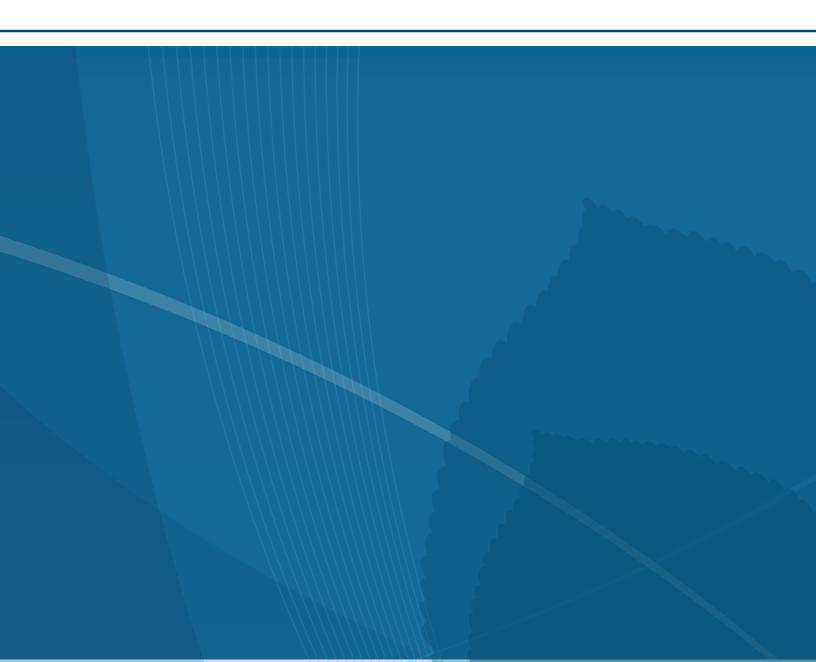


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# SEMINAR ON STRATEGY for ARTIST-ENDOWED FOUNDATION LEADERS

2023





March 7 – May 24, 2023

SUPPORTING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
OF FOUNDATION LEADERS &
STRENGTHENING THE CHARITABLE IMPACT OF THE EMERGING
ARTIST-ENDOWED FOUNDATION FIELD IN
CULTURAL PHILANTHROPY AND ART STEWARDSHIP

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Lastly, we welcome the participants in the 2023 Seminar on Strategy for AEF Leaders and recognize them as leaders of the next generation of artist-endowed foundations.

> Chuifne IVni con Christine J. Vincent **AEFI Project Director** Seminar Director



#### 2023 SEMINAR DATES - ALL SEMINAR ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE ONLINE

Opening Reception: Tuesday, March 7 Opening Class: Wednesday, March 8

Course Sessions: Weekly on Wednesdays March 8 - 24, except Tuesday, April 11

Closing Class: Wednesday, May 24

Closing Celebration: Wednesday, May 24

#### 2023 SEMINAR SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Tuesday, March 7 **Opening Reception** 

5:00 - 6:30 PM ET Introductions: Participants, AEF Hosts, AEFI Advisors & AEFI

Lead Underwriters

Participant Check-in and Introductions Wednesday, March 8

1:00 - 3:00 PM ET Seminar Opening Class

Wednesday, March 15 Site Visit #1: The Josef and Anni Albers Foundation

1:00 - 5:15 PM ET I. Legacy Stewardship and Artist-Endowed Foundations

> Session I.I Foundation Basics Session I.2 Public Benefit

Wednesday, March 22 Session I.3 Fiduciary Duties

1:00 - 5:30 PM ET Session 1.4. Foundations and Individuals

Crosscutting Conversation: Foundation and Family

Module Review: Recap/Reflect

Wednesday, March 29 Site Visit #2: The Gordon Parks Foundation

1:00 - 5:15 PM ET 2. Organizational Viability Session 2.1 Governance

1:00 - 5:30 PM ET

Session 2.2 Starting Up/Reorganizing

Wednesday, April 5 Session 2.3 Art Market Strategy

Session 2.4 Business Model

Crosscutting Conversation: Long-term Stewardship Planning

Module Review: Recap/Reflect

### 2023 SEMINAR SCHEDULE OVERVIEW, CONTINUED

Site Visit #3: Ellis-Beauregard Foundation Tuesday, April II

1:00 - 5:15 PM ET 3. Cultural Asset Stewardship

Session 3.1 Art Collections

Session 3.2 Archives

Wednesday, April 19 Session 3.3 Oeuvre Scholarship 1:00 - 5:30 PM ET Session 3.4 Intellectual Property

