

STATE POLICY SYMPOSIUM

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WASHINGTON D.C.

2016 SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS

12:00 pm

Lunchtime Reflection - Translating Insights into Action

The morning plenaries will have provided a lot of food for thought. Join your tablemates in a lunchtime discussion about how to translate these insights into action. Crayola will help us kick start the conversation by providing us with an artistic medium and reflective questions:

- Consider issues discussed. What has not yet been addressed that could impact arts education progress?
- What's the "elephant in the room"—i.e. what seems invisible but is fundamental and could stall efforts?
- What challenges must arts leaders face and "get on the table"—starting here and now?

SPEAKERS

Kristen Engebretsen

Arts Education Policy Manager
Americans for the Arts



Kristen Engebretsen joined the staff at Americans for the Arts in 2011. As the Arts Education Policy Manager, she is responsible for promoting public policies that advance arts education throughout the country. Her portfolio includes overseeing our strategic plan for arts education, managing the State Policy Pilot Program, developing national partnerships and funding opportunities, developing new programs and initiatives, and crafting new publications on arts education policy. Prior to her arrival in DC, she worked at several arts organizations in Los Angeles, including the LA County Arts Commission and the Music Center: Performing Arts Center of LA County. She has performed with a professional symphony on the string bass, both in the United States and abroad. She has also taught dance at various arts education organizations, and she continues to serve on the Board of Directors for CRE Outreach, a small nonprofit theater company in Los Angeles. She holds a Master of Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education, as well as a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Southern California.



Cheri Sterman
Director of Education
Crayola



Cheri Sterman is an experienced children's advocate who helps educators articulate key messages to policy decision makers. During Cheri's career, she has provided insights to the following organizations: National Governor's Association, US Senate Education Committee, US White House Committee for Children and Youth, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. As a former member of Governor Celeste's Children's Services team, Cheri set state policy and administered public funds. Cheri has presented workshops on how to convey concise education advocacy messages to members of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the National Art Education Association.

