

Meet the Presenters

Housing Development Session



Bonnie Craigie, Session Moderator

Bonnie has more than 20 years of experience in affordable housing as a housing developer, lender and asset manager. She is the Senior Project Developer at Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). Bonnie is also certified by National Development Council as a Rental Housing Development Finance Professional and is familiar with Federal, State, and Local funding programs.

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Jacob Kuntz, Presenter

Jacob is able to combine his love of carpentry and non-profit management in his role as Executive Director of Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. He brings his experiences and training as an educator, mediator, home builder, and community organizer to the work of housing. He holds a master's degree in conflict resolution from Trinity College Dublin.

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Heather McMilian, Presenter

Heather has a Master of Architecture degree and a Bachelor of Environmental Design from MSU. Upon joining the Homeward team early 2003, Heather became a licensed architect as well as received extensive training and experience in sustainable design and the design of homes people can afford. Heather focuses her professional strengths to develop, preserve and shape home creation and development policy across Montana.

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Tyson O'Connell, Presenter

Tyson joined the principals of Wishcamper Partners in 2011 and manages the company's more complex tax credit rehabilitation projects. He holds a Bachelor's degree with a double major in Economics and Sociology from Macalester College and received his Law degree with honors from the University of Montana School of Law.

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Ellie Ray, Presenter

Ellie has over six years' experience in public sector planning. As a planner with the City of Helena, she serves as a housing policy coordinator, grant coordinator, and ADA coordinator in addition to assisting with general municipal planning duties. She was the staff lead on the City's downtown zoning code update, and has assisted in the formulation and management of the City's urban renewal districts.

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Jennifer Wheeler, Presenter

A graduate of Columbia Falls High School, she used her self-earned college money and bought a house at 19 years of age. She started her career at Glacier Bank in 2000 as a processor and worked her way up to a Commercial Loan Officer, a position she has held since 2007. Jennifer currently serves as a Vice President of the Kalispell branch.

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