Crosscutting Conversation: Oeuvre Management

Module Review: Recap/Reflect

Wednesday, April 26 Site Visit #4: Woodman Family Foundation

1:00 - 5:15 PM ET 4. Philanthropic Impact

Session 4.1 Grantmaking Session 4.2 Support to Individuals

Session 4.3 Museum Gifts and Charitable Sales Wednesday, May 3 1:00 - 5:30 PM ET Session 4.4 Educational and Public Programs

Crosscutting Conversation: Foundation Termination

Module Review: Recap/Reflect

Wednesday, May 10 Site Visit #5: 500 Capp Street Foundation | David Ireland House

1:00 - 5:15 PM ET 5. Foundation Operations

Session 5.1 Professional Advisors Session 5.2 Risk Management

Wednesday, May 17 Session 5.3 Digital Engagement 1:00 - 5:30 PM ET Session 5.4 Foundation Planning

Crosscutting Conversation: Diversity, Equity, Access, Inclusion | DEAI

Module Review: Recap/Reflect

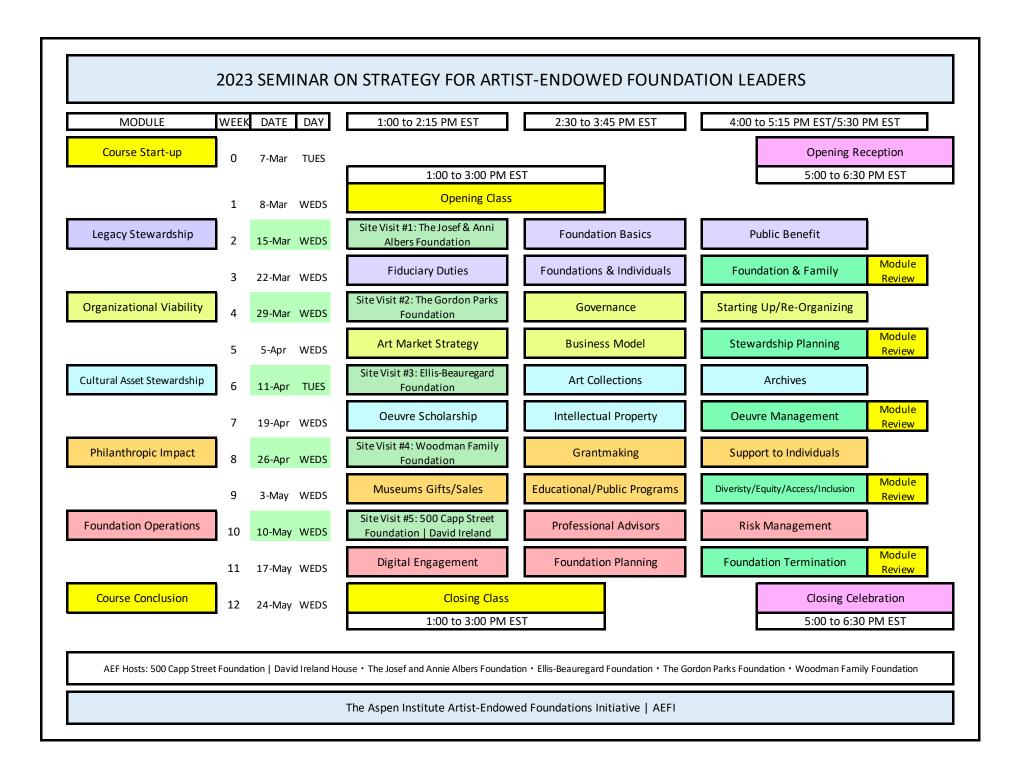
Wednesday, May 24 Seminar Closing Class

1:00 - 3:00 PM ET Course Review: Recap/Reflect/Acknowledgements

5:00 - 6:30 PM ET **Seminar Closing Celebration & Alumni Reunion** 

> Introductions, Recognitions, Reconnections: Participants, AEF Hosts, AEFI Advisors, Seminar Alumni, AEFI Lead

**Underwriters** 



# **2023 SEMINAR SCHEDULE DETAIL**

Tuesday, March 7 5:00 - 6:30 PM ET

# **Opening Reception**

Welcome, Introductions, and Socializing

Seminar Participants **AEF Hosts AEFI** Advisors AEFI Lead Underwriters AEFI Donors Seminar Team

#### Welcome

Leah Levy, Honorary Chair, AEFI Advisors Executive Director, The Jay DeFeo Foundation

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

Wednesday, May 8 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET

### **Course Start-Up**

#### Seminar Opening Class

What is the Seminar's mission and philosophy? What are the Seminar's intended outcomes? The logic of its curriculum? How will the Seminar operate? What is expected of participants?

### Christine J. Vincent, Seminar Director

### Participant Engagement

What goals, ambitions, and expectations does each Participant bring to the Seminar? How will Participants engage throughout the Seminar?

Seminar Participants

#### Andria Bibiloni. Moderator

Board Member, von Rydingsvard and Greengard Foundation Seminar 2016, 2017

### Wednesday, March 15 1:00 - 5:15 PM ET

1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

Site Visit: The Josef and Anni Albers Foundation Nicholas Fox Weber. Executive Director Brenda Danilowitz, Chief Curator www.albersfoundation.org

