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PHILANTHROPY
BRIDGING DIVIDES

Statewide Conference | St. Louis, MO
January 25-26, 2024

Conference Program



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Welcome!

For our second annual Show-Me Philanthropy Statewide Conference & Annual Meeting, philanthropic leaders are gathering from across the state. Thank you for choosing to be among them!

With Member input, we've designed plenaries, breakout sessions, and site visits to spark meaningful learning and manage association business. We hope you find the content insightful, challenging, and productive.

You'll experience this agenda alongside individuals who care deeply about their communities and who utilize philanthropy as a tool to advance a more equitable, thriving Missouri. We invite you to be curious about who is here – and why they care to be. We encourage you to be generous with your own story.

This year, as divisions deepen, resist the urge to stay “safely” surface level. This is the time to purposefully reach beyond the surface. Cultivating meaningful connections will not only strengthen your work, it will help sustain you, professionally and personally.

The PhilMO Team

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Greening Statewide Conference & Annual Meeting



**Conference
Materials**

As part of our commitment to sustainability, PhilMO is not printing conference handouts, presentations, speaker bios, or the participant roster. Instead, these resources are available electronically through our website. Further, to limit single use plastic, we encourage you to bring a reusable cup or bottle to utilize venue water refilling stations.

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The Novel Neighbor

Venue:

Delmar DivINe

*Thank
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Vision

We envision a thriving and equitable Missouri, served by a collaborative, purpose-driven, and effective philanthropic sector.

Mission

To equip, connect, and energize our members and partners for thoughtful action and greater impact.

Values

→ ***Belonging***

We cultivate relationships and build community where individuals and institutions are understood, respected, and invited to contribute.

→ ***Courageous Leadership***

We inspire the sector to challenge norms and mobilize resources to advance opportunities to thrive in Missouri.

→ ***Equity***

We believe identity should not predict outcomes for Missourians and use that lens to shape our work and influence philanthropic practice.

→ ***Impact***

We create an environment of shared learning to forward a strategic, collaborative, and equitable philanthropic sector.



Who We Are

Since 1970, Philanthropy Missouri (formerly known as Gateway Center for Giving) has helped donors to learn, connect, and act with impact. Our Members include corporations, family foundations, donor-advised funds, private foundations, tax-supported foundations, trusts, and professional advisors who are actively involved in the philanthropic sector.

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Thursday, January 25, 2024

9:30AM | Public Policy & Advocacy Funders Network
3rd Floor Classroom

Pre-Registration Required

A growing group of Missouri funders are convening a learning and action network to support collaborative work to advance economic infrastructure through policy and systems change. A networking breakfast will be 9:00–9:30AM; the meeting is 9:30–11:30AM.

Facilitated by Ami Nagel (Equal Opportunity Funders), Deneisha Thompson (Tax Equity Funders Network), and Michelle Miller (PhilMO)

11:30AM | General Registration Opens

Welcome Area

Grab a boxed lunch, mingle, and choose from several interactive learning opportunities.

12:15PM | Social Determinants of Health Tour

Offsite – Depart from Welcome Area

Pre-Registration Required

This experiential, two-hour learning tour delves into the historic, social, and economic factors that shape parts of St. Louis (63113, 63120, 63136) to increase understanding of community residents' lives and perspectives.

Presented by Rose Anderson-Rice (Generate Health)

2:45PM | In-Person Network Convenings

Corporate Funder Network – Conference Room 7

Family Foundation & DAF Network – Conference Room 8

The inaugural annual in-person meeting of this Network! Take time to better get to know your peers and plan for the Network's 2024 learning and action.

Facilitated by Michelle Miller (PhilMO), Amy Wescott (PhilMO), & Marissa Rosen (Trio Foundation)

Thursday, January 25, 2024

2:45PM | Site Visit: The Delmar DivINe

Onsite – Gather by mailboxes near Welcome Area

Not a corporate funder, family foundation, or donor-advised fund? Take this opportunity for an early tour of our conference site before the Friday frenzy!

