



# Maximizing Impact: The Critical Role of Philanthropy in High-Impact Tutoring

A CGLR Funder-to-Funder Conversation

November 19, 2024 | 12:30–2 pm ET/9:30–11 am PT

*Panelist Bios*

## MODERATOR



**Alissa Hobart**

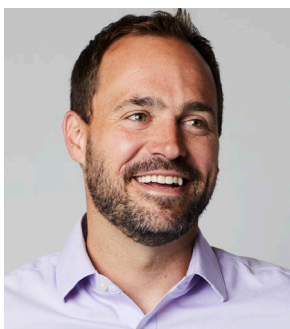
**Director, Mississippi Campaign for Grade-Level Reading  
Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction, University of Mississippi**

**LinkedIn:** [Alissa Hobart](#) | [University of Mississippi](#) |

**Twitter/X:** [University of Mississippi](#)

Alissa Hobart is the Director of the Mississippi Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. Prior to this role, Alissa was an elementary school teacher and served as a literacy coach with the Mississippi Department of Education. Alissa is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and began her teaching career as a Teach of AmericaCorps Member in Mississippi. She completed her master's degree in Elementary Education from Delta State University. She has presented professional development for schools, districts, and at the Mississippi Literacy Association Conference. Alissa also serves on the Region 7 Comprehensive Center Advisory Board. Outside of work, Alissa finds joy in reading, baking and spending time with her husband and their two rescue dogs.

## PANELISTS



**Chris Helfrich**

**Chief Executive Officer  
Eat.Learn.Play. Foundation**

**LinkedIn:** [Chris Helfrich](#) | [Eat.Learn.Play. Foundation](#) |

**Twitter/X:** [Chris Helfrich](#) | [Eat.Learn.Play. Foundation](#) |

**Facebook:** [Eat.Learn.Play. Foundation](#)

Chris Helfrich is a social entrepreneur and nonprofit leader committed to finding innovative solutions to community-based issues and problems. Currently, Chris is President and CEO of Stephen and Ayesha Curry's Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation (ELP), which he helped launch in July 2019. With a mission to unleash the potential of every child, Eat. Learn. Play. is committed to improving the lives of kids and families in Oakland, the Bay Area and across the country. The organization supports children by fighting to end childhood hunger, ensuring students have access to a quality education and providing safe places for children to play and be active.



**Peter Lavorini**

**Portfolio Manager, Innovative Schools  
Overdeck Family Foundation**

**LinkedIn:** [Peter Lavorini](#) | [Overdeck Family Foundation](#)

Pete Lavorini leads the Innovative Schools portfolio, which aims to expand access to tech-enabled, student-centered K-9 learning environments. As a former 6th grade teacher, Pete believes that every child deserves an education that both empowers and connects. He has experience leading district-level initiatives for both the New York City Department of Education and Pittsburgh Public Schools and helping social impact organizations set and operationalize strategy at The Bridgespan Group. Most recently at OneGoal, a national college access and success nonprofit, he supported strategies to scale impact for the organization.



**Mioshi Moses**

**Vice President, Volunteer Programs  
AARP Foundation**

**LinkedIn:** [Mioshi Moses](#) | [AARP Foundation](#) |

**Twitter:** [AARP Foundation](#) | **Facebook:** [AARP Foundation](#)

Prior to joining AARP Foundation, Mioshi Moses served as the Executive Director of Genesys Works National Capital Region, a national workforce development social enterprise that provides life-changing work opportunities to high school students in underserved communities. Mioshi led the vision and strategy for the organization's growth in the region and promoted innovation in the program. An accomplished professional in corporate and nonprofit sectors, Mioshi's background spans leadership and consulting positions at the Children's National Health System, Leadership Greater Washington, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Ernst & Young. She has extensive experience in organizational growth, strategic planning and implementation, and partnership development. Mioshi is also a trained attorney with a specialty in tax law.

Mioshi earned her Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University, and her bachelor's degree in economics from Spellman College.



**Narric Rome**

**Managing Director of Federal & State Policy  
Accelerate**

**LinkedIn:** [Narric Rome](#) | [Accelerate](#) | **Twitter:** [Accelerate](#)

Narric Rome serves as Managing Director of Federal & State Policy at Accelerate. In this role he works to advance Accelerate's federal and state policy agenda and build effective partnerships with education stakeholders.

Most recently, Narric was the Vice President of Government Affairs at Americans for the Arts where he led education policy initiatives for the creative sector focused on strengthening equity in public school and out-of-school settings. Previously, Narric served as a legislative aide to Secretary Richard Riley at the U.S. Department of Education where he received the Peer Recognition Award. Over the course of two decades, Narric has led advocacy efforts impacting the No Child Left Behind Act, the Every Student Succeeds Act, and recent pandemic-era assistance programs. In 2019, Narric and his team were recognized by the Public Affairs Council with their Lobbying Strategy Innovation award.

Earlier in his career, Narric was on the policy and research staff of Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign, worked on Capitol Hill, at the Podesta Group, and on several state and national political campaigns. He is the immediate past-president of the Vermont State Society.

Narric holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Vermont and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from Columbia University.