# I. Legacy Stewardship and Artist-Endowed Foundations

Goal: Examine what it means to undertake stewardship of an artist's creative and philanthropic legacy using a tax-exempt, charitable organizational form.

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

Session I.I Foundation Basics

What are the various legal forms and tax statuses used for AEFs? What considerations come to bear when they are used?

- Tax-Exempt Sector, Including Tax-Exempt Charitable Entities
- Types of Tax-Exempt Charitable Entities
- Formation Process and Requirements
- Rules for Private Foundations and Public Charities
- Small-Group Exercise: Options for Posthumous Legacy Stewardship
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

#### Kimberly Eney

Vice Chair, Exempt Organizations Committee, American Bar Association Partner, Morgan Lewis

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Session 1.2 Public Benefit

What is the Public Benefit requirement for tax-exemption? How does the Public Benefit imperative shape an AEFs' legacy stewardship concerns?

- Public Benefit Requirement
- Charitable Purposes
- Permitted Beneficiaries
- Small-Group Exercise: Charitable Purposes, Activities, Beneficiaries

- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

#### Nishka Chandrasoma

Member, Exempt Organizations Committee, American Bar Association Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, Secretary, Ford Foundation

### Wednesday, March 22 1:00 - 5:30 PM ET

# Legacy Stewardship and Artist-Endowed Foundations, Continued

#### 1:00 - 2:15 PM

### Session I.3 Fiduciary Duties

What are Fiduciary Duties and their ramifications? What influences do Fiduciary Duties have on AEF leaders?

- Fiduciary Duties of Charitable Boards
- Duty of Care
- Duty of Loyalty and Conflict of Interest
- Duty of Obedience (New York)
- Small Group Exercise: Fiduciary Duty Scenarios
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

### Jill Horwitz

AEFI Advisor, David Sanders Professor of Law and Medicine and Faculty Director, Program on Philanthropy and Nonprofits, UCA School of Law Reporter, Restatement of the Law, Charitable Nonprofit Organizations, American Law Institute

### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

Session 1.4. Foundations and Individuals

What is Private Benefit? Inurement? Conflict of Interest and Self-Dealing?

