

Sustainable Seattle 2012-2013

We are an energetic group of people who are passionate about making the world a better place. It is a fun and meaningful place to be!

Terri Butler, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Terri brings more than 20 years experience in management, business development, and research and invention to her role as the Executive Director. She is highly motivated to accelerate Seattle's path toward sustainability through education, collaboration, and team empowerment. Previously she was an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the University of Washington where she was co-founder of a start-up company developing advanced material products for energy efficient electronics and advised numerous others. She also provided strategic counsel in her commercialization work with Washington State University's biofuel program, architecture school, and health science programs. She holds 13 U.S. patents, including coating technologies for electrostatic printing which she developed while an engineer at 3M and nutritional applications she worked on at Bioenergy Life Sciences. Terri holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Stanford University, a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science from the University of Minnesota, and a Certificate in Accounting from the University of Washington Foster School of Business. She is also a GRI certified Sustainability

and Corporate Social Responsibility Reporter.

Hannah Kett

Neighborhood Programs Manager



Hannah Kett is the Neighborhood Programs Manager at Sustainable Seattle. She relocated to Seattle after earning a B.A. in History and at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Previously, she served as an Editorial Assistant for Ecosystem Marketplace, a news website focused on environmental markets. In college, Hannah found her love of the work of local community organizations. In her senior year, she worked as Grant Writer for the Easttown Community Association where she focused on a park re-vitality project. Hannah is passionate about social justice, empowering individuals and vital communities—and loves telling the stories of people and organizations that are working for positive change in these areas.

Michelle Ruiz *Communications Manager*



Michelle Ruiz brings strategic and creative approaches to Sustainable Seattle’s communications and marketing. She is in charge of social media, graphic design and workshop planning. Prior to joining Sustainable Seattle, she held roles in editorial, sales, creative agency and non-profit teams, the latest being an event and program coordinator at Seafair. Michelle is a native Seattlite driven by community, culture and cause. She developed a passion for sustainability while on assignment for a local lifestyle magazine in 2009, learning of philanthropic and environmental advocacy efforts in the fashion industry. Through her interests in design and behavior change, she works to inspire positive impacts. Michelle holds a B.A in Communications and a minor in Environmental Studies from the University of Washington.

