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## Top Skills

Teaching

Fundraising

Nonprofits

# Derrick Harkins

Former Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

New York, New York, United States

## Summary

Skilled in Nonprofit Management, National political campaign strategy, Intergovernmental Relations, Public Programs, and Constituency Development. Substantial track record in fundraising and development. Experienced Senior Vice President for Public Programming with a demonstrated history of working in higher education. Graduated from Boston University, Union Theological Seminary. and United Theological Seminary

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## Experience

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Director, Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

June 2021 - January 2023 (1 year 8 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Odyssey Impact

Chair Of The Board Of Directors

September 2018 - January 2022 (3 years 5 months)

New York, New York

Chair of the Board of Odyssey Impact Productions, whose film, Newtown, was the winner of a 2018 Peabody Award. Their production Notes from Dunblane: Lessons from a School Shooting was just awarded best documentary short at the Tribeca Film Festival. Executive Producer of the widely acclaimed documentary, The Rape of Recy Taylor (2017), and A Crime on the Bayou (2021).

Democratic National Committee

National Director Of Interfaith Outreach

June 2019 - June 2021 (2 years 1 month)

Union Theological Seminary

Senior Vice President Public Programming

February 2015 - February 2019 (4 years 1 month)

Responsible for the development and operation of the seminary's public education programs, with the objective of increasing public involvement. Includes developing public seminars, NGO collaborations for public and social policy advocacy, customized trainings and education programs for non-profit and business executives, activists, church leaders, and public officials, and oversight and administration of the Union Forum and its constituent institutes, centers and initiatives. Development of programming that is both campus-based and online. Working closely with the Offices of Public Affairs and Academic Affairs.

Award winning documentary production *The Rape of Recy Taylor*  
Executive Producer

January 2017 - December 2017 (1 year)

Enroll America

National Director of Faith and African American Engagement

January 2013 - June 2015 (2 years 6 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Responsible for collaboration between faith institutions and faith leaders, and the leading convener in the effort to expand coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Development of messaging and platforms for partner engagement with African American constituents. Strategic planning for healthcare policy advocacy. Coordination with Enroll America field staff in community organizing and mobilization.

Nineteenth Street Baptist Church

Senior Minister

September 1997 - April 2015 (17 years 8 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Democratic National Committee

National Director for Faith Outreach

2011 - 2013 (2 years)

Led nationwide staff in developing and implementing strategic plan to engage faith leaders and allied groups in 2012 presidential reelection efforts. Developed all faith related events, programming and messaging for 2012 Democratic National Convention. Planned and coordinated meetings of faith leaders with President Obama and other DNC principals. Served as a surrogate in national and local media, and at campaign and allied events

nationwide. Collaborated on all faith related digital content, presidential/ principal talking points, and media releases. Collaborated extensively with national faith leaders to discuss Administration priorities. Served on coordinating committee for the 57th Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service. Continuing engagement with the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Office of Public Engagement, and Office of Intergovernmental Affairs throughout the Obama administration.

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## Education

Union Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

Boston University

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Broadcasting and Film

United Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry