

# Siobhan Boyd-Nelson



Siobhan Boyd-Nelson (she/her/hers) serves as Interim Co-Executive Director of Equality Ohio. A native of Columbus, she received her BA in legal communication from Howard University in 2002. She returned home to Columbus and earned her JD from Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law in 2005.

Siobhan's service in Columbus' LGBTQ+ community began shortly thereafter and has included leadership positions on the boards of LinkOUT, Scarlet & Gay (the OSU GLBT Alumni Society), and the Legacy Fund of the Columbus Foundation. Siobhan practiced law in the domestic, probate, and appellate fields before entering the nonprofit sector in 2012. At Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Siobhan served as the development and marketing manager before moving to Stonewall Columbus, where she led the community center's \$2.5 million capital campaign.

Siobhan joined Equality Ohio as the Director of Development in 2018, where she also held the roles of Director of External Relations and Deputy Director. Siobhan has served on numerous community boards and is currently serving as board president for Black, OUT & Proud and board member of LOVEBoldly. She is a member of the Columbus Business First 40 Under 40 Class of 2019 and a recipient of the Create Columbus Visionary Award and the Steve Shellabarger Illuminator Award (2022). Siobhan was recently named a 2024 Woman Welding the Way by Women for Economic and Leadership Development - Columbus.

A frequent trainer and panelist, Siobhan has lent her voice to discussions about LGBTQ+ identity, race, and the intersection of identities in forums across the state, including Cincinnati Black Pride, the United Way of Central Ohio, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Ohio Diversity and Leadership Conference.

Siobhan identifies as a Black, queer, lesbian of Christian faith. She shares her life with her spouse Shay (they/them), son Mars (Howard University 2025), two dogs, and a very grumpy cat.