

Speaker Spotlight



ALLISON CLARK

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Allison has over 30 years of experience working in affordable housing and economic development. She joined the Foundation in 2006 to oversee investments made through the \$150 million Window of Opportunity affordable rental housing preservation initiative. As a member of the Impact Investing team, she helps to source, underwrite and manage Program-related Investments that are part of the Foundation's \$500 million portfolio. In addition, she also serves as a core member of the Chicago Commitment team, where she leads impact investing efforts to advance both the Vital Communities and Culture, Equity, and the Arts programs. She is also co-leading the Foundation's Just Home Project, a demonstration project that supports innovation in new housing models to help disrupt the cycle of housing instability and jail involvement.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Allison worked at Fannie Mae, where she underwrote and closed more than \$150 million in debt and equity transactions related to affordable housing developments. She also spent eight years as a commercial real estate lender. Prior to her move to Chicago, she participated in the Urban Fellows Program where she worked for the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

Allison has served on a variety of public advisory committees, including those for the City of Chicago's Micro Market Recovery Program and City's most recent Five-Year Housing Plan. She also serves on the board of directors of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago and the Chicago Foundation for Women, where she serves on the Executive and Governance Committees. She is also a member of CFW's Anti-Racism Transformation Team.

Allison graduated from Harvard-Radcliffe College with a bachelor's degree in Government and earned a Master of Management degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.