



Jon Marker

Senior Program Officer

Jon Marker returned to the Jim Joseph Foundation as a Senior Program Officer in July 2019. He previously was with the Foundation from 2012 – 2015, working closely on teen education and engagement grants. Combining lived experience in political organizing, education, and philanthropy, Jon is deeply interested in how we can change the systems that influence the ways in which we live our lives in order to provide more significant opportunities for youth to access their personal stories, and to become leaders.

Prior to returning to the Foundation, Jon served as CEO of Youth Leadership Institute, working to bring 2,000 youth leaders annually into the decision making processes for their communities. Jon previously was a middle school U.S. History teacher and directed school and district partnerships in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

Jon holds a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from American University in Washington, D.C. a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Boston University, and has received a number of honors and fellowships including the Leadership for Educational Equity Public Leaders Fellowship and the Eddie Tatel Award for Excellence in Teaching from Teach for America.

Since moving to San Rafael, CA with his family in 2012, Jon has served on the boards of Marin Promise, Marin Kids, Funding the Next Generation, and Congregation Rodef Sholom. Jon is father to Caroline and Cole, seven year old puppy, Kit, and partner to Jess. Together, they work on their garden, hike, camp, kayak, garden, and build community.