

## Keira Amstutz, Indiana Humanities

Keira Amstutz took the helm of Indiana Humanities in April 2008 as president and CEO. A lawyer with experience in public policy, economic and cultural development, Keira is passionate about developing creative humanities programming that encourages Hoosiers to think, read, talk and connect.

Prior to joining the organization, Keira served as chief counsel and director of policy for the City of Indianapolis. She led the city's successful Cultural Development Initiative, a public-private collaboration launched to elevate the city's cultural profile. Keira serves, or has served, on a variety of community boards including the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance Foundation, the Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, Visit Indy, Indy Hub, The Federation of State Humanities Councils, Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series Advisory Committee, Indiana University Law and Public Policy Advisory Committee, Indiana University School of Physical Education and Tourism Management, Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage at Indiana State Fair, and Indianapolis Downtown, Inc. She has served on strategic committees for many community organizations and events including the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee, 2015 Men's Final Four, Ivy Tech, Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art.

A Hamilton, Ind., native, Keira graduated from DePauw University with a degree in political science and served as a fellow in the office of former Indiana governor Evan Bayh. She earned a J.D. from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and graduated from the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series. In 2006 the Indianapolis Business Journal named her one of Indianapolis' "40 under 40" and in 2012 she was named a "Woman of Influence." In 2015, she was awarded a Creative Renewal Fellowship by the Arts Council of Indianapolis.

