

Emeritus Board



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Melodie Jackson is the Assistant Vice President of Communications at Harvard University. In this role she is responsible for overseeing the communications arm of the University's centralized public relations office, Harvard Public Affairs and Communications. This includes handling interactions with the media and the public, efforts to lobby the federal government, and the publication of the Harvard Gazette.

Prior to her current role, Melodie was the Associate Dean for Communications and Public Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School from 2005 to 2016. She also previously was the Senior Associate Dean for Degree Programs and Student Affairs for the Harvard Kennedy School, Senior Vice President and Director of Communications and Public Affairs for Citizen's Bank from 2001-2005, and Acting Director of News and Public Affairs for Stanford University School of Medicine and Stanford Hospital.

Melodie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Political Science from California State University, San Diego and a Master of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School. She additionally participated in an Executive Leadership Program through the Royal Bank of Scotland and Harvard Business School and a Crisis Leadership in Higher Education Executive Program through the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Graduate School of Education.