What are the ramifications of these acts?

Where are the risks they represent likely to arise in the context of AEFs?

- Private Benefit
- Inurement
- Self-Dealing
- Conflict of Interest Policies Addressing Self-Dealing
- Small Group Exercise: Disqualified Persons

- Selecting and Using Counsel Effectively
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

### **Stefanie Roth**

Member, Exempt Organizations Committee, American Bar Association Partner, Ewenstein & Roth LLP

### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Crosscutting Conversation: Foundation and Family Learning From a Foundation and Family Experience

#### Conversation Guest

### **Jack Cowart**

**Executive Director** 

Roy Lichtenstein Foundation

### 5:15 - 5:30 PM ET

#### Module Review

Recap/Reflect

Open Questions on the Legacy Stewardship and AEFs Curriculum? Major Take-Aways?

### **Christine J. Vincent**, Moderator

# Wednesday, March 29

1:00 - 5:15 PM ET

#### 1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

Site Visit: The Gordon Parks Foundation

Peter W. Kunhardt, Jr., Executive Director Michael Raz-Russo, Programs Director

# 2. Organizational Viability

Goal: Understand key elements that contribute to a viable AEF: governance, structure, art market strategy, and business model.

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

#### Session 2.1 Governance

How can a governing body be developed to ensure realization of an AEF's legacy stewardship and public benefit imperatives?

- Rules and Imperatives and the Governing Body
- Leadership Perspective: Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts

- Nonprofit Governance Basics: Board Role and Structure
- Small Group Exercise: Board Capacities Assessment
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

#### Sarah Herda

**Executive Director** 

Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts (Ernest R. Graham)

### **Gayle Binney**

Adjunct Associate Professor, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University

Manager, Board Relations, TIAA

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Session 2.2 Starting Up/Reorganizing

What factors inform an AEF's post-bequest start-up or reorganization?

- Post-Bequest Transformation
- The Estate Administration Process
- Leadership Insights: Surf Point Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation
- Ouestions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

#### Class Faculty

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

#### Caryn Young

Vice Chair, Estate & Trust Administration Committee, New York State Bar Association Partner, Withersworldwide

#### Yael Reinharz

**Executive Director** Surf Point Foundation (Beverly Hallam) Seminar 2018

#### Sanford Hirsch

**Executive Director** Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Foundation

# Wednesday, April 5 1:00 - 5:30 PM ET

### Organizational Viability, Continued

#### 1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

### Session 2.3 Art Market Strategy

What strategies can AEFs use in generating income from art sales? What are the associated considerations-What, When, How to Sell?

- Art Sales and Artist-Endowed Foundations
- Duty of Care and Consignment Sales
- Art Market Strategy
- Leadership Insights: Dedalus Foundation
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

#### Amelia K. Brankov

Chair, Art Law Committee, New York City Bar Association Principal, Brankov PLLC

## **Megan Fox Kelly**

President, Association of Professional Art Advisors Principal, Megan Fox Kelly Art Advisory

# Morgan Spangle

**Executive Director** Dedalus Foundation (Robert Motherwell)

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

Session 2.4 Business Model

What are the components of an effective AEF business plan? How can an AEF build the financial capacity to realize its charitable mission?

- **Economic Models of AEFs**
- Nonprofit Business Models and Liquidity Strategies
- Selecting and Using an Investment Advisor Effectively
- Leadership Insights: Joan Mitchell Foundation
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

#### Chaya Scott

Vice President, Consulting Nonprofit Finance Fund

### Jerrol Charles

Director, Business Development
The Investment Fund for Foundations | TIFF

### Sandy S. Lee

Board President Joan Mitchell Foundation

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Crosscutting Conversation: Long-term Stewardship Planning
Considering Key Elements in Art Stewardship Planning

# **Conversation Guests**

### Stephen K. Urice

AEFI Advisor and Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law Editor, Law, Ethics and the Visual Arts, 6th Ed, Cambridge University Press

### Victoria Woodhull

Director, Kenneth Noland Foundation Seminar 2016, 2017

#### 5:15 - 5:30 PM ET

Recap/Reflect

Module Review

Recap/Reflect

Open Questions on the Organizational Viability Curriculum?

