

# **Rachel Parker**

**Associate Professor of Arts Administration at Southern Utah University**

Cedar City, UT, US

Specializing in arts administration, grant writing, and leadership

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## **Biography**

Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Rachel has a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre & Media Arts (with an emphasis in Stage Management) from Brigham Young University, and both a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Arts Administration and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Southern Utah University. Rachel was the Director of Arts Administration at Southern Utah University for a decade, where she steered the program into unprecedented growth and success. She now spends her time where her heart is: in the classroom, helping students become advocates for the arts.

Rachel has worked in numerous arts administrative roles at various types of arts organizations, including the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival (Cedar City, UT), the Tony Award-winning National Theatre of the Deaf (Hartford, CT), Inter-Borough Repertory Theatre Ensemble (New York City, NY), Utah Symphony & Utah Opera (Salt Lake City, UT), The Sundance Film Institute (Salt Lake City, UT), Handcart Theatre (New York City, NY), the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery (Cedar City, UT), and the Nevada Arts Council (Carson City, NV). When not teaching at SUU, Rachel works as a consultant for non-profit arts organizations, and serves on various committees and councils at the department, college, and university level. She has served on the Board of the Southern Utah Museum of Art locally, and nationally as both the Arts Leadership Chair and the Vice Chair of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region VIII, and on various committees of the Board of the Association of Arts Administration Educators.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Music, Museums and Institutions

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Arts Administration, Leadership, Leadership in the Arts, Grant Writing, Marketing the Arts, Legal Issues in the Arts, Community Engagement, Experiential Learning, Theatre, Stage Management, Art Advocacy in Rural Communities, Arts Education Rural Communities

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## **Affiliations**

Americans for the Arts , Association of Arts Administration Educators, Association of Fundraising Professionals , STATERAarts, Utah Division of Arts and Museums Change Leader Program, Utah Museums Association , The Cedar City Arts Council

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## **Event Appearances**

**Navigating Resistance to Change in Arts Administration: Integrating the Grief Process for Resilient Leadership**  
Festival of Excellence

**Navigating Resistance to Change in Arts Administration: Integrating the Grief Process for Resilient Leadership**  
Women's Perspectives in Arts Administration Annual Inaugural Symposium

**Mastering the Master Shell: Revolutionizing Course Prep Through Streamlined Canvas Management**  
The Center for Teaching and Innovation's Fall Learning & Development Conference

**Beyond the Acronym: Accessibility through Values-Based Instruction**  
The Association of Arts Administration Educators Conference

**A Compliment to the Core: Using Co-Curricular Experiences to Fill Educational Gaps**  
The Association of Arts Administration Educators Conference

**The Politics of Play: Using Simulations and Role Playing to Build Cultural Competencies and Emotional Intelligence**  
The Association of Arts Administration Educators Annual Conference With Dr. Amanda Nelson, Virginia Tech, & Dr. Ursula Kuhar

**Leading Change: Executive Leadership Transitions through Cognitive Restructuring**  
The Seattle Arts Leadership Conference

**Leading Change: Executive Leadership Transitions through Cognitive Restructuring**  
The Association of Arts Administration Educators Annual Conference

**Locally Sourced: Grant Writing Out of the Box**  
The Utah Museums Association Annual Conference

**Academic Impact: Experiential Learning in the Southern Utah Museum of Art**  
The Association of Arts Administration Educators Annual Conference

**The Cumulative Apologia: Curriculum Integration and Program Evaluation**  
The Association of Arts Administration Educators Annual Conference

**The SUMA Education Program: Building the Future from the Ground Up**  
The Utah Museums Association Annual Conference

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## **Education**

**Southern Utah University**  
M.F.A. Arts Administration

**Southern Utah University**  
M.B.A.

**Brigham Young University**  
B.A. Theater and Media Arts

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## **Accomplishments**

**The Association of Arts Administration Educators**  
Conference Committee and Membership Committee

**Southern Utah Museum of Art Advisory Board**  
Ex Officio Member

**The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival**  
Utah Respondent for Region 8

**The Utah Division of Arts and Museums**  
Granting Panel Member

**Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival**  
Past Vice Chair and Past Arts Leadership Chair

**The Utah Museums Association Board**  
Past Member

**The Cedar City Arts Council**  
Past Executive Committee Board Member

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