

# ISSUES &INNOVATIONS IN PRACTICE &POLICY

An Invitational Symposium for Senior Leaders of Artist-Endowed Foundations Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19, 2020





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AN INVITATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR
SENIOR LEADERS OF ARTIST-ENDOWED FOUNDATIONS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020
I 1:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME









VIRTUAL 2020 AEF LEADERSHIP FORUM: PROGRAM OVERVIEW		
EST	Wednesday November 18 <sup>th</sup> - Museum Host: California African American Museum	Thursday November 19 <sup>th</sup> - Museum Host: Whitney Museum of American Art
11:00 a.m. 11:50 a.m.	CONCURRENT OPPORTUNITIES:  Flexible Arrival & Exploration of the Site Connect: Chat Exchanges & Video Meet-Ups Networking: Meet New Colleagues Expo: Explore Professional Partners ORIENTATION TO THE PLATFORM	<ul> <li>CONCURRENT OPPORTUNITIES:</li> <li>Flexible Arrival</li> <li>Sessions: Small Group Discussions</li> <li>Connect: Chat Exchanges &amp; Video Meet-Ups</li> <li>Networking: Meet New Colleagues</li> <li>Expo: Explore Professional Partners</li> </ul>
12:00 p.m.	WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF THE DAY	AEFI NEWS & OVERVIEW OF THE DAY
12:15 p.m.	CHARLES C. BERGMAN CONVERSATION  The Personal is Political: Creativity and Social Responsibility Teresita Fernández with Darren Walker	KEYNOTE CONVERSATION  An Artist's Path: Scholarship and Creativity  Nell Painter with Julián Zugazagoitia
1:00 p.m.	PLENARY I – PURPOSE & MEANING What is Our Role in the New Philanthropic and Cultural Terrain?	PLENARY III – STEWARDSHIP & PUBLIC ACCESS  How Can AEFs Fulfill Their Charitable Purposes as Museums Pull Back?
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2:45 p.m.	SPOTLIGHT ON NEW IP DEVELOPMENTS  Reprography Rights and Image Stewardship	SPOTLIGHT ON SUSTAINABILITY  Using Scenario Planning to Navigate the Future
3:15 p.m.	SPOTLIGHT ON REDUCING FIXED COSTS  Re-Thinking Bricks & Mortar	SPOTLIGHT ON RE-OPENING  Managing Risk as we Return to Facilities
3:45 p.m.	PLENARY II – DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION  Can We Foster a Better Path into Our Field for Young Professionals of Color?	PLENARY IV – CLOSED DOOR CONVERSATION  AEF Leaders Respond: The Pandemic, Black  Lives Matter, the Economy
4:30 p.m.	SUMMARY REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY	SUMMARY REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY
4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	CONCURRENT OPPORTUNITIES (to 6:00 p.m.):  Sessions: Small Group Discussions Connect: Video Meet-Ups Networking: Meet New Colleagues Expo: Explore Professional Partners Curator-Led Tour: Enunciated Life California African American Museum	CONCURRENT OPPORTUNITIES (to 6:00 p.m.):  Session: Small Group Discussions Connect: Video Meet-Ups Networking: Meet New Colleagues Expo: Explore Professional Partners Curator-Led Tour: Vida Americana Whitney Museum of American Art
6:00 p.m.	THE FORUM'S FIRST DAY CONCLUDES	2020 AEF LEADERSHIP FORUM CONCLUDES



As Artist-Endowed Foundations continue to grapple with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Black Lives Matter movement, economic crisis, and debates about our country's path, it is important that the community's leaders be able to come together in collegial exchange and mutual support.

#### **FORUM PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY**

The Forum aims to strengthen the charitable impact of the emerging artist-endowed foundation field by:

- Fostering collegial exchange among foundation leaders on issues and innovations in practice and policy influencing their work in cultural philanthropy and art stewardship;
- Building a shared body of knowledge about effective practice and introducing new foundation leaders into the community's conversations and network; and
- Informing the research, publication, and professional development programs of the Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI.