Major Take-Aways?

### Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

## Tuesday, April 11 1:00 - 5:15 PM ET

1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

Site Visit: Ellis-Beauregard Foundation ((David Ellis, Joan Beauregard)

Donna McNeill, Executive Director

Seminar 2018

www.ellis-beauregardfoundation.org

# 3. Cultural Asset Stewardship

Goal: Explore the considerations in fulfilling an AEF's charitable purpose to increase the public's access to and knowledge about the creative of work of its artist.

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

Session 3.1 Art Collections

How can a foundation optimize the public benefit of its art collection and fulfill its legacy stewardship imperative?

- Challenges in Initiating Collection Stewardship
- Leadership Insights: Emily Mason | Alice Trumbull Mason Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts
- Leadership Insights: Noah Purifoy Foundation
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

#### Mari Carmen Ramirez. Moderator

AEFI Advisor and Wortham Curator in Latin American Art The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

# April A. Johnson

Director of Business Development UOVO (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

#### Steven Rose

President/Executive Director Emily Mason | Alice Trumbull Mason Foundation Seminar 2020

# **Mary Clare Stevens**

**Executive Director** Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts Seminar 2016

# Joseph S. Lewis, III

President Noah Purifoy Foundation

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Session 3.2 Archives

What are an AEF's responsibilities in archive ownership? How can an archive's public benefit be optimized?

- Centrality of Access in Archival Stewardship
- Challenges in Initiating Archive Stewardship
- Leadership Insights: Richard Poussette-Dart Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Roy Lichtenstein Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Robert Rauschenberg Foundation
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

#### Class Faculty

Ann E. Butler, Moderator

Director, Library and Archives, Center for Curatorial Studies **Bard College** 

#### **Charles Duncan**

**Executive Director** Richard Pousette-Dart Foundation Seminar 2016

### Francine Snyder

Director of Archives Robert Rauschenberg Foundation

#### **Iustin Brancato**

Head of Archives and Associate Director Roy Lichtenstein Foundation Seminar 2016

Wednesday, April 19 1:00 - 5:30PM ET

### **Cultural Asset Stewardship, Continued**

1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

### Session 3.3 Oeuvre Scholarship

What factors influence an AEF's involvement n and approach to different types of oeuvre scholarship initiatives?

- Oeuvre Scholarship: Catalogues Raisonnés, Oral History, Conservation Research, Collection Research
- Leadership Insights: Dedalus Foundation (Robert Motherwell)
- Leadership Insights: Sam Francis Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Holt-Smith Foundation (Nancy Holt, Robert Smithson)
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

#### Class Faculty

Steven Nelson, Moderator Dean, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts National Gallery of Art

#### Katy Rogers

Vice President/Secretary and Programs Director Dedalus Foundation Director, Robert Motherwell Catalogue Raisonné

#### **Debra Burchett-Lere**

President/Executive Director Sam Francis Foundation Director, Sam Francis Catalogue Raisonné

#### Lisa Le Feuvre

**Executive Director** Holt-Smithson Foundation (Nancy Holt, Robert Smithson) Seminar 2018

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

# Session 3.4 Intellectual Property

How can an AEF optimize the public benefit of its IP assets and deploy them to fulfill the legacy stewardship imperative?

How do AEFs balance noncommercial and commercial use of their IP assets?

