



Janine Lee

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Janine Lee is a veteran strategist and grantmaker in philanthropy, with more than 25 years of rich and diverse leadership with nonprofits and foundations.

Janine is the President and CEO of the Southeastern Council of Foundations (SECF), the nation's largest regional associations of grantmakers, serving more than 330 foundations and corporate giving programs – representing more than \$50 billion in assets – active in the South. SECF works in partnership with members in 11 Southeastern states to serve, strengthen, promote and champion the South's philanthropic voice and infrastructure through engaging programming, leadership development, public policy engagement, access to unique resources and invaluable connections. By encouraging insightful philanthropic collaboration, SECF creates opportunities to increase the region's grantmaking impact and empower transformational community change.

During her career in philanthropy, Janine has served in leadership roles at the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, where she worked as vice president of education programs, and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, where she was vice president of community building and philanthropy.

Janine serves on the Board of Trustees with the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, the Board of Trustees of the National Center for Family Philanthropy, the Steering Committee of the Georgia Grantmakers Alliance (GGA), the Advisory Committee for the Foundation Center in Atlanta, and the Mayor's Advisory Board on Homelessness. She is a co-founder and former chair of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO). She has presented at various conferences, including those held by Independent Sector and the Council on Foundations. In 2015, she was named one of America's Top 20 Women in Philanthropy and Civic Engagement by Michael Chatman, one of America's leading advocates for philanthropy on social media. In 2017, she was named an Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Aspen Fellow.

Janine holds a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation services education, a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling, a master's degree in business administration, and is a co-author of, "Funding Effectiveness: Lessons in Building Nonprofit Capacity." (Jossey-Bass, 2005).