

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Paula Gangopadhyay Chief Executive Officer

Paula Gangopadhyay (pronounced Gango-pad-yay), CEO of Pittock Mansion, is a widely recognized and respected leader in the national cultural sector. Paula's expertise lies in being a transformative leader helping organizations reimagine and reposition themselves in a new light. An astute business leader, a seasoned fundraiser, and an entrepreneur, Paula inspires others to lead by thinking out-of-the box and being a *possibilitarian*. Over her professional career of more than thirty-three years, she has worked in cultural, government, business, philanthropy, and education sectors. Paula headed the Office of Museum Services at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in Washington D.C. for five years (2016-2021). IMLS has been the primary source of federal funding for over 30,000 museums and 125,000 libraries in the nation. In her earlier role as the Chief Learning Officer of The Henry Ford, the nation's largest indoor/outdoor museum with five venues, she emerged as a national and international leader and keynote speaker on the power of innovation. Paula has received multiple awards and honors for her visionary leadership including being appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the Board of IMLS (2012-2015). Her work has been recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, American Alliance of Museums, and others. Paula took on her current role as the CEO of Pittock Mansion Society in the summer of 2022 and laid out a new vision, *Pittock 2.0* which aims to transform the historic house museum into a dynamic and relevant cultural institution.



Bill Mitberg Director of Finance

Bill Mitberg is a Finance Director with over 25 years of accounting experience in the non-profit sector, including 11 years in managerial and leadership positions. He has built, trained, and managed departments of various sizes. He brings experience in developing budgets, cash flow analysis, and grant compliance systems. Most recently over-seeing the finance department of a \$15 million community health center. He developed policies and procedures that enabled the timely completion of month-end closes, required donor reporting, and necessary leadership analysis. On the weekends, you will find Bill, his spouse, and their lemon beagle exploring the outdoors. They are currently on a quest to complete a half marathon in each of the 50 US states. He will watch any sport, with preference to his beloved home state of Minnesota.

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Scott Stanton

Director of Marketing, Communications, and Audience Development

Scott Stanton brings more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, including over a decade serving as a Marketing Director. His career spans a broad range of marketing disciplines, beginning in web and graphic design and evolving into a strategic focus on social media content, audience engagement, and integrated marketing initiatives. Known for pairing creative execution with thoughtful strategy, Scott has consistently helped organizations strengthen their voice and expand their reach. A Portland State alumnus who grew up just outside of the city, Scott enjoys the outdoors and spending his down time in high mountain streams with no cell service.



Jarrad Birt

Director of Facilities and Operations

Jarrad Birt was born and raised in Virginia where he began his career in the world of facilities coordination and management. He has been a facilities professional for over a decade and has served a plethora of major businesses such as Intel, Bank of the Pacific and Sony PlayStation. Jarrad's portfolio includes managing the facilities and operational needs of nearly 100 properties as well as building meaningful relationships with the tenants and vendors that inhabit them. Jarrad received his Facilities Management certificate from BOMI International and loves to expand his knowledge of building preservation and upkeep as well as improving operations. When not at work Jarrad enjoys spending time with his wife and little girl, playing video games and playing basketball.



Jessica Abbey

Assistant Director of Guest Experience

Jessica Abbey grew up between Washington, Oregon, California, and Arizona, and earned her B.A. in history at California State University, Long Beach while working a multifaceted role as a trainer and supervisor at the Disneyland Resort. After joining Pittock Mansion as the Visitor Services Supervisory Specialist in early 2023, she has since moved up to Assistant Director of Guest Experience during a period of growth and transition for the department. She now supervises Pittock's amazing team of guest-facing staff and ensures that all of our visitors have an exceptional experience at the museum. In her free time, Jessica enjoys spending time with her partner and their cat, getting coffee and unwinding with friends, going on long drives, and mapping out all the places she would like to visit someday.

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Vicky Lorca-White
Associate Curator of History

Born and raised in Oregon, Vicky Lorca-White has had a long-time love for the past. She graduated from Portland State University twice, earning her bachelor's and master's degree in History with a focus on Public History. She's worked with the Arlington Club, the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, as well as the Oregon Historical Society. At Pittock Mansion, Vicky hopes to continue expanding the possibilities of historical interpretation and broadening the voices of the stories we tell. Outside of work, Vicky loves watching scary movies, playing video games, and planning trips.



