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Equity and Inclusion in Times of Change



Keynote Speaker: Glenn Harris

Glenn Harris has been working on issues of race and social justice for over twenty years. He has worked with community groups, foundations, and government agencies dedicated to building a more democratic, and racially equitable society. He is currently the President of the Center for Social Inclusion, a national strategy organization that works to catalyze communities, government, and other institutions to dismantle structural racial inequity and create equitable outcomes for all. CSI develops policy strategies, develops leaders on the ground, and researches how to normalize and reframe conversation on race to promote a more inclusive democracy.

Previously, Glenn worked as the Manager of the City of Seattle Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI). The mission of the Race and Social Justice Initiative is to end institutionalized racism in City government and promote multiculturalism and full participation by all residents. Glenn has supported the start of similar initiatives in jurisdictions across the country, and helped to found the regional Governing for Racial Equity Network.

Glenn's work in the City of Seattle also included the establishment of the Seattle Office of the Community Police Commission and five years as the Southeast District Coordinator for the Department of Neighborhoods.



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Glenn came to City government after five years with Western States Center, an intermediary that provides technical assistance and training to organizations working to achieve social change in an eight-state region. Glenn was also the Interim-Director at the MRG Foundation in Portland Oregon, and currently is a board member of the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity, and Willamette Valley Law Project, an Oregon based non-profit supporting farmworker rights.

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