The Forum is based on the belief that the AEF community will benefit from development of a shared body of knowledge about artist-endowed foundations, so that:

- Leaders are informed about the field's many dimensions, not just their own foundation's individual characteristics and concerns; and, as such,
- Leaders will serve as resources for the broader community's advancement, contributing their knowledge to artists, artists' family members, and other artist-endowed foundations.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Eastern Time

#### 11:00 a.m. Log-in and Concurrent Opportunities

- Flexible Arrival and Exploration of the Site
- Connect: Chat Exchanges and One-on-One Video Meet-Ups
- Networking: Meet New Colleagues
- Expo: Explore Professional Partners

#### 11:50 a.m. Orientation to the Platform

#### 12:00 p.m. Welcome and Overview of the Day

Welcome on behalf of:

Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI

Ruth Fine, Chair, Roy Lichtenstein Foundation and Honorary Chair, AEFI

Advisors

California African American Museum

Cameron Shaw, Deputy Director and Chief Curator

2020 AEF Leadership Forum

Christine J. Vincent, Project Director Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI

#### 12:15 p.m. Charles C. Bergman Conversation

<u>Topic:</u> The Personal is Political—Creativity and Social Responsibility

<u>Purpose</u>: Explore the arc of an internationally recognized artist's creative

development as she evolves to embrace a key role as an extension of her

studio practice

Reading: New York Times: For Teresita Fernández, Personal is Political

Guest: Teresita Fernández, Artist

MacArthur Fellow and Former Member, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts

Project Director, U.S. Latinx Arts Futures Symposium

Interlocutor: Darren Walker, President

Ford Foundation

#### 1:00 p.m. Plenary I Purpose and Meaning

**Topic:** What is our Role in the New Philanthropic and Cultural Terrain?

<u>Purpose</u>: The Need for Support Among Artists and Arts Organizations Dwarfs

Resources and the Imperative to Advance Equity has Never Been Greater.

Query: What Can AEFs Do?

Moderator: Elizabeth Glassman, President Emerita, Terra Foundation for American

Art and Inaugural President, the former Georgia O'Keeffe Foundation

Panelists: Christa Blatchford, CEO

Joan Mitchell Foundation

Joseph S. Lewis III, President Noah Purifoy Foundation

Julie Deamer, Executive Director

Harpo Foundation

Gilbert Vazquez, Acting Director

Keith Haring Foundation

#### 1:45 p.m. Concurrent Opportunities

- Small Group Sessions: Discuss the Issues
  - ◆ Session IA: Models for Multi-Artist AEFs, invited by R.B. Kitaj Studio Project and International Artists Manifest Foundation
  - ♦ Session IB topic tbd
  - ♦ Session IC topic tbd
- Connect: One-on-One Video Meet-Ups
- Networking: Meet New Colleagues
- Expo: Explore Professional Partners
- Optional Screen Break: Lunch/Coffee/Stretch

#### 2:45 p.m. **Spotlight on New IP Developments**

Topic: Reprography Rights and Image Stewardship

<u>Purpose:</u> Provide an orientation to a new secondary right that is generating growing

resources for U.S. artists, and to expanded tools for image stewardship

Reading: International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organizations/IFRRO:

Introduction to Reprography in Copyright Legislation

Interlocutor: Jack Flam, President and CEO

Dedalus Foundation

<u>Presenter</u>: Janet Hicks, Vice President

Artists Rights Society (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

#### 3:15 p.m. **Spotlight on Reducing Fixed Costs**

**Topic:** Re-Thinking Bricks and Mortar

<u>Purpose</u>: Highlight options and considerations for AEFs seeking to consolidate

administrative, archival, and art storage spaces into a single more efficient

and affordable facility

Reading: UOVO: Checklist to Prepare for Decision Making: Rethinking Bricks & Mortar

Moderator: Trella Walker, Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer

Nonprofit Finance Fund

Panelists: Christina Hunter, Executive Director

Nancy Graves Foundation

April Johnson, Associate Director of Business Development

UOVO (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

Mary Pontillo, Senior Vice President & National Fine Arts Practice Leader

Christopher Wise, Vice President

DeWitt Stern | Risk Strategies Company (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

#### 3:45 p.m. Plenary II Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

<u>Topic</u>: Can we Foster a Better Path into the AEF Community for Young Professionals

of Color?

