

Press Release

The Brooklyn Museum Appoints Allison Avery as Chief People Officer



(Photo courtesy of Allison Avery.)

The Brooklyn Museum is pleased to welcome Allison Avery as its first Chief People Officer. Avery will play a key role in shaping the Museum’s workforce, fostering a culture of creativity, excellence, belonging, and connection, and contributing to the institution’s strategic goals and long-term success. She joined the Brooklyn Museum in July 2024.

“Allison joins our leadership team with a depth of experience in organization and talent development, learning and enablement, and people strategy,” says Anne Pasternak, Shelby White and Leon Levy Director, Brooklyn Museum. “Her incredible passion for empowering leaders to build a better future for our Museum—and to bring others along into that future—is exactly what we need to achieve our ambitious goals for growth.”

Avery will work closely with institutional leadership to build a holistic people strategy encompassing organizational effectiveness and culture, talent attraction, management and development, and HR systems and operations.

About Allison Avery

Allison Avery is an executive leader with over 20 years of experience in designing human-centered systems and driving organizational performance. Her diverse portfolio includes leadership roles in people and culture across various industries, such as health and hospitals (NYU Langone Health), medical education (NYU Medical School), legal services (Skadden Arps, LLP), nonprofits (The Mental Health Association of NYC), and media (Dow Jones/*Wall Street Journal*).

Most recently, Avery was Chief People & Flourishing Officer at SYPartners, a boutique management consulting firm, where she established a People & Flourishing department and led a multiyear redesign of culture, people strategy, and operational processes.

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Avery holds an executive certificate in human resources management from Cornell University and a master's in applied psychology from NYU. Her expertise includes conscious leadership, human flourishing, and growth mindset. She is also a certified Jungian analyst and a faculty member of the Jungian Psychoanalytic Association.