



Sabrina Lynn Motley joined the Center in 2013 as director of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Prior to her appointment, she was the senior director of programs and exhibitions at Asia Society Texas Center. During her tenure, she also oversaw exhibitions highlighting Houston's changing demographics and its expanding role as an important gateway to Asia. Before joining the Texas Center, Ms. Motley was Vice President of the San Francisco-based foundation Vesper Society and program and education director at the Japanese American National Museum. She also curated public programs for the J. Paul Getty Museum and community-based exhibitions for the California Endowment, among others. In addition to teaching cultural anthropology and women's studies, she had a five-year stint hosting "The Global Village," a flagship world music program on KPFK in Los Angeles. Ms. Motley earned a B.A. in world arts and cultures and an M.A. in African studies, both from UCLA. Currently, she is a doctoral candidate in anthropology at UCLA. Her dissertation research explores the interplay between religious faith, doubt, and social activism.