Purpose: Explore lessons learned from two academic programs designed to

increase the number and presence of museum and art world professionals

of color

Reading: Meyer Memorial Trust: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Spectrum Tool

Moderator: Andrew Plumley, Director of Inclusion

American Alliance of Museums

<u>Panelists:</u> Cheryl Finley, Inaugural Director

Atlanta University Center/AUC

Collective for the Study of Art History and Curatorial Studies

Destinee Filmore, Spelman College Class of 2021

Mellon Undergraduate Curatorial Fellow, High Museum of Art

Olga Viso, Senior Advisor, Global Partnership in the Arts

Herberger Institute for Design & the Arts, Arizona State University

Advisor, ASU-LACMA Masters Fellowship in Art History

Dhyandra Lawson, Arizona State University Graduate Class of 2021

Curatorial Assistant, Los Angeles County Museum of Art

ASU-LACMA Masters Fellowship in Art History

#### 4:30 p.m. Summary Reflections on the Day

<u>Purpose:</u> Spur Reflections on the Day's Discussions by Hearing Personal

Perspectives Offered by AEF Colleagues Sharing Their Views on

Key Takeaways and Important Points Raised

Respondents: Debra Burchett-Lere, Executive Director/President

Sam Francis Foundation

Rachel Churner, Executive Director Carolee Schneemann Foundation

Norman Ballard, President

Shigeko Kubota Video Art Foundation

#### 4:45 p.m. Concurrent Opportunities (Continuing to 6:00 p.m.)

Small Group Sessions: Discuss the Issues

• Session 2A: DEI Internship & Fellowship Programs, invited by the

Helen Frankenthaler Foundation

Session 2B: topic tbd

Session 2C: topic tbd

Connect: One-on-One Video Meet-Ups

Networking: Meet New Colleagues

• Expo: Explore Professional Partners

#### 5:15 p.m. **Curator-Led Tour**

Exhibition: Enunciated Life

<u>Curator</u>: Taylor Renee Aldridge, Visual Arts Curator and Program Manager

California African American Museum

Purpose: View highlights of a contemporary art exhibition featuring works that draw

upon the choreography and sonics of possession found in Black

spirituality to consider modes of surrender: Enunciated Life

Readings: CAAM: Enunciated Life Exhibition Overview

6:00 p.m. Conclusion of the Forum's First Day

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#### **SCHEDULE**

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Eastern Time

#### 11:00 a.m. **Concurrent Opportunities**

- Flexible Arrival
- Small Group Sessions: Discuss the Issues
  - ♦ Session 3A: topic tbd
  - ♦ Session 3B: topic tbd
  - ♦ Session 3C: topic tbd
- Connect: Chat Exchanges & One-on-One Video Meet-Ups
- Networking: Meet New Colleagues
- Expo: Explore Professional Partners

#### 12:00 p.m. Welcome, AEFI News, and Overview of the Day

Welcome on behalf of:

Whitney Museum of American Art
Adam Weinberg, Alice Pratt Brown Director

2020 AEF Leadership Forum

Christine J. Vincent, Project Director Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI

#### 12:15 p.m. **Keynote Conversation**

Topic: An Artist's Path—Scholarship and Creativity

<u>Purpose</u>: Explore the arc of an acclaimed scholar's creative development as she

forges a new life as an artist

Reading: At MacDowell With James Baldwin, Nell Painter

Viewing: American Whiteness Since Trump, Nell Painter

From Slavery to Freedom, Nell Painter

Guest: Nell Painter, Scholar and Artist

Edwards Professor of History Emerita, Princeton University

Chair of the Board, MacDowell

Interlocutor: Julián Zugazagoitia, Menefee D. & Mary Louise Blackwell Director & CEO

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Immediate Past Chair, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts

#### 1:00 p.m. Plenary III Stewardship and Public Access

Topic: With a Charitable Purpose to Increase the Public's Access to and Knowledge

About Their Artists' Creative Works, What can AEFs do as Museums Pull Back?

