Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Selects New Program Officer for Arts and Culture (Transitions)

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Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Deborah Cullen-Morales has joined the $6.5 billion grant maker as program officer for arts and cultural heritage.

Most recently, she was a research scholar at the Chicano Studies Research Center at the University of California at Los Angeles, and she is also the former executive director of the Bronx Museum of the Arts.

Field Museum

Julian Siggers will join the Chicago museum in September as its new president and CEO. He is an archaeologist and director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

Siggers will succeed Richard Lariviere, who has led the museum since 2012 and will retire in August.

San Francisco General Hospital Foundation

Kim Meredith, executive director at the Stanford Center of Philanthropy and Civil Society, will next serve as CEO of this organization, which raises money for the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, effective this summer.

Woodlawn Conservancy

Meg Ventrudo is now executive director of this group that maintains a collection of monuments and gardens in the 400-acre site of the Woodlawn Cemetery in New York. Most recently she was executive director of the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art.

Other Notable Appointments

James Digan has been named enterprise chief development officer at Nemours Children's Health System, starting in July. Currently he is president of Baylor Medical Foundation and senior vice president of institutional advancement at Baylor College of Medicine.

Michele Ewing, associate dean of development and external relations at the Johns Hopkins University School of Education, has been named vice president for advancement at Goucher College.

Pahoua Yang Hoffman, executive director of Citizens League, will become senior vice president of community impact at the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation next month.

Ben Kolin, director of engineering and money at Uber, has been named chief technology officer at Crisis Text Line.

Kelly Lewis, who most recently led her own consulting firm in Anchorage, is now chief operating officer at the Mat-Su Health Foundation.

Shenell McClurkin Thompson, founder and CEO of Brick by Brick Consulting NC, will join the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust as senior program officer for local impact in Forsyth County in North Carolina.

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