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Kirkpatrick Foundation Names Senior Program Officer *Susan Grossman to manage grants program in the arts, culture, and more*

February 18, 2022, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — Kirkpatrick Foundation announced this week the hiring of its new Senior Program Officer for Grants, **Susan Grossman**.

“Susan is accomplished and respected in so many ways—and for good reason,” says executive director, Louisa McCune. “Her background in journalism, public relations, and development will be transformational for grantees as they work to fulfill their missions. We look forward to her new leadership role in Oklahoma philanthropy.”

Grossman, who will oversee the intellectual and organizational aspects of the foundation’s grants program, has spent more than twenty years working in the private sector and for government and nonprofit entities in the Oklahoma City area. Prior to Kirkpatrick Foundation, Grossman worked for the nonprofit entity that oversees Myriad Botanical Gardens and Scissortail Park, where she served as development director and editorial director, overseeing all publications and collaterals.

“So much of my work experience dovetails with mission and projects of Kirkpatrick Foundation,” says Grossman. “The ideas, impact, and philanthropy originating from this office are an inspiration, and I’m excited to help bring them to life. Existing and new grantees should feel free to call or email me anytime. I look forward to getting to know and reacquainting with our partners in the non-profit world of central Oklahoma.”

Earlier in her career, Grossman served as development director for the Pioneer Library System Foundation, assistant director of marketing for Outreach at the University of Oklahoma, managing editor of *Oklahoma Gazette*, and was a beat reporter for *The Norman Transcript*. Her byline has appeared in a variety of publications, and she currently contributes to the OU alumni magazine and a regional sports publication. Grossman is a graduate of Leadership Norman 2014. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Letters from OU, and a Green Belt in Six Sigma from the Lean Institute, also at OU. When she is not working, Grossman loves to explore faraway places with her spouse of twenty-three years and write about their adventures. She has two grown children, a granddaughter, and a fluffy gray Hemingway cat from Second Chance Animal Sanctuary.

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