

ERICA RAWLES

Senior Consultant



Erica Rawles is a Senior Consultant in the U.S. office of Lord Cultural Resources and based out of Los Angeles. She has an interdisciplinary background in community engagement, creative placemaking, facilitation, and arts and cultural strategies.

Erica is experienced at engaging a range of stakeholders across sectors in collaborative visioning and participatory design workshops. She has the unique expertise of fostering collaboration between community-engaged artists and non-arts organizations to increase cross-sector collaboration, deepen the impact of community engagement, and foster innovative programs and projects.

Prior to joining Lord Cultural Resources, Erica worked on integrating arts and cultural strategy at non-arts organizations, including the US Water Alliance and the Othering and Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley. Previously, she was the Community Engagement Coordinator at The Laundromat Project, in Brooklyn, NY where she launched and led the organization's hyperlocal community arts micro-grant program inspired by the insights of a qualitative research study. In a previous role, Erica designed an innovative process to embed arts and culture at Little Tokyo Service Center in Los Angeles, as the community development corporation's first Creative Strategist.

Erica holds a dual BA in art and philosophy from Claremont McKenna College and is a freelance writer, visual artist, and pottery teacher.