- For the Purpose of an AEF: What is Intellectual Property?
- What is Fair Use?
- Leadership Insights: The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts
- Leadership Insights: Keith Haring Foundation
- IP Licensing Basics
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

### Bhamati Viswanathan, Moderator

Chair, New England Chapter, Copyright Society of the USA Faculty Fellow, New England Law

# Michael Dayton Hermann

Director of Licensing, Marketing, and Sales The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts

### Gilbert Vazquez

Executive Director, Keith Haring Foundation

#### Janet Hicks

Vice President and Director of Licensing Artists Rights Society/ARS (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Crosscutting Conversation: Oeuvre Management Drilling down on oeuvre management strategies

### Conversation Guests

### **Leah Levy**

**Executive Director** 

The Jay DeFeo Foundation

#### **Bloum Cardenas**

Co-Trustee

Niki Charitable Art Foundation (Niki de Saint Phalle)

#### 5:15 - 5:30 PM ET

Recap/Reflect

Module Review

Recap/Reflect

Open Questions on the Cultural Asset Stewardship Curriculum?

Major Take-Aways?

### Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

# Wednesday, April 26 1:00 - 5:15 PM ET

1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

Site Visit: Woodman Family Foundation (Betty Woodman, Francesca Woodman, George Woodman)

Lissa McClure, Executive Director

Seminar 2019

woodmanfoundation.org

# 4. Philanthropic Impact

Goal: Consider the full range of strategies available to optimize an AEF's philanthropic impact in service to its artist's charitable intentions.

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

Session 4.1 Grantmaking

How does an AEF determine the goals, scale, and structure of its grant program?

- The Variety of Philanthropic Interests Among AEFs
- Leadership Insights: Helen Frankenthaler Foundation
- Leadership Insights: The Destina Foundation/The Dorothea Tanning Foundation
- Leadership Insights: The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

#### Class Faculty

### Elizabeth Glassman, Moderator

AEFI Advisor and President Emerita, Terra Foundation for

American Art

#### **Elizabeth Smith**

**Executive Director** 

Helen Frankenthaler Foundation

### Pamela Johnson

President/Executive Director

The Destina Foundation/The Dorothea Tanning Foundation

#### **Rachel Bers**

Program Director The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Session 4.2 Support to Individuals

What are an AEF's options in providing support to individual artists and scholars? What are the considerations in making direct grants or operating a residency program?

- Approaches to Individual Support; Legal Requirements for Grants to Individuals
- Leadership Insights: Nancy Graves Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Harpo Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Jentel Foundation
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

Luther Hughes, Moderator Program Co-Director Artist Trust

#### Christina Hunter

**Executive Director** Nancy Graves Foundation

#### Julie Deamer

**Executive Director** Harpo Foundation (Ed Levine) Seminar 2020

### Mary Jane Edwards

**Executive Director** lentel Foundation (Neltje)

Wednesday, May 3 1:00 - 5:30 PM ET

# Philanthropic Impact, Continued

#### 1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

Session 4.3 Museum Gifts and Charitable Sales

What are an AEF's goals and options for museum gifts and charitable sales of art? What roles can these play in a broader oeuvre stewardship strategy?

- AEF Involvement in Museum Gifts and Charitable Sales
- Leadership Insights: Ashley Bryan Center
- Leadership Insights: Emilio Sanchez Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Lenore Tawney Foundation

- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

#### H. Nicholas B. Clark

Executive Director Ashley Bryan Center

#### Ann Koll

Former Executive Director Emilio Sanchez Foundation

### Kathleen Mangan

Executive Director
Lenore Tawney Foundation

#### 2:30 - 345 PM ET

### Session 4.4 Educational Programs

How do AEFs achieve philanthropic impact by conducting educational programs? What are the considerations in partnering with K-12 and higher education institutions? In conducting an internship program?

- AEFs as Educational Resources and Collaborators
- Leadership Insights: Al Held Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Romare Bearden Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Renee and Chaim Gross Foundation
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

Alexsandra Mitchell, Moderator

Manager, Education and Public Programs California African American Museum

#### **Daniel Belasco**

Executive Director
Al Held Foundation

### **Diedra Harris-Kelley**

Co-Director
Romare Bearden Foundation

### Sasha Davis

Executive Director
Renee and Chaim Gross Foundation
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#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Crosscutting Conversation: AEFs and Diversity, Equity, Access, Inclusion

What role does effective DEAI practice play in sustaining the relevancy of an AEF's artist? What role does it play in optimizing the impact of grants and direct charitable activities?

