

Shannon M Linker

Shannon is currently serving as Interim President. Most recently she held the position of Vice President and Director of Gallery 924 for the Arts Council of Indianapolis. She has been with the council for 16 years. Prior to taking on the interim role, along with curating and managing the council's contemporary gallery space, Shannon continues to serve the local professional artist community by creating programs and services intended to help build their careers. Programs such as the on-line Artist Directory, the weekly Artist Opportunities E-newsletter, the Artist Industry Nights networking events, and the online Artist Resources Directory are key aspects of her role at the council.

In 2004 Shannon led the development of the Arts Council's first Artist Services programming that included a professional development workshop series, e-communications to artists, and round table discussions with artists to discover current needs of professional artists of all disciplines.

In 2007, as the Director of Artist Services, she led the development of the *Be Independent: Buy Indy Art* movement that continues to create visibility for local artists and independent business owners in the city. Shannon also oversaw the council's public art program from 2013 - 2014, which creates and facilitates public art opportunities for the city of Indianapolis as well as private entities.

Shannon has taught Art History at the college level for six years and served on the advisory board for IDADA (Indianapolis Downtown Artists and Dealers Association) for the past seven years as well as team to help finalize and dissolve the organization in 2017. As a part of the arts infusion team at the Council, she served on the Super Bowl Host Committee in 2012 and the Indy 500 100th Running Host Committee in 2016, creating the *Welcome Race Fans* program that continues to commission original artwork for the internationally recognized race each year.

She currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Ivy Tech Community College School of Fine Arts & Design as well as serves as Chairperson for the Public Art for Neighborhoods Selection Committee, a program of the Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis and is a member of Mayor Joe Hogsett's Cultural Investment Advisory Committee. She holds a BFA in Art History from the University of North Texas and a MA in Art History from Texas Woman's University.