<u>Purpose</u>: Explore Innovations and Opportunities to Bring AEFs' Content Directly

to the Public

Moderator: András Szantó, Cultural Strategist

Author, The Future of the Museum: 28 Dialogues

Panelists: Peter W. Kunhardt, Jr., Executive Director

The Gordon Parks Foundation

Adrianna Cruz Delgado, President

Cruz-Diez Art Foundation

Betsy Andersen, Executive Director

Museo Eduardo Carrillo

Mary Clare Stevens, Executive Director Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts

#### 1:45 p.m. Concurrent Opportunities

Small Group Sessions: Discuss the Issues

♦ Session 4A: AEF Termination Strategies, invited by the Stephen and Palmina Pace Foundation

♦ Session 4B: topic tbd

♦ Session 4C: topic tbd

• Connect: One-on-One Video Meet-Ups

Networking: Meet New Colleagues

Expo: Explore Professional Partners

Optional Screen Break: Lunch/Coffee/Stretch

#### 2:45 p.m. **Spotlight on Sustainability**

<u>Topic:</u> Using Scenario Planning to Navigate the Future

<u>Purpose:</u> Examine the ways that AEFs can use the Scenario Planning forecasting

technique to prepare for and manage an uncertain path

Reading: Bridgespan: Making Sense of Uncertainty: Nonprofit Scenario Planning in the

COVID-19 Pandemic

Interlocutor: Jennifer Dowley, Former President

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

**AEFI** Advisor

<u>Presenter</u>: Lindsey Waldron, Manager

The Bridgespan Group

#### 3:15 p.m. **Spotlight on Re-Opening**

<u>Topic:</u> Managing Risk as we Return to Facilities

<u>Purpose</u>: Highlight effective practices in preparing for reopening and managing

ongoing operations in line with safety protocols

Readings: Robert Rauschenberg Foundation: Infectious Disease & COVID-19 Return

to Work: Group 1, July 13, 2020

Art Services Worker Safety Coalition: Universal Safety Guidelines for Worker

Safety During the COVID-19 Crisis

AIHA: Reopening—Guidance for Museums and Collecting Institutions

DeWitt Stern | Risk Strategies Company—Recommendations for Reopening:

Art Industry

Moderator: Jose Ortiz, Chief Operating Officer

MoMA PSI

Panelists: Sharon Ullman, Deputy Director

Robert Rauschenberg Foundation

Kathryn Makos, Museum & Cultural Heritage Industries Working Group

AIHA Reopening: Guidance for Museums and Collecting Institutions

Blair Wunderlich, Senior Account Manager, Risk Advisor, Fine Art DeWitt Stern | Risk Strategies Company (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

#### 3:45 p.m. Plenary IV Closed Door Conversation

#### Conversation and Audience Q&A are Confidential

<u>Topic</u>: AEF Leaders Respond: The Pandemic/Black Lives Matter/The Economy

Purpose: Hear a frank discussion among AEF leaders about the many challenges and

opportunities they are handling at this complex moment in time and their

take-aways from those experiences.

Reading: Surfpoint Foundation: The Work Ahead

Moderator: Stephen K. Urice, Professor of Law

University of Miami School of Law

**AEFI** Advisor

Panelists: Morgan Spangle, Executive Director

**Dedalus Foundation** 

Joan Weinstein, Board Secretary Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts

Elizabeth Smith, Executive Director Helen Frankenthaler Foundation

Yael Reinharz, Executive Director

Surf Point Foundation

#### 4:30 p.m. Summary Reflections on the Day

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Key Takeaways and Important Points Raised

