



Town of Nantucket - Press Release

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Town of Nantucket Hires Karoline Oliveira as Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director

After a search and thorough recruitment process conducted by an interview workgroup comprised of internal Town employees and community members, Dr. Karoline Oliveira has been hired to fill the position of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director for the Town of Nantucket. In describing the final decision for hiring Dr. Oliveira, Town Manager Libby Gibson said *"the process followed by our interview workgroup and Human Resources Department was extremely comprehensive and thorough – we are very pleased with the outcome and look forward to working with Dr. Oliveira to lead engaging initiatives within the community and Town workforce that promote diversity, equity and inclusion."*

Dr. Oliveira was previously the Interim Executive Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Life University, located in Marietta, Georgia. Dr. Oliveira comes to the Town with over sixteen years of experience leading and pioneering diversity and inclusion initiatives and programs, while also participating in keynote speaker engagements and facilitating training for student, faculty and staff in higher education. Her career has been marked with great achievements in DE & I, most notably at Life University, where she was the first appointed Director of DE&I and successfully conducted climate studies on inclusivity and presented her study findings to position diversity as one of the institution's key competitive advantages. Dr. Oliveira has earned her Ed.D from Johnson & Wales University in higher education leadership and M.S/B.S from the University of Rhode Island with a focus on Human Development and Family Studies.

Dr. Oliveira will start work with the Town on November 30th.

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