



Meet Elizabeth Francis

Ms. Francis, PhD, was named executive director of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities in January 2013. There, she leads the Council's promotion of the humanities in citizen engagement and economic and cultural development; manages the public-private partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, including communications with Rhode Island's Congressional delegation; works with a 20-member Board of Directors; oversees the Council's grant-making program; and facilitates strategic partnerships. From 2007-2012, she served as director of corporate and foundation relations for Brown University's Office of Biomedical Advancement. Ms. Francis studied women's history and cultural history at Brown, earning her doctorate in American studies in 1994. She completed her bachelor's degree at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. Ms. Francis taught at Brown and the University of Rhode Island for several years, has been a member of the Board of the International Charter School in Pawtucket and chaired the grants committee as a member of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities Board.