Respondents: Michael Tobiason, President

Dale and Leslie Chihuly Foundation

Miwako Tezuka, Associate Director Reversible Destiny Foundation

Leah Levy, Executive Director The Jay DeFeo Foundation

#### 4:45 p.m. **Concurrent Opportunities (Continuing to 6:00 p.m.)**

Small Group Sessions: Discuss the Issues

- ◆ Session 5A: Western States AEFs, invited by the Sam Francis Foundation and Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts
- ◆ Session 5B: *Maine AEFs*, invited by the Ellis-Beauregard Foundation and the Surfpoint Foundation
- Session 5C: topic tbd

• Connect: One-on-One Video Meet-Ups

• Networking: Meet New Colleagues

• Expo: Explore Professional Partners

#### 5:15 p.m. **Curator-Led Tour**

Exhibition: Vida Americana: Mexican Muralists Remake American Art, 1925-1945

<u>Curator</u>: Marcela Guerrero, Assistant Curator

Whitney Museum of American Art

<u>Purpose</u>: View highlights of an exhibition that reorients art history by revealing the

profound impact that the great Mexican muralists (Orozco, Rivera,

Siqueiros) had on their counterparts in the United States: Vida Americana

Reading: New York Times: How Mexico's Muralists Lit a Fire Under U.S. Artists

#### 6:00 p.m. 2020 Forum Concludes



# CHARLES C. BERGMAN CONVERSATION FEATURED GUEST: TERESITA FERNÁNDEZ



Photo: Natalia Mantini

Teresita Fernández's work is characterized by an interest in perception and the psychology of looking. Her immersive, large-scale works are often inspired by a rethinking of landscape and place, as well as by diverse historical and cultural references. Frequently referencing the natural world, Fernández's conceptual practice emphasizes the connection between place and material, using gold, graphite, iron- ore, and other minerals freighted with historical ties to colonization and the violence embedded in the landscape. Her work is characterized by a quiet unraveling of place, power, visibility, and erasure that prompts an intimate experience for individual viewers.

Fernández is a 2005 MacArthur Foundation Fellow and the recipient of numerous awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship, an NEA Artist's Grant, and a Louis Comfort Tiffany Biennial Award. Appointed by President Barack Obama, she is the first Latina to serve on the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, a 100- year-old federal panel that advises the president and Congress on national matters of design and aesthetics.

Fernández's works have been exhibited both nationally and internationally at The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA; The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA; The Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C.; MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA; and Castello di Rivoli, Turin, Italy, among others. She lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.



# KEYNOTE CONVERSATION FEATURED GUEST: NELL PAINTER



Photo: Dwight Carter

\* Artist's Statement: Nell Painter (the painter formerly known as the historian Nell Irvin Painter, author of The History of White People, Sojourner Truth: A Life, A Symbol, and Creating Black Americans and the Edwards Professor of American History, Emerita, Princeton University) lives and works in Newark, NJ. My work carries discursive as well as visual meaning, and I make it in my characteristic manual + digital process. Using found images and digital manipulation, I reconfigure the past and revision myself through self-portraits. After a life of historical truth and political engagement with American society, my artwork represents freedom. Including the freedom to be totally self-centered.\*

In 2018, after a much-lauded career as an educator, historian, and author, Painter published Old in Art School: A Memoir of Starting Over. The National Book Critics Circle Award finalist publication chronicles her later-in-life decision to leave academia behind, embrace her artistic talents, earn fine arts degrees (BFA, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University; MFA, Rhode Island School of Design), and create a new life as a practicing visual artist. Her works are held in a number of private and public collections, including: Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN; Newark Museum of Art, NJ; National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C.; Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA; Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick, NJ; Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT; and the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, among others. In 2020, she was elected Chair of the Board of MacDowell, where she was a fellow in 2016 and 2019.



#### NON-AEF GUEST SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

**Taylor Renee Aldridge,** Visual Arts Curator and Program Director, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, is co-founder of the journal *Arts.Black* and a recipient of the Warhol Foundation Creative Capital Arts Writers Grant as a well as the Rabkin Foundation Award for Arts Journalism.