Jessy Luke
Membership and Development Manager

Jessy Luke is a Michigan transplant who just returned to the Portland area after moving to Arizona with her husband in the summer of 2020. She has a background in event planning, customer service, and membership management, and is excited to return to the museum world with her new position at Pittock Mansion. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Anthropology/Archaeology with a Museum Studies minor and was previously on both the Guest Services and Events teams at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. In her spare time, she loves to read, go for hikes with her two rescue dogs, and watch anime and movies with her husband, Andre. You can often find her at a local coffee shop with a latte in hand!



Arien Krause
Events, Programs, and Sales Manager

Arien Krause relocated to Portland from San Francisco, CA a year ago, bringing with her over 12 years of experience in event management across the Bay Area. Throughout her career, she has developed a strong foundation in planning and executing successful events, with a focus on creating meaningful and memorable experiences. She holds a degree in Communications from San Francisco State University as well as a degree in Restaurant and Hospitality Management from culinary school. Outside of work she enjoys camping, traveling, making pottery, and taking advantage of everything Portland has to offer!

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Katharine Davidson Bekker
Education and Youth Services Coordinator

Katharine Davidson Bekker was born and raised in Salt Lake City, UT and moved to Portland in August 2025 with her husband and her cat. She holds a bachelor's degree in human development and a master's degree in art history with a particular interest in late Medieval devotional art. She has spent the last several years working as a museum educator at the Springville Museum of Art in Utah, developing her approach to museum education and inclusive pedagogy. Outside of work, Katharine enjoys paddle boarding and other outdoor adventures, trying out new coffee shops and bakeries, and anything spooky.



Camille Dudley
Executive Assistant to the CEO

Camille Dudley spent her younger years as a “bird of passage,” growing up in Eastern Oregon, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. After two years of college in Vermont, she relocated back to Oregon and graduated from Pacific University with a bachelor's in psychology, minoring in history. Since then she has put down roots in the Portland area and brings over a decade of experience providing administrative support across a range of industries. Her work is driven by a passion for positive organizational culture, a love for efficient systems, and a desire to help everyone see a part of their own story represented in the world. When not working at Pittock Mansion, Camille enjoys record collecting, watching baseball, and spending time with her husband and cats.



Kellie Hofstetter
Board Liaison

Kellie Hofstetter has a master's degree in history from Eastern Washington University and a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Montana. Her background blends academic research with creative communication and events, and she is passionate about using her skills to support meaningful work in museums and nonprofits. Kellie has worked as a communications coordinator, volunteer coordinator, and event coordinator, even co-founding an event coordination business. She had the opportunity to work on archival and museum studies projects with the Oregon Historical Society and the Whatcom Museum, and she has supported a variety of Pacific Northwest businesses and nonprofits through strategic communications and event planning. Outside of work, Kellie enjoys paddle boarding, sunny day picnics, board games, and spending time with her husband and their two cats!

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Mallory Farnsworth
Human Resource Specialist

Mallory Farnsworth has a degree in Communications and is a seasoned Human Resource professional with 16 years of experience supporting employees across diverse sectors, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Mallory's expertise encompasses all aspects of human resources, from recruitment and onboarding to talent development and employee relations. She is passionate about fostering positive and productive work environments. Beyond her professional endeavors, Mallory enjoys exploring new destinations with her husband, giving back to her community through volunteer work, and spending quality time with her dog, Rocket.



Brandon Harrison
Facilities & Operations Assistant

Brandon Harrison is the new full-time Facilities and Operations Assistant born and raised in Virginia. In his role, he is responsible for building cleaning and maintenance, ordering general supplies, and serving as a first responder to security emergencies. He also handles parking lot coordination and will be assisting the Guest Experience Team on a regular basis. Known for his reliability and attention to detail, Brandon plays a key role in ensuring a safe and well-maintained environment. Outside of his professional responsibilities, Brandon has a strong passion for history and continuous learning. Recently engaged, he enjoys traveling and staying active with his fiancée, making the most of his time both at home and on the go.



Jim Howard
Assistant Manager, Museum Store

Jim Howard joined the Pittock Mansion family nine and a half years ago. He counts his time here as some of the happiest of his life. Jim came to us from a stint doing tech support for a popular cell phone company but much of his experience is in retail and commissioned sales. He is a U.S. Navy veteran and spent more than a decade managing Schoolhouse Express, his family's retail store in Anchorage, Alaska. After moving to Oregon in 2004, he sold everything from beds to shoes and managed a Radio Shack for a time, but Jim says he never really found his home until he started here. He is looking forward to the full flowering of Pittock 2.0 and to a great future.