



The Johnson Foundation's Seidelman Selected for PLACES Fellowship

RACINE, Wis. (Dec. 12, 2012) – The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread's Susie Seidelman has been selected for a prestigious PLACES fellowship for 2013. The PLACES program – Professionals Learning About Community, Equity and Smart growth – focuses on helping philanthropic professionals understand disproportionate impacts that sometimes befall vulnerable and distressed communities when decisions are made regarding growth and development.

Seidelman is the Environment Program Associate at the Foundation. She manages all externally-driven environmental conferences, from the participant selection process through the convening of meetings at Wingspread, when co-sponsoring organizations come to develop positive solutions to environmental challenges.

PLACES sends its fellows on site visits to low-income or otherwise marginalized communities and puts them in contact with local change agents who are using innovative, community-appropriate solutions that deliver results in these areas. Fellows use case studies and small group work to discover how philanthropy can be leveraged to create more equitable communities, using both the traditional philanthropic playbook as well as new methods gleaned during their fellowship.

Throughout the course of the year, the program will guide Seidelman in developing:

- An in-depth knowledge of how decisions about growth and development relate to issues of race/ethnicity/class;
- Tools and resources to help increase her effectiveness as a grantmaker;
- Exposure to best practices of grantmakers working in this field;
- Leadership, development and skill-building opportunities; and
- Expanded networking opportunities.

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