**Jennifer Dowley** is a former president of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, a former director of Museums and Visual Arts at the National Endowment for the Arts, and was the first director of Headlands Center for the Arts, an artist residency in the Bay Area. She is an AEFI Advisor.

**Teresita Fernández,** a New York-based visual artist widely recognized for her public installations and experiential sculptures, is a former member of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, a MacArthur Fellow and Project Director of the U.S. Latinx Arts Futures Symposium at the Ford Foundation.

**Destinee Filmore** is a senior studying art history and international studies at Spelman College, Atlanta, where she received the Alice L. Walton Foundation Art History Scholarship. She is an intern in Sotheby's Old Masters Painting Department and a Mellon Foundation Curatorial Fellow at the High Museum of Art.

**Cheryl Finley** is the Inaugural Distinguished Visiting Director of the Atlanta University Center Collective for the Study of Art History & Curatorial Studies and also Visiting Professor at the Visual Identities in Art & Design Research Centre, University of Johannesburg. She is currently researching the global art economy.

**Elizabeth Glassman**, President Emerita, Terra Foundation for American Art, Chicago, was Inaugural President of the former Georgia O'Keeffe Foundation and serves currently on the boards of the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

**Marcela Guerrero** is Assistant Curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. Previously, she was a Curatorial Fellow at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles and a Research Coordinator at the International Center for the Arts of the Americas, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

**Janet Hicks** is Vice President and Director of Permissions at Artists Right Society(ARS), New York, representing the rights and permission interests of over 80,000 artists, and sits on the Executive Committee of the visual arts subsection of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC). ARS is an AEFI Lead Underwriter.

**April Johnson** is Associate Director of Business Development at UOVO, the fine art storage and collections management firm in Long Island City, New York. She has held a variety of roles in the contemporary arts, including at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, as well as October Gallery and White Chapel Gallery in the UK. UOVO is an AEFI Lead Underwriter.

**Dhyandra Lawson** is Curatorial Assistant, Wallis Annenberg Photography Department, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and a member of the class of 2021 in the Arizona State University-Los Angeles County Museum of Art Masters Fellowship in Art History.

**Kathryn Makos** served formerly in the Smithsonian Institution's Office of Safety, Health and Environmental Management, Washington D.C., and is a member of the Museum and Cultural Heritage Industries Working Group of the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

Jose Ortiz, Chief Operating Officer of MoMA PSI, New York, has held operational leadership roles at Bronx Museum of the Arts, Harvard Art Museums, Smithsonian Institution/Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and the Met's Cloisters Museum and Garden. He is a member of the International Committee for Museum Management of the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

**Nell Painter**, scholar and artist, lives in Newark, New Jersey, and is Edwards Professor of History Emerita, Princeton University, author of the New York Times bestsellers *The History of White People* and *Old in Art School:* A Memoir of Starting Over, and Chair of the Board, MacDowell.

**Andrew Plumley**, Director of Inclusion, American Alliance of Museums, Arlington, Virginia, leads work to foster inclusive institutional culture in museums and diversify museum boards and leadership. His wide-ranging experience advancing equity includes higher education, for profit, and nonprofit settings.

Mary Pontillo, Senior Vice President and National Fine Arts Practice Leader at DeWitt Stern/Risk Strategies Company specializes in insurance needs and risk management concerns of artist-endowed foundations, artists' studios, and museums. DeWitt Stern/Risk Strategies Company is an AEFI Lead Underwriter.

**Cameron Shaw**, Deputy Director and Chief Curator of the California African American Museum, Los Angeles, has held a range of leadership roles in nonprofit and for-profit contemporary arts settings and is a recipient of the Rauschenberg Foundation Art in America Writing Fellowship and Warhol Foundation Creative Capital Arts Writers Grant.

**András Szántó** is a cultural strategist, writer, researcher, and advisor in the fields of art, media, cultural policy, arts sponsorship, and philanthropy, based in New York City. Formerly director of the National Arts Journalism Program at Columbia University, he has just published his latest book, *The Future of the Museum: 28 Dialogues*.

