



## Global and National and Still Local: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Washington State

A CGLR Funder to Funder Conversation

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*Moderator & Presenter Bios*

### PRESENTERS



**David Bley**  
**Director, Pacific Northwest**  
**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

David Bley, Director of the Pacific Northwest Team in the United States Program, oversees strategies focused on expanding educational opportunities, ensuring safe and stable housing and preventing family homelessness, and supporting vibrant communities in Washington State and high-quality early learning in several states.

Prior to joining the Gates Foundation in 2007, Bley benefited from diverse experience in the private, nonprofit and public sectors working to address poverty, economic opportunity, neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing. Past employers include the national nonprofit Enterprise Community Partners, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, Fannie Mae, former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, the US Congress, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Bley earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning from the University of Washington and a master's degree in public administration from Seattle University. He currently serves on the boards of Philanthropy Northwest, PACE-Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement, the state-wide leadership committee for the Washington Families Fund, The Seattle Foundation, the King County Committee to End Homelessness, the sponsors group of the King County regional Road Map education campaign coordinated by the Community Center for Education Results, and the advisory committee to Seattle University's Youth Initiative. Bley formerly served on the boards of United Way of King County and the Seattle Housing Authority.



**Sally Gillis**  
**Managing Director, Strategic Impact & Partnerships**  
**Seattle Foundation**

Sally serves as the Managing Director of Strategic Impact and Partnerships at Seattle Foundation where she oversees the foundation's key partnerships and grant programs that advance our theory of change and focus on greater racial equity and economic opportunity. In this role she has served as chair of various funder collaboratives and partnerships relative to education, climate justice and asset building including co-chairing the Aligned Funders of the Road Map Project. Previously, Sally served as the Director of Collective Action at Social Venture Partners Seattle (SVP), where she guided the organization's collective impact and funder collaborative work including their support of the Road Map Project.



**Lynda Petersen**  
**Chief Operating Officer**  
**Community Center for Education Results**

Lynda manages the many operations of Community Center for Education Results (CCER) and feels lucky to support such a strong backbone team. She has played many different roles since joining CCER in 2010 when she helped plan the Road Map Project kick-off conference. Before joining CCER, she worked for the City of Seattle as a budget analyst and a policy aide in the mayor's office. She earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington Evans School. And she first got to know the Road Map Project region many years ago as an AmeriCorps volunteer teaching Red Cross disaster preparedness classes in South King County schools.

## MODERATOR



**Katherina 'Kat' M. Rosqueta**  
**Founding Executive Director**  
**Center for High Impact Philanthropy**

Katherina "Kat" M. Rosqueta is the founding executive director of the Center for High Impact Philanthropy. Founded as a collaboration between the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy & Practice and alumni of the Wharton School, the Center for High Impact Philanthropy is the premier source of knowledge and education to help donors around the world do more good.

She has held numerous civic leadership positions, currently serving as vice-chair of the board of Candid (recent merger of Foundation Center and Guidestar), the world's largest source of information on nonprofits and foundations. In addition, she serves on the national board of Greenlight Fund, a venture philanthropy fund dedicated to addressing urgent social needs cities around the United States, and co-chairs Greenlight Fund Philadelphia.

Kat received her B.A. from Yale University and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She was the 2012 recipient of the Wharton Women in Business Kathleen McDonald Distinguished Alumna Award and a 2011 recipient of the Brava! Women Business Achievement Award.