

Insights to Action at the Intersection of Climate Change and Financial Health

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Speaker Bios

Paula D'Ambrosa, (Moderator)

Director of Work & Wealth, Social Responsibility and Partnerships
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Paula currently serves as Director of Work & Wealth for Prudential's Social Responsibility and Partnerships (SR&P) team. In this position, Paula oversees all strategic grant-making for the team's Work & Wealth portfolio which is focused on equitable and expanded access to wealth-building opportunities. Within this strategy, Paula works to increase employee ownership, promote affordable, accessible homeownership and shared equity opportunities, and expand pathways to good jobs for more workers.

Previously, Paula served as the Strategic Partnerships Manager for SR&P where she cultivated relationships between non-profit and internal business partners. She has also worked within Prudential's Regulatory Liaison, International Insurance and Retirement teams.

She currently serves on the Board of Asset Funder's Network. She has a Master's degree in International Affairs from American University and a Bachelor's in Political Science & History from Monmouth University.

Leigh Phillips

President and CEO,
SaverLife



Leigh Phillips is the President & CEO of SaverLife, a national nonprofit and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the financial health of people with low-to-moderate incomes. Since joining SaverLife in 2015, Leigh led SaverLife's transformation from a local direct service organization to a national nonprofit that launched the first ever financial health platform designed specifically to meet the needs of low-to-moderate income households. Today, SaverLife reaches over 650,000 members nationwide.

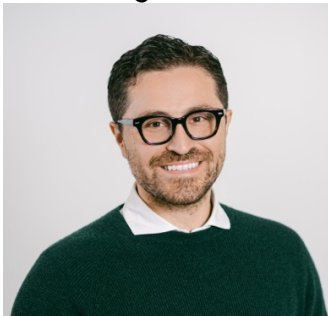
Prior to joining SaverLife, Leigh was the founding Director of the San Francisco Office of Financial Empowerment. Under Leigh’s leadership, the SF OFE spearheaded several “first in the nation” programs, including Bank On San Francisco, the first municipally led effort to bank the unbanked that became a national movement, and Kindergarten to College, the first universal and automatic college savings program for public school children. On the national level, Leigh was instrumental in the creation of the Cities for Financial Empowerment Coalition and currently sits on the Board of Directors of the CFE Fund.

Leigh served as Chair of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Consumer Advisory Board from 2021 to 2022. She previously served as Chair of the Board of the Mission Economic Development Agency and on the Advisory Board of the start-up Level Money, which was acquired by Capital One. Leigh’s work has been featured in publications such as the New York Times, the Economist, Time Magazine, and the San Francisco Chronicle, and on NPR and CNN.

Leigh received both her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Social Sciences and a Masters of Economic and Social Sciences in Women’s Studies from the University of Manchester, in her native United Kingdom. She now lives in the Washington DC area with her husband and two daughters.

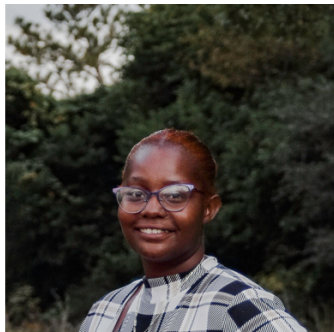
Gregory Lopez

Senior Assistant Vice President of Sustainability
Wells Fargo



Gregory is Senior Assistant Vice President of Sustainability Philanthropy at Wells Fargo. In this role, Gregory supports both enterprise sustainability goals and the national sustainability strategy of the Wells Fargo Foundation, with a focus on grants that support community resilience and an equitable transition to a low carbon economy. Gregory joined Wells Fargo in 2022, after leading a consulting practice that provided technical assistance to community-based organizations working at the intersection of equity and climate change. Prior, he led the Climate Program at the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, deploying over \$10MM to global clean energy access and natural climate solutions. Gregory graduated with a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and enjoys photography, bike rides, and the occasional cheeseburger.”

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