Led by Jorge Riopedre & Randi Poscover (Delmar DivINe)

3:50PM | DEI Power Hour

3rd Floor Classroom

(use elevators near Welcome Area; exit to the right)

By embracing the principles of allyship, we can contribute to the creation of more inclusive workplaces where all individuals, inclusive of their identities, can thrive and our work can reach its full potential. Facilitators will challenge the audience to examine their own patterns and behaviors around effective allyship and will share ideas and tools to enhance participants' DEI journeys. This interactive Power Hour invites participants to participate to the fullest of their capacity so we can learn from our collective experiences.

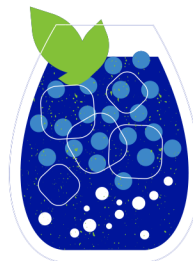
Presented by Gladiator Consulting

5:30PM | Show-Me Social Welcome Reception

AC Hotel by Marriott St. Louis Central West End

A welcome reception for all conference goers held in the first floor bar and lounge of the AC Hotel. Get the chance to meet and mingle with conference attendees before you dive into a meaningful and full day on Friday. Cash bar. Light eats will be provided.

Show-Me Social



Friday, January 26, 2024

7:30AM | Coffee & Connections

Welcome Area

Gather at the Delmar DivINe for coffee, light breakfast, and conversation. Full breakfast is available for purchase onsite at the Deli DivINe, open daily 8:00AM to 3:00PM.

7:45AM | Site Visit: The Delmar DivINe

Onsite – Gather by mailboxes near Welcome Area

Conference early birds can choose to start their day with a tour of the Delmar DivINe project.

Led by Allie Cicotte, Clark-Fox Family Foundation

8:00AM | Show-Me Learning Library

Welcome Area

The Novel Neighbor, a woman-owned independent bookstore, is providing a selection of texts relevant to Missouri funders. Available for purchase until 2:00PM.

8:30AM | Welcome & Opening Plenary Session

Berges Conference Center

Perspectives from the Field – Funder & Social Service Providers' Experience of Power Dynamics & the Shift to True Partnership

A dynamic opening session exploring how we – in our individual and professional roles – can bridge divides and create opportunities to cultivate common (not neutral) ground.

Keynote by Irene Caudillo, Chief of Staff to Mayor Garner, Unified Government of Wyandotte County

Response Panel – refer to program insert

10:25AM | Extended Break

Take a moment to move, (re)connect with colleagues, top off your water bottle, browse the Show-Me Learning Library, select your first breakout session, and make your way to the breakout session room by 10:55AM.

Friday, January 26, 2024

10:55AM | Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Round I

Select your preferred topic (descriptions on pgs 9 to 10).
Space is limited in each room; two sessions repeat.

- The Intersection of Faith, Philanthropy, and Democracy, [Conference Room \(CR\) 3](#)
- Urban-Rural Connectivity, [CR 8](#)
- Grants in the Gateway: Advancing Equitable Community Development, [CR 7](#)
- Bridging Power Divides in Philanthropy, [CR 10](#)
- How Changing Philanthropic Trends Affect Community Based Organizations/Nonprofits, [CR 9](#)

11:55AM | Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Round II

Select your preferred topic (descriptions on pgs 11 to 12).
Space is limited in each room; two sessions repeat.

- Trends in Practice: Justice Philanthropy, [CR 2](#)
- Repeated: Urban-Rural Connectivity, [CR 8](#)
- Repeated: How Changing Philanthropic Trends Affect Community Based Organizations/Nonprofits, [CR 9](#)
- The Power of Stories and Storytelling to Connect, [CR 10](#)

12:45PM | Networking Luncheon & Annual Meeting

Berges Conference Center

Enjoy a catered buffet lunch complete with time to network and discuss your learning from the morning!

Around 1:10PM, we will begin our Annual Business Meeting. Everyone is invited to stay; voting is limited to the designated representative of PhilMO Full Members.

1:35PM | Closing Remarks & Call to Bridge Divides

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Presented by [Maxine Clark, Founder, Build-A-Bear Workshop & CEO, Clark-Fox Family Foundation](#)



Evaluation

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Round I Breakout Details

The Intersection of Faith, Philanthropy, and Advancing Democracy | Conference Room 3

Join PACE to learn more about their research on the intersection of faith and philanthropy. This session will also outline the opportunity for funders to engage with an often-overlooked piece of the civil society ecosystem that is crucial to advancing a healthier democracy and civic life: faith communities and faith-inspired organizations. Funders will leave this session with access to PACE's newly published resource: A Funding Guide for Faith and Democracy.

