JESSICA TRAYNOR

Working in privacy, philanthropy, and
technology, I build programs from ideas and
help leaders articulate and execute their vision.

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EXPERIENCE

Good Research *Director of Good Impact & Senior Researcher*   2021 - current

This is a wide-ranging role that combines my technical and human behavior expertise to help define, design, and build practical data privacy and security solutions for government and community based organizations; startups; and established companies. Responsibilities include the following.

- Serve as air traffic controller, proxy, and confidant for the founder
- Develop team meeting agendas and run standups
- Conduct background research for and prepare founder for meetings and talks
- Build and lead effective recruiting, hiring, and onboarding processes and professional development programs
- Manage a handful of existing client relations and meet with potential clients

Center for Inclusive Computing *Founding Project Director*   2019 - 2021
- Designed, launched, and implemented a grant making program funded by Melinda Gates
- Oversaw delivering technical assistance to schools, including building a team of experts
- Designed a dashboard for each university and the founding donor
- Managed an Advisory Council, a group of leaders dedicated to promoting women in computing
- Stewarded the relationship with the founding donor and cultivated new relationships over time

Siegel Family Endowment *Founding Executive Director & President*   2014 - 2019
- Designed and led the implementation of the foundation's mission, strategy, and approach
- Created opportunities and shaped ideas for the Board of Directors
- Built and nurtured a team of 20+
- Led the incubation of two new nonprofits and the acquisition of an existing nonprofit

Facebook *Academic Relations Manager*   2012 - 2014
- Established relationships with faculty and the broader computer science research community
- Developed programs and processes for hosting sabbaticals, collaborating with faculty and postdocs, participating in academic conferences, and joining university labs
- Created and oversaw a grant program to support faculty, students, and university programs

Cornell University
Computing & Information Science, Director of Development   2010 - 2012
- Raised $15 million in five months for the construction of Bill & Melinda Gates Hall
- Helped craft proposal for the NYC applied sciences competition; regularly met with tech leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors for their support
- Managed an advisory board of prominent Silicon Valley leaders

College of Engineering, Associate Director Alumni Affairs & Development   2006 - 2010
- Managed a portfolio of 150 donors
- Oversaw operations, including hiring and training front line fundraisers and administrative staff
- Advised student project teams and organizations on fundraising and alumni engagement

Office of Alumni Affairs & Development, Individual Giving Associate   2004 - 2006
- Assisted Major Gifts Officers in managing 300 alumni and friends
- Developed briefings and other materials used by executive staff and key alumni volunteers

[Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School of Ithaca](#) *Upper Level Teacher*   2000 - 2004

Cornell University
Campus Information and Visitor Relations, Assistant Director, Acting Director   1998 - 2000
Office of Alumni Affairs & Development, Research Associate   1996 - 1998

Nonprofit Consultant
[MIT Press](#)   2022, 2025
Help plan and launch the 60th Anniversary Campaign including developing language for fundraising, advising on prospective donors, and preparing campaign related materials.

[Dataedx](#)   2021 - 2022
Oversee and develop communications to highlight the unevenness of data science education with the goal of democratizing data skills attainment across race, gender, socioeconomic status, and residential location.

[Sayara International](#)   2021
Create a near-term plan to build an independent, nonprofit organization housed at Sayara International. This includes developing a concise and compelling pitch for private funders; outlining concrete next steps and longer term plans; and advising on other capacity building as needed.

[DAY ONE Early Learning Community](#)   2020 - 2022
Collaborate with the founders to develop and implement a long-term business plan and national growth strategy.

EDUCATION

Loyola University Maryland, M.Ed. Education   2000
Association Montessori Internationale, Elementary Diploma   2000
Cornell University, B.S. Communication   1996

ADDITIONAL ROLES

[Data Curious](#) Contributor   2021 - current
[CSforALL](#) Board of Directors, Executive Committee   2017 - 2019
[MIT Media Lab Learning Initiative](#) Advisor   2015 - 2019