**Stephen K. Urice,** Professor of Law and Director, Arts Law Track, LL.M. in Entertainment, Arts, and Sport Law at University of Miami School of Law, is a nationally recognized expert on the legal dimensions of cultural policy, museum administration, cultural heritage preservation, cultural philanthropy, and trusts and estates. He is an AEFI Advisor.

**Olga Viso**, formerly a director of the Walker Art Center and the Smithsonian Institution/Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, is Senior Advisor for Global Partnerships in the Arts at Arizona State University's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts where she guides the ASU-LACMA Masters Fellowship in Art History, among other projects.

**Lindsey Waldron** is Manager in The Bridgespan Group's Boston office where she advises a variety of nonprofit and philanthropic clients in the fields of education, child welfare, and public health and works on Leading for Impact®, Bridgespan's two-year capacity building program for nonprofit executive teams.

**Darren Walker**, President of the Ford Foundation, New York, served formerly as Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation and COO, Abyssinian Development Corporation in Harlem. He is a board member of numerous cultural organizations and chaired the philanthropy committee that resolved the city of Detroit's historic bankruptcy.

**Trella Walker** is Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer at the Nonprofit Finance Fund, New York, where she draws on her education in liberal arts and the law, and her extensive experience across the nonprofit sector, to lead national consulting and financial management initiatives that provide training and resources to organizations traditionally denied access to capital.

**Adam Weinberg** is the Alice Pratt Brown Director of the Whitney Museum of American Art, which he has led since 2003. He is a board member of the Terra Foundation for American Art and American Academy in Rome, and a former board member of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

**Christopher Wise**, Vice President, DeWitt Stern/Risk Strategies Company, works with a wide range of clients in the nonprofit and for-profit art communities, drawing on his experience in museum and gallery operations to address insurance needs and risk management concerns. DeWitt Stern/Risk Strategies Company is an AEFI Lead Underwriter.

**Blair Wunderlich** is Senior Account Manager, Risk Advisor, Fine Art at Dewitt Stern/Risk Strategies Company. She works with museums, foundations, and corporate collections to address insurance needs, risk management concerns, and cyber risk. DeWitt Stern/Risk Strategies Company is an AEFI Lead Underwriter.

Julián Zugazagoitia, Menefee D. and Mary Louise Blackwell Director and CEO of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri, is immediate past president of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and a former Director of El Museo Del Barrio, New York.

## PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

The 2020 Artist-Endowed Foundation Leadership Forum, Wednesday and Thursday, November 18 and 19, is presented by the Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundation Initiative (AEFI) and hosted virtually by the California African American Museum, Los Angeles, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, respectively. The event is designed to facilitate collegial exchange and mutual learning on issues and innovations in policy and practice among senior leaders of artist-endowed foundations, as well as to inform AEFI's research, publication, and knowledge-sharing programs, all with the mission to strengthen the charitable impact of the emerging artist-endowed foundation field in its art stewardship and cultural philanthropy roles. The following participant guidelines support that mission.

By registering, participants agree to comply with these guidelines.

Eligibility The 2020 AEF Leadership Forum is an invitational symposium exclusively for senior leaders of artist-endowed foundations, such as executive staff and members of the governing board. Graduates of AEFI's annual Seminar on Strategy for Artist-Endowed Foundation Leaders also are invited. All invitations to the 2020 AEF Leadership Forum are nontransferable and made at the sole discretion of AEFI.

Educational Acknowledgment All AEFI programs, including the 2020 AEF Leadership Forum, are strictly educational and informational in nature and do not purport to provide legal advice or professional guidance to particular individuals, organizations, or situations. All participants acknowledge that the 2020 AEF Leadership Forum, and the individuals serving as panelists, moderators, and speakers for the program, are providing educational and informational content exclusively and are not providing legal advice or professional guidance, and that Forum participants are responsible for securing the necessary qualified legal and professional advice required specifically by themselves and their organization.

