



EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science and Economics
Claremont Graduate University

Master of Arts in Public Policy
Claremont Graduate University

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics
College of Idaho

Darrene is a consultant based in Sacramento, California and Senior Advisor to Smart Incentives and Business Development Advisors. Darrene brings economic development expertise in economic equity and inclusive growth, entrepreneurship and small business, innovation, and broadband. She assists local and regional government officials, as well as large and small economic development, non-profit organizations, and foundations with policy analysis, strategic plans, incentives analysis, and technical assistance. She works with a variety of stakeholders, including universities, think tanks, foundations, governments, and funding agencies to build partnerships that can strengthen local economic development ecosystems. She has served as an Executive Director at the University of California, Davis' Office of Research, the Vice President of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), a Senior Fellow at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), and an Associate Professor at George Mason University.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Urban Institute/Central Valley Community Foundation Fresno Redevelopment
Equitable Development Consultant

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
- [COVID-19 and Entrepreneurial Firms: Seeding an Inclusive and Equitable Recovery](#)
- [Incentives for Entrepreneurial Firms](#)
Kansas City, Missouri

State Small Business Credit Initiative
Subject Matter Expert, U.S. Treasury

Pew Charitable Trusts
[Equitable Economic Development and Community Engagement](#)
Washington, DC

The James Irvine Foundation
Strategic Policy Consulting
San Francisco, California

Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department
[Economic Development Strategic Plan](#) and [SWOT Analysis](#)
Franklin County, Ohio

City of Sacramento
- [Project Prosper: Strategic Stakeholder and Community Engagement](#)
- Project Prosper: Neighborhood Economic and Community Development Strategy
- [Scale Up Sacramento: An Inclusive Economic Development Action Agenda](#)
Sacramento, California

Greater Sacramento Economic Council
Inclusive and Equitable Economic Development Performance Metrics
Sacramento, California

Arlington County Economic Development and Commission
Economic Sustainability, Resiliency, Competitiveness, and Innovation Assessment
Arlington County, Virginia

Orange County Business Council
CEDS: Information and Communication Technology Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
Orange County, California

Business Development Advisors/Smart Incentives
- *State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Data Science Hub Design and Feasibility*
- *Kansas City Enhanced Enterprise Zones Review*
- *Michigan Economic Development Business Incentive Analysis*
- *Pine Bluff, Arkansas Downtown Revitalization*
Arlington, Virginia

Center of Excellence, Northern California, California Community Colleges and Los Rios District
Strategy, industry cluster, regional workforce, Economic Development Administration CEDS.
Sacramento, California