Presented by Philanthropy for Active Civil Engagement (PACE)

Urban-Rural Connectivity: Working Together to Make Missouri Thrive | Conference Room 8

↻ this session repeats in Round II

Join Allen Smart, a national spokesperson and advocate for improving philanthropic practice, for a customized presentation exploring the opportunity rural places offer for funders interested in advancing equity in Missouri. Rooted in rural Missouri data and acknowledgment of the connectivity between urban and rural thriving, funders will grow in their understanding of the dimensions of rural equity and effective rural philanthropic practice. This session will provide value to any funder and is particularly designed with urban-based funders in mind.

Presented by Allen Smart, PhilanthropywoRx

Round I Breakout Sessions (cont'd)

Grants in the Gateway: Advancing Equitable Community Development | Conference Room 7

Community and economic development (CED) nonprofits foster economic resilience and mobility in low- and moderate-income communities -- but do grantmakers support these organizations? The St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank's Fall 2023 report, Grants in the Gateway, explored this question by examining the flow of grant-based funding to St. Louis-based CED organizations, including using a racial equity lens. Participants will hear key report findings and examples of peer funder efforts to fund smaller and/or Black-led community-based organizations.

Presented by Michael Eggleston, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, with local funder examples

Shifting Perspectives to Bridge Power Divides in Philanthropy | Conference Room 10

Katie, Marcel, and Tori are the MFH team members overseeing the strategy of the Foundation's 20-year Food Justice Initiative. They've each spent a short time in philanthropy and have big visions for how relationships between the Foundation and community can be changed to better support work that is currently happening or being dreamed of by visionaries across the state. Participants will learn about the team's efforts to be more transparent and collaborative with all partners, including peer funders who may be grappling with similar limitations and funding similar work.

Presented by Katie Kaufmann, Marcel Scaife, & Victoria "Tori" Umstadd Cope, Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH)

How Changing Philanthropic Trends Affect Community Based Organizations | Conference Room 9

 this session repeats in Round II

A panel of dynamic social sector leaders will discuss their experience as grantseekers in the current philanthropic climate. They will shed light on some of the experiences of funded partners as funders seek to shift their practices.

Check program insert for today's facilitator and specific social sector leaders on the panel.



Round II Breakout Details

Trends in Philanthropy Practice: Justice Philanthropy – Shifting to More Equitable Philanthropy Practices | Conference Room 10

Join Forward Through Ferguson, including new Executive Director, to understand the current challenges of traditional philanthropy at building community trust and meeting the needs of BIPOC-led organizations and initiatives. Learn about resources to make the shift to justice philanthropy.

Presented by Annissa McCaskill, Nichole Murphy, and Sara Paracha, Forward Through Ferguson

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The Power of Stories and Storytelling to Connect | Conference Room 10

Do you love a good story? Have you ever wondered why? Do you prefer reading, listening to, or watching a story? How do you tell the story of your foundation's establishment? Similarly, how do the organizations you support convey their story? How do stories connect us -- as professionals and as people? In this discussion-based session, we will explore the intersection of the science and art of storytelling in the nonprofit sector and how our individual stories and perspectives contribute to this narrative lexicon.

Discussion facilitated by Gwen Wurst, J.R. Albert Foundation

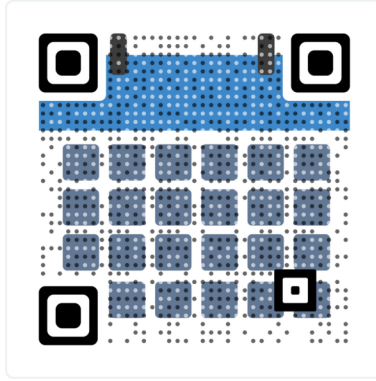


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**Tuesday, May 7, 2024 –
Wednesday, May 8, 2024**



