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John M. Erb, President



A graduate of the University of Denver, John serves on the boards of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Council of Michigan Foundations, Detroit Zoological Society, Cranbrook Educational Community and Stratford Shakespearean Festival. He serves on the Board of Governors for the Cranbrook Institute of Science and the Advisory Board for Common Ground. At the University of Michigan, he serves on the Strategic Advisory Council for the Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise, the Advisory Board for the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, and the President's Advisory Group. He is a past board member of Detroit Public Television and Bank of Birmingham. You may reach John at jerb@erbff.org or 248-498-2507.

Jodee Fishman Raines, Vice President of Programs



Jodee has been the Vice President of Programs at the Erb Family Foundation since its creation in 2008. Previously, Jodee was the Executive Director of The Jewish Fund and a Program Officer at The Skillman Foundation. A graduate of the Wayne State University Law School, she practiced nonprofit and corporate law in Detroit at Bodman LLP. Recognized in 2007 by Crain's Detroit Business as one of metro Detroit's Most Influential Women, Jodee serves as Secretary of the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue and Vice President of the Palmer Woods Association, and co-chairs the Great Lakes Funders Collaborative and Stormwater Funders Network. You may reach Jodee at jraines@erbff.org or 248-498-2501.

Cris Doby, Program Officer



Prior to joining Erb in September 2015, Doby served as a program officer with the C. S. Mott Foundation where she supported grantmaking in community engagement and urban revitalization. Previous to Mott, Doby served as a Community Builder Fellow with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, working to expand access to decent and affordable housing. Earlier in her career, she worked with several Catholic dioceses on issues including international relief and development, reducing hunger, and education. She holds a Master of Arts degree from Loyola University of New Orleans and a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Detroit-Mercy. Cris is the primary contact for the Foundation's Environmental Health, Justice and Equitable Development and Alzheimer's Research grants, as well as youth programming (including Jazz Education) and capacity building efforts. You may reach Cris at cdoby@erbff.org or 248-498-2504.

Melissa Damaschke, Program Officer

Prior to joining Erb in September 2015, Damaschke was the director of the Sierra Club's Great Lakes program, where she coordinated grassroots efforts to protect Great Lakes ecosystems and supported widespread use of blue-green infrastructure in Detroit and Milwaukee. In that role she also served as a Trustee of the Fund For Lake Michigan, as Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the City Of Detroit's Green Task Force Blue/Green Infrastructure Subcommittee, as a Vision Keeper for the Great Lakes Bioneers, and on the Governance Board for the Healing Our Waters Great Lakes Coalition. She also is a volunteer board member of the Friends of The Detroit River. Damaschke holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from Northland College. Melissa is the primary contact for the Foundation's Great Lakes grants program, sharing that and the Foundation's Green Infrastructure grants with Jodee. You may reach Melissa at mdamaschke@erbff.org or 248-498-2505.

Yolanda Gandy, Grants Manager

Before joining Erb, Gandy spent 15 years at Ford Motor Company as an IT Systems/Business Analyst and Project Manager, as well as several shorter-term IT related assignments and positions. She received her Bachelor's degree in Computer Science & Management Information Systems at Wayne State University. Please contact Yolanda if you have questions on how to submit your grant materials through our Internet based Grant Application Module, on the status of your grant with the Foundation, or on issues related to the management of the Foundation's offices and equipment. You may reach Yolanda at ygandy@erbff.org or 248-498-2503.