

**Anna Beth Gorman** has committed her to professional life to public service with a specialized focus on advancing the status of girls and women in our society. In her tenure with the Women's Foundation she is leading the effort for the Foundation to be the leading equity partner in building women's economic security.

In December of 2019 was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson to serve on the State Computer Science and Cybersecurity Taskforce. Anna Beth was chosen as one of the 2017 Women to Watch in Little Rock's Soiree Magazine, and a finalist for Arkansas Business 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Business of the Year Awards, Nonprofit Executive of the Year. She regularly speaks to civic groups, public, and private organizations on the benefits of strategically including women in the economic development of our overall state. She represents the Women's Foundation of Arkansas as a member of Arkansas Impact Philanthropy Cohort, and a steering committee member of Arkansas Asset Funders Network.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hollins University, Roanoke, Virginia, Master of Public Administration, and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from University of Arkansas Little Rock. Anna Beth began her professional career in public service, working for the Texas Senate Committee on State Affairs and then transitioned into the nonprofit arena. She is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts of the USA and a Gold Award Recipient.

Anna Beth is proud to lead the Women's Foundation of Arkansas, to advocate for women and girls in Arkansas so they can realize their full potential. When women and girls succeed in our state, the overall state is a better place. Anna Beth, her husband, and their children live in North Little Rock.

**Sara Keller** is the VP of Community Engagement for Nusenda Credit Union where she oversees the philanthropic, community development, and financial capabilities programs of the Credit Union, including Nusenda Foundation and CDFI Programming. Sara moved to New Mexico in 2010 and followed her passion for community work to a career in fundraising and development. After nearly a decade in development and fundraising in the non-profit sector, Sara pivoted to a career in financial services corporate philanthropy to develop strategic partnerships, support change across the state, and work to develop systems to provide access to capital to marginalized communities. Sara serves as Board President for NMCAN, is the Co-Chair for the New Mexico Asset Funders Network, and sits on the National Assets Funders Programming Committee.

In her free time, Sara enjoys adventuring across New Mexico and the southwest with her husband and toddler. Sara holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Bowling Green State University.

**Brett Mons** joined The Rockefeller Foundation in the summer of 2019. As a member of the Equity & Economic Opportunity Initiative, he works with partners in several cities throughout the

United States to create an environment that provides low-wage adult workers the stability needed to meet their basic needs and a path to a better future.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Brett consulted cities in the Americas and Africa on urban planning, public engagement, solid waste management, and resilience as part of the Strategy Delivery Unit for 100 Resilient Cities, an initiative created by the Foundation. Passionate about urbanism, Brett has also held positions with the New York City Department of Sanitation as the Senior Manager of Commercial Recycling Programs and worked on the pilot Curbside Organics Collection Program before joining 100 Resilient Cities.

Brett served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Albania from 2009-2011. As a Community and Organization Development Volunteer, he assisted the town of Rubik in governance, capacity building, and solid waste management initiatives. He holds a B.S. in Regional Development from The University of Arizona and a Master of Urban Planning from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service.

**Michael Van Leesten** received an MBA from Columbia University with Honors in 1997. Michael began his career at Goldman Sachs & Co. working primarily in healthcare finance, fixed income derivatives, and capital markets from 1989 through 1996. From 1997 to 2005, Michael served as the CFO of the Construction Division of Travelers Insurance Co. In 2005, he changed careers after acquiring his teaching certification in mathematics. Michael began his teaching career at the Foote School in New Haven before joining Hopkins School in 2007 where he taught mathematics and was the Director of Pathfinder Hopkins School, an award-winning academic enrichment middle schoolers from New Haven-area public and parochial schools. Deeply engaged in the New Haven community, Michael currently serves on the boards Elm City Montessori School and Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS).

An SVP Connecticut Partner since 2019, Michael joined the SVP staff in April 2020 as Director of Organization Development and Stakeholder Engagement. In this role, Michael supports the engagement of multiple stakeholders including the Board, the SVP partnership, and Community partners. He also focuses on growing SVP's statewide presence and deepening our community relationships throughout the state through the development and execution of programming to increase interaction amongst the SVP Partners and the communities we serve.

**Kara Wilkins** is a solutions-focused communications and community engagement strategist, with an extensive background in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. She has over a decade of experience working with diverse communities to create innovative solutions to improve health and human equity.

Before joining Asset Funders Network, Kara worked at the Delta Dental of Arkansas Foundation, Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake and Arkansas Advocates for Children and

Families, where she honed her skills in communications, outreach, public policy, development, and advocacy/government relations.

As the director of Bank On Arkansas+, Kara will guide the efforts of BOA+ that includes engaging financial institutions to design accounts that meet Bank On National Standards; securing commitments from stakeholders willing to conduct outreach efforts and offer asset-building services in partnership with BOA+; and coordinating all communications and marketing efforts.