

In her nearly 25-year career with physician-based medical associations and non-profits, Allison has dynamic experience in federal government affairs, public relations, education, and diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI). She has a passion for building programs that have an impact and open doors for everyone, while cultivating a sense of belonging. Allison served as Director of Government & Public Affairs for the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, DC, where she lobbied for federal funding support for neuroscience research. After moving to Buffalo, she joined The Jacobs Institute as the first employee and grew her role as the Director of Communications & Community Engagement, creating educational programs and internships to inspire students to pursue careers in STEM. Allison has been with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in Washington, DC, for two years. She oversees their governance processes and organizational diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, including building a leadership program for diverse, early-career physicians. Allison holds a bachelor's degree from The George Washington University and a master's degree in Communications Management from Syracuse University. She is a past chair of the Western New York Women's Foundation Advocacy Committee and is a past Board Member and current Emeritus Member. Born in Bogota, Colombia, Allison likes to travel to Central and South America often, and shares this connection with her two children, ages 16 and 10.