

Regina Alhassan, ResearchPRO



Founder of ResearchPRO, Regina Alhassan is Central Ohio's leading prospect development partner. With total dollars identified exceeding \$1 billion, she has specialized in major gift campaigns and relationship strategy for a spectrum of organizations including The Ohio State University, Ohio History Connection, I Am Boundless, Columbus Academy and Heal Her Foundation. Her 20 years of prospect research and management includes software development, end user training, leadership consulting, knowledge management, moves management, systems management and development operations.

Regina serves on the Women's Impact Initiative for the global Association of Fundraising Professionals and chairs the Central Ohio chapter's committee for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access. Previous industry leadership includes Board President of Ohio Prospect Research Network and Chapter Leader for Apra International. A self-proclaimed data geek, Regina is also an artist, writer, philanthropist and TED Speaker who invites you to share your prospect development story at theresearchpro.com.

Bethany Maki, Progressive Multiplier Fund



Bethany Maki is the Director of Programs at Progressive Multiplier Fund. She is a skilled nonprofit strategist with a passion for working at intersections – where fundraising and marketing meet, where consumer experience affects philanthropic behavior, where technology enables strategy, and where brand understanding incites activation. She has a 19-year track-record of developing integrated fundraising plans, creating new revenue opportunities and delivering optimal constituent experiences for some of the nation’s most respected charities. Before joining PMF, Bethany spent the first half of her career as a fundraiser at local, chapter and national nonprofits and the second half agency-side as a fundraising and marketing strategy consultant.

Veronica Garcia, Wealth Reclamation Academy of Practitioners



Veronica Garcia was born in Los Angeles and raised on the U.S./Mexico border in El Paso, Texas. She has over 20 years of experience working with social justice nonprofit organizations and community groups on issues including health care disparities, anti-violence initiatives, LGBTQ equity, anti-racism, reproductive justice, food security, economic justice, and migrant rights. Veronica is deeply committed to using the power of fundraising as a movement building strategy. She learned and internalized this powerful value as a graduate of the Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training's (GIFT) Internship Program more than 10 years ago. In the years since, Veronica has supported hundreds of community initiatives and social justice groups in building their grassroots fundraising capacity. Veronica also founded the Paso del Norte OUT Fund, a grant making initiative of El Paso's LGBTQIA community (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people, and our allies) and the Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee, a group committed to ending unjust and inhumane migrant detention across the southwest U.S. border region. Veronica more recently launched the Wealth Reclamation Academy of Practitioners (WRAP), in partnership with a national network of social justice grassroots fundraisers, to recontextualize how social justice organizers think about and practice movement resourcing in the U.S. In addition to extensive real-world experience in the nonprofit sector, Veronica has a B.A. in Sociology and a Master of Nonprofit Management graduate degree.

Jeanné Lewis, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy



Jeanné is dedicated to building bridges between groups to find new ways to build just and empowered communities. Originally from the suburbs of Washington, D.C., she has lived and worked in four states and the District of Columbia to challenge systemic inequities.

As Vice President and Chief Engagement Officer at the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), Jeanné leads the team that designs and implements strategies for engaging progressive social justice nonprofit organizations and more than 80 foundation supporters. This includes signature initiatives such as the NCRP Impact Awards and Philanthropy's Promise. Her efforts result in a deeply engaged philanthropic sector more open to learning from social justice movement leaders.

Her earlier positions have drawn on her expertise in building unlikely alliances which generate new initiatives to promote justice and support marginalized groups. Before joining NCRP she was the Director of US Programs at Search for Common Ground; one of her major initiatives advanced bipartisan conversations among members of the U.S. Congress and other government leaders about the impact of racism on policy. Prior to that, Jeanné worked to build a network of support organizations for military families impacted by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. She also led a restorative justice program for New Hanover County Public Schools in North Carolina, and worked as a faith-based community organizer in Ohio and Florida. Her broad-based experience includes designing discussions and workshops to advance constructive interaction and social

justice for international audiences. Jeanné has delivered these forums to elected officials, ambassadors, clergy, executives and other leaders.

Jeanné serves in several volunteer roles, including the Board of Directors of Faith in Public Life and the Parish Pastoral Council of St. Augustine Catholic Parish in Washington, D.C., where she resides. She was an inaugural member of the Leadership Council of Within our Lifetime, a national movement to end racism seeded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. She also serves on the advisory council for Talent Philanthropy. In her free time, she sings with SongRise, D.C.'s all-women social justice singing group. She received her undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis and her M.A. in Conflict Resolution from Antioch University Midwest.