his B.A. in Political Science and Pre-Law, with a Minor in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, from Stockton University. He dedicated two years of national service with AmeriCorps at City Year, mentoring and tutoring students in North Philadelphia before joining their staff. As an Impact Manager, Tim led multiple teams of AmeriCorps members in their civic leadership development; while working alongside school district staff and community members to enrich the educational experiences of thousands of Philadelphia students throughout their K-12 journey.

Tim holds an M.S. in Nonprofit/NGO Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. He continues to call Philadelphia home, where he enjoys the city's vibrant parks, culture, and community with his beloved dog, Ozzie.



Mary Simms

(SHE/HER)

Director of Development
& Strategy

Mary Simms is the Director of Development & Strategy at Princeton AlumniCorps. She works closely with staff, volunteers, and supporters to advance the organization's mission through bold fundraising and strategic initiatives. Her work is grounded in a core belief: that generosity, when rooted in trust and shared purpose, can drive lasting change.

Originally from the Midwest, Mary earned her B.S. in Public Affairs from Indiana University. She began her career in public service as an AmeriCorps VISTA at the Wood River Community YMCA in Ketchum, Idaho, where she fell in love with mountain life and the power of local community. She has led diverse fundraising efforts, including a \$10 million capital campaign, and built development programs that center donor relationships, exceed goals, and sustain mission-driven work. Mary also brings experience managing grant portfolios, guiding CRM transitions, and executing multi-channel campaigns. Her writing on food insecurity in Blaine County, Idaho, was featured in Forbes under the title Crisis in Paradise.

Now based in New Jersey, Mary lives on Long Beach Island with her fiancé and their dog, Lucille.



Serena Williams

(SHE/HER)

Graphic Design &
Communications Coordinator

Serena joined Princeton AlumniCorps in Fall 2022 as the Graphic Design and Communications Coordinator. She brings several years of experience in photography, illustration, and web design, and earned her B.A. in Graphic Design from La Sierra University.

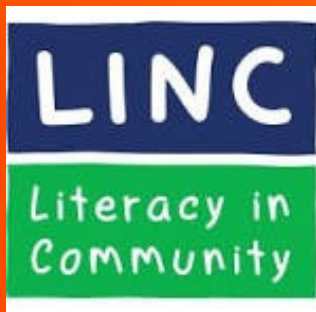
Before AlumniCorps, Serena interned with BKR, a reusable glass water bottle company, and worked with multiple nonprofit organizations, including Restoration Plaza, a cultural community center and theater where she led graphic design initiatives.

Her photography has been featured in galleries such as NYC Salt and Brandstater Gallery, as well as at private events. Serena combines her design expertise with her communications background, believing that strong visuals are a powerful way to tell an organization's story and mission.

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Partner Organizations:

While the Emerging Leaders program is a personal development program, it is also designed to have an immediate impact on the organizations who support their staff's participation.





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