#### Conversation Guests

# Myron Beasley

**Board Member** Surf Point Foundation (Beverly Hallam) Seminar 2020

#### Christa Blatchford

**Executive Director** Joan Mitchell Foundation

#### **Nellie Scott**

**Executive Director** Corita Art Center (Corita Kent) Seminar 2020

### Joseph S. Lewis, III

President

Noah Purifoy Foundation

#### 5:15 - 5:30 PM ET

Recap/Reflect

Module Review

Recap/Reflect

Open Questions on Philanthropic Impact Curriculum?

Major Take-Aways?

### Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

# Wednesday, May 10 1:00 - 5:15 PM EST

1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

Site Visit: 500 Capp Street | David Ireland House

Cait Molloy, Executive Director

Lian Ladia, Curator, Exhibitions and Programs

500cappstreet.org

# 5. Foundation Operations

Goal: Identify considerations in key dimensions of foundation operations: working with professional advisors, managing risk, using digital engagement strategies, and conducting institutional planning.

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

#### Session 5.1 Professional Advisors

How can AEF Leaders select and use professional advisors effectively? What special considerations apply to these relationships?

- Professional Advisors and the Post-Bequest Transition
- Attorneys
- Art Dealers
- Accountants
- Consultants Generally
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

### Class Faculty

Linda Earle, Moderator

AEFI Advisor and Professor of Practice, Fine Arts Management, ret.

Tyler School of Art and Architecture

# Christine J. Vincent, Seminar Director

### **Ruth Masterson**

Principal

Masterson Consulting, Nonprofit and Philanthropy Advisors

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

# Session 5.2 Risk Management

What risks do artist-endowed foundations face in pursuing their charitable missions? How do AEF leaders manage risk across all dimensions of their organizations?

- Leadership Insights: Robert Rauschenberg Foundation
- Risk Management Basics
- Art Asset Risks
- Cyber Security Risks
- Employment-Related Risks
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

#### Class Faculty

Linda Earle, Moderator

AEFI Advisor and Professor of Practice, Fine Arts Management, ret.

Tyler School of Art and Architecture

### **Sharon Ullman**

Former Deputy Director

Robert Rauschenberg Foundation

### Mary Pontillo

Senior Vice President, National Fine Art Practice Leader Risk Strategies (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

### Jesse Pardo

Vice President, Commercial Lines Team Leader Risk Strategies (AEFI Lead Underwriter)

Wednesday, May 17 1:00 - 5:30 PM EST

# **Foundation Operations, Continued**

1:00 - 2:15 PM ET

Session 5.3 Digital Engagement

What considerations should be weighed in developing digital strategies to stimulate public engagement with an AEFs' cultural assets and knowledge resources?

What take-aways can be garnered from such efforts?

- Leadership Insights: Dedalus Foundation (Robert Motherwell)
- Leadership Insights: Richard Diebenkorn Foundation
- Leadership Insights: Museo Eduardo Carrillo
- Leadership Insights: Joan Mitchell Foundation
- Principles of Digital Engagement
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

Class Faculty Jane Finnis, Moderator CEO, Culture/24

### Julia Norman

Digital Communications Coordinator Dedalus Foundation (Robert Motherwell)

#### Katherine James

Head of Digital and Public Engagement Richard Diebenkorn Foundation

### **Betsy Andersen**

**Executive Director** Museo Eduardo Carrillo

### Melissa Dean

Design and Media Manager Joan Mitchell Foundation

#### 2:30 - 3:45 PM ET

### Session 5.4 Foundation Planning

What approaches have AEF leaders used in undertaking planning to set their foundation's strategic directions?

What lessons have been learned in this work?

