



Jessamyn Waldman Rodriguez

Managing Director, Research and Development

Jessamyn Waldman Rodriguez joined the Jim Joseph Foundation in 2022 as the Managing Director of Research and Development. In that role she is responsible for building a philanthropic strategy that uncovers and accelerates compelling approaches for engagement, education, and everyday meaning in an increasingly diverse and divergent Jewish community. She is working to design operational modes, meet visionary leaders, and create the infrastructure for growth.

Before joining the Foundation she served as the Managing Director of Daily Provisions, a restaurant brand from Danny Meyer's Union Square Hospitality Group. In this role, she oversaw strategy, growth, and operations, expanding from one fan-favorite location to four thriving businesses. Jessamyn is also the founder and served as the Chief Executive Officer of the award-winning Hot Bread Kitchen.

Jessamyn and her work have been recognized with many distinguished awards, including a Global Citizen Award from the Clinton Foundation, Crain's 40 Under 40, and InStyle Magazine's list of 50 Badass Women. She is also the award-winning author of *The Hot Bread Kitchen Cookbook: Artisanal Baking from Around the World* (Clarkson Potter, 2015).

Jessamyn sits on boards for the James Beard Foundation and The Museum of Food and Drink (MOFAD). She holds a BA from University of British Columbia and an MPA from Columbia University.