

Brian J. Carter

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Brian J. Carter is the Executive Director of 4Culture, King County’s arts and culture organization in Washington State. With a focus on racial equity, 4Culture funds, supports, and advocates for culture to enhance the quality of life in King County.

As the Executive Director, Carter creates and maintains a clear vision for the organization, overseeing the creation and implementation of the programs that advance 4Culture’s work in King County, and serves as the primary liaison to elected officials, community partners, constituents and stakeholders. Carter was born and raised in Yakima, WA, and went on to attend Stanford University, where he graduated with high honors. Brian earned a Master’s Degree in Museology from the University of Washington.

Prior to 4Culture, Carter served as the Director of Interpretation for the Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture (Seattle, WA); as Museum Director at the Oregon Historical Society (Portland, OR); and as a founding staff member of the Northwest African American Museum (Seattle, WA), where he was the Deputy Director/Head Curator. He is the Past President of the Board of AAAM, a member of the American Alliance of Museum’s Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion Task Force, and a member of the Advisory Board of the University of Washington’s Museum Studies Certificate Program.

When he’s not working to promote arts and culture in King County, Carter can be found hiking in the nearby Cascades, or shooting hoops with his kids.