#### Code of Conduct

- <u>Collegial Respect:</u> All participants in the 2020 AEF Leadership Forum will conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner, bringing credit to their organization and to the program and its presenter, cooperating partners, and host.
- <u>Confidentiality:</u> To ensure the type of frank commentary that is essential for collegial learning, certain parts
  of the day will be conducted as confidential, closed-door sessions; all remarks by panelists as well as
  audience questions and discussions are confidential.
- Non-Solicitation: The 2020 AEF Leadership Forum is a non-solicitation environment. Accordingly, fundraising and business solicitation are not permitted.
- <u>Social Media:</u> The Forum is a private event. Filming, recording, blogging, tweeting, or posting from the Forum is prohibited.

<u>Forum Participant List</u> To facilitate collegial exchange, participants in the 2020 AEF Leadership Forum will be provided a list of registered participants along with their contact information. This list is to be used solely by the participant and exclusively to contact other participants and is not to be distributed or used in any other way. Please send an email to vincent.christine@gmail.com upon registration to exclude information.

<u>Refund Policy</u> No registration fee refunds will be issued after Monday, November 2nd. To cancel participation prior to this date, please send an email to vincent.christine@gmail.com. A \$25 processing fee will be charged on all refunds.

## **FORUM STAFF**

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#### **AEFI OVERVIEW**

The Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI evolved from what is now its principal research component—the National Study of Artist-Endowed Foundations. The Study was initiated in 2007 with the support of a donor consortium led by the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Roy Lichtenstein Foundation, and Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, and including major arts funders such as the Ford Foundation and Getty Foundation, as well as a cross section of the artist-endowed foundation community. Realizing this young field's potential to substantially expand the nation's cultural philanthropy resources, and observing its swift growth and increasingly influential role in art stewardship, these donors envisioned a research project to document and disseminate effective practices as a strategic intervention at a key juncture in the field's emergence.

AEFI's mission is to help the next generation of artist-endowed foundations make the most of their founders' generosity in service to a charitable purpose. It aims to strengthen this emerging field's charitable impact in cultural philanthropy and art stewardship by filling the significant information gap facing individuals involved in creating, leading, governing, and advising foundations. To this end, AEFI conducts ongoing programs to develop and share knowledge with key audiences. These programs and their participants comprise:

- Research and Publications, including AEFI's National Study of Artist-Endowed Foundations; regular Study Report Supplements and Updates, most recently Study Report Supplement 2018; briefing papers on critical issues; and targeted publications, such as A Reading Guide to the Study Report for Artists and Their Family Members. These resources are used by artists; artists' families, associates, and advisors; foundation leaders; policymakers; journalists; scholars; educators; and students.
- Knowledge-Sharing Events, such as workshops for potential foundation creators, including artists and their spouses/partners, and artists' surviving spouses and heirs; briefing sessions for foundation advisors, including attorneys, art dealers, investment advisors, and accountants; and public panel discussions for members of the art, museum, philanthropy, education, and media fields, and for interested public audiences, hosted by leading cultural institutions, including The Museum of Modern Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Harvard Art Museums, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts, and the Clark Art Institute, among others.
- Education and Leadership Programs, specifically the Seminar on Strategy for Artist-Endowed
  Foundation Leaders, assisting the professional development of foundation leaders and those supporting
  artists' legacy planning efforts, and the Artist-Endowed Foundation Leadership Forum, fostering
  exchange among foundation leaders, field experts, and thought leaders to examine an discuss critical
  issues and important innovations in policy and practice that are influencing the field.

**Christine J. Vincent** leads AEFI in the role of Project Director. She is a seasoned foundation executive and education leader who served formerly as Deputy Director, Media, Arts and Culture, Ford Foundation, and as President, Maine College of Art.

AEFI's work is supported by the staff and colleagues of the Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation and by the staff and colleagues of the many cultural and educational institutions and artist- endowed foundations who partner with AEFI to realize its programs.

AEFI's research, publications, and education programs are informed by a group of esteemed advisors whose members include prominent practitioners and scholars in the arts and culture, museum, philanthropy, public policy, law, and education fields.

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