- Leadership Insights: Judd Foundation (Donald Judd)
- Leadership Insights: Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum
- Options and Strategies for Institutional Planning
- Questions and Discussion
- Session Summary: Seminar Participants

#### Class Faculty

Christine J. Vincent, Moderator

# Richard Griggs

Chief Operating Officer Judd Foundation (Donald Judd)

#### **Brett Littman**

Director

The Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum

### Jennifer Dowley

AEFI Advisor and Former President
Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
Seminar 2017

#### 4:00 - 5:15 PM ET

Crosscutting Conversation: Foundation Termination

Strategizing, preparing, and implementing foundation termination

### **Conversation Guests**

# **Marilyn Loesberg**

Former President

Clinton Hill-Allen Tran Foundation

### Lawrence S. Taub

Former President

Mandelman-Ribak Foundation (Beatrice Mandelman, Louis Ribak)

### 5:00 - 5:15 PM ET

### Recap/Reflect

Module Review

Recap/Reflect

Open Questions on Foundation Operations Curriculum? Major Take-Aways?

#### **Christine J. Vincent**, Moderator

# Wednesday, May 24 1:00 – 3:00 PM ET and 5:00 – 6:30 PM ET

### **Course Conclusion**

I:00 – 3:00 PM ET
Seminar Closing Class
Recap/Reflect, Collegial Recognitions

The Way Forward, Key Ideas and Takeaways

Andria Bibiloni, Moderator Board Member, von Rydingsvard and Greengard Foundation Seminar 2016, 2017

Christine J. Vincent, Seminar Director

Seminar Participants

5:00 - 6:30 PM ET

# Seminar Closing Celebration & Fifth Anniversary Salute

Certificate Presentations, Introductions Reconnections, Networking

Seminar Participants AEF Hosts
AEFI Lead Underwriters AEFI Donors
Seminar Faculty Seminar Alumni

AEFI Advisors Seminar Team

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#### **AEFI OVERVIEW**

The genesis of AEFI was what is now its principal research component — the National Study of Artist-Endowed Foundations — which 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. These donors saw the potential of this young field to substantially expand the nation's cultural philanthropy resources. They also recognized the field's growing role in art stewardship. Responding to numerous requests for information from individuals considering or charged with foundation creation, and understanding the complexity of the task, these donors determined it was time to support a project to document and disseminate effective practices. As it has been since its inception, 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 next generation, and optimize its charitable capacity, by filling the significant information gap facing individuals involved in creating, leading, governing, and advising foundations. By shortening the steep learning curve inherent in these distinctively endowed entities, AEFI helps ensure that charitable resources can be spent on charitable purposes, not costly lessons. To this end, AEFI conducts ongoing programs to develop and share knowledge with key audiences. These programs and their participants include:

**Research** — AEFI's National Study of Artist-Endowed Foundations, its groundbreaking, ongoing research program that tracks and evaluates development of the artist-endowed foundation field at five-year intervals. The Study documents and details the field's growth on multiple dimensions, analyzes factors driving and shaping this growth, and explores ramifications for foundation practice. The Study's findings inform AEFI's publication and education programs and are the focus of its knowledge-sharing activities broadly.

- **Publications** The initial Study Report—The Artist As Philanthropist; Strengthening the Emerging Artist-Endowed Foundation Field, regular Study Report Supplements and updates, 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, available at no cost on the AEFI web page www.aspeninstitute.org/aefi, are used by artists, artists' families, associates and advisors, foundation leaders, policymakers, journalists, scholars, curators, educators, and students.
- **Education Programs** The Seminar on Strategy for Artist-Endowed Foundation Leaders, assisting the professional development of foundation leaders as they enter the field, refresh their practice, or support an artist's legacy planning with respect to potential foundation creation, and the Artist-Endowed Foundation Leadership Forum, convening foundation leaders, field experts, and thought leaders to examine and discuss critical issues and important innovations in policy and practice that are influencing the field.
- Further Knowledge-Sharing Events 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, hosted by local and national professional associations; 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, New York; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge; Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco; Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts, Chicago; and the Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, among others

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