



Erika Wright, Vice President, *Grants*

Erika Wright brings more than 20 years of experience working across the nonprofit, public, and private sectors, along with a passion for people and community, to the role of vice president of grants. She joins BCM after more than eight years with the JPMorgan Chase Foundation, where she held various roles. Wright spent her first six years at JPMorgan Chase as a program officer with the foundation, managing a \$30 million portfolio of philanthropic investments across Louisiana, Tennessee, and Missouri. In this role, she worked alongside economic development, nonprofit, educational, and research partners dedicated to increasing economic opportunity through workforce, small business, community development, and financial capability initiatives.

Over the last two years, Wright was instrumental in launching the firm's Learning and Insights function, designed to elevate best and promising practices to advance economic inclusion in vulnerable communities globally.

Wright received her undergraduate degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore and served as an English teacher in the U.S. Peace Corps before completing her master's in social work at Washington University in St. Louis, where she specialized in systems change and collective impact. She currently serves on the board of the Louisiana Children's Museum and is a former board member of the Jane Place Neighborhood Sustainability Initiative and Abeona House early childhood education center.

We are excited to officially welcome Erika to the BCM team on Nov. 4.

Lacey Cunningham, Program Officer, *Grants*

Lacey Cunningham comes to BCM from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH), where she served as program manager. In this role, she worked closely with organizations to implement the LEH's 30-year family literacy programs, Prime Time Family Reading and Prime Time Preschool. Cunningham trained educators to implement family-focused, humanities-based literacy programming rooted in the Socratic method and collective learning strategies.

Cunningham brings 15 years of experience in program development, grants management, workshop facilitation, and project management. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in nonprofit management from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina, and a Master of Arts in education from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont. She was recently certified as an education specialist from Louisiana State University (LSU) and is a doctoral candidate in curriculum and instruction at LSU.

We are excited to officially welcome Lacey to the BCM team on Oct. 16.