



# Where Are They Now?

## PAST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FELLOWS

### **Kimberly J. Arriola, PhD, MPH**

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2016 Leadership Institute Fellow

*New Roles: Dean of the Laney Graduate School, and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs-Graduate Studies, at Emory University*

“Thanks to the dedicated time from Institute mentors Drs. Lisa Klesges and Sara Knight, I acquired specific leadership skills including optimally utilizing a mentor, developing courage to take on leadership roles in my institution, confidence in my voice, negotiating skills, and time management and prioritizing goals.”

### **Sara C. Folta, PhD**

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2018 Leadership Institute Fellow

*New Roles: Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, and Associate Professor, at Tufts University*

“The Leadership Institute gave me the confidence and skills to be able to take on this new leadership role.”

### **Joseph A. Greer, PhD**

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2016 Leadership Institute Fellow

*New Roles: Associate Professor of Psychology at Harvard Medical School, Co-Director of the Cancer Outcomes Research & Education Program at Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, and President of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society*

“The Leadership Institute connected me with a wonderful professional coach who provided invaluable insights for managing teams, mentoring, and growing a program of research. The 1:1 sessions with the professional coach were the best aspects of the program. I am immensely grateful for her expertise and advice.”

### **Sarah S. Jaser, PhD**

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2017 Leadership Institute Fellow

*New Role: Director of the Division of Pediatric Psychology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center*

“This is a new division in the Department of Pediatrics, and the Leadership Institute provided me with the tools needed for strategic planning.”

### **Marc T. Kiviniemi, PhD**

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2016 Leadership Institute Fellow

*New Role: Chair of the Department of Health, Behavior, and Society, in the University of Kentucky College of Public Health*

“Both the skills I gained during the Institute and, more importantly, the network of mentors and colleagues I developed through the Institute have been invaluable to me. My mentors provided guidance as I was applying for leadership positions, the team of colleagues I developed at the Institute has provided advice and support, and I regularly use the skills I learned.”





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### ***Dorothy Pekmezi, PhD***

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2018 Leadership Institute Fellow  
*New Role: Full Professor at the University of Alabama, at Birmingham*

“The Leadership Institute presented a wonderful opportunity for thoughtful, deliberate development of necessary leadership skills and provided me with tools for navigating the challenges. I am deeply appreciative to SBM for this training opportunity.”

### ***Amanda Staiano, PhD***

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2019 Leadership Institute Fellow  
*New Role: Associate Professor at Pennington Biomedical Research Center*

“The Leadership Institute sharpened my management and leadership skills, allowing me to recognize my own role and strengths on large multi-site teams, how to better empower and lead my team members, and how to form more effective collaborations with external faculty members/research labs. I learned to be more strategic with my time and partnerships, learning when to let things go. “

### ***Katherine Y. Tossas-Milligan, PhD***

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2019 Leadership Institute Fellow  
*New Role: Assistant Professor (tenure track) at Virginia Commonwealth University*

“The Leadership Institute was instrumental to help solidify my academic pursuits and be better prepared for the expectations of an academic position. Despite starting the position amidst a pandemic, I have been able to develop meaningful relationships, grow my research portfolio, and position myself for future tenure and promotion.”

### ***Elizabeth Unni, PhD***

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2019 Leadership Institute Fellow  
*New Role: Chair of the Department of Social, Behavioral, and Administrative Sciences, at Touro College of Pharmacy*

“The Institute helped me in making me feel comfortable and confident in this position. One of the main lessons I learned from the Institute was having one goal for the day and getting it completed in spite of all the meetings and emails. Most of the days, I am able to do that. The training helped me in not feeling overwhelmed and to seek help when needed.”

### ***Karriem S. Watson, DHSc, MS, MPH***

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2017 Leadership Institute Fellow  
*New Role: Chief Engagement Officer of the National Institutes of Health All of Us Research Program*

“The Leadership Institute executive coach that I had was excellent and identified some key factors that informed my ability to advance and have a professional pivot. I also met some key colleagues through the Institute that expanded my leadership support circle.”

