

Dear Colleague:

We are delighted to announce that after a rigorous search process, the Board of Trustees of the Hyams Foundation has appointed Jocelyn V. Sargent as the new Executive Director. Jocelyn will assume the position as of August 29 following Beth Smith, whose stellar leadership and unwavering commitment to the communities we serve are legendary. After 26 years of service as the Hyams Executive, Beth will pass the baton to Jocelyn and will assist with the transition.

Having recently embarked on an ambitious strategic plan in the spring of 2015, the Foundation is excited to welcome Jocelyn aboard and looks forward to her bold new leadership. With a solid track record of more than 20 years working in social justice and philanthropy, Jocelyn's background has strongly positioned her to lead Hyams' work to reduce racialized economic disparities in Boston and Chelsea. A co-founder of the Center for Social Inclusion, Jocelyn has spent the bulk of her career devoted to social equity, leadership development, and advocacy. Her training as a social scientist combined with her impressive experience in philanthropy management and research coalesce perfectly with the Foundation's strategic mission of impacting the racial landscape in Massachusetts and beyond.

Jocelyn brings a professional background in grantmaking, research and assessment, public policy, and community development that has honed her skills as a philanthropist and social justice advocate, and we're incredibly proud to bring those skills to the Foundation. Her most notable work has been with the Open Society Institute in New York, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Michigan, and the Hogg Foundation in Texas. Her impressive knowledge base coupled with her national experience working with marginalized communities will bring a keen perspective to Hyams and the disparities we're committed to addressing.

At this pivotal juncture in the Foundation's work, Jocelyn's leadership will help the Foundation become more agile and strategic in its grantmaking while also having a larger impact on the communities we serve. It also will further bolster the Foundation's prominent voice in philanthropy as well as thought leadership on issues of racial and socioeconomic justice.

Please join us in welcoming Jocelyn to Hyams and the Boston community.

Sincerely,



Marti Wilson-Taylor  
Chair, Hyams Foundation Board of Trustees