

Jody Rose

President

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Jody Rose is the President of the New England Venture Capital Association where she works in partnership with the venture and startup communities on initiatives that position New England as the best region in the world for entrepreneurs and investors. A native New Yorker, Jody has held executive-level roles with both enterprise corporations and lean startups, focusing primarily on corporate development in mobile, eCommerce and digital media. In 2015, Jody served as the SVP of Corporate Development and Digital Strategy at Blueprint NYC, an event production agency based in New York. Prior, Jody led National Mobile and Brand Partnerships for micro-location mobile marketing platform, Swirl Networks. Before joining Swirl, Jody served as Director of National Brand Partnerships at Rue La La, where she was responsible for leading brand relationships with a focus on driving new customer acquisition for national partners. She was one of four employees to launch a new division of Rue La La (Rue Local) and was responsible for leading the launch of their first local market and national strategy. Jody began her career in cable and telecommunications, where she held multiple sales and marketing positions, and quickly rose through the ranks at powerhouses such as MTV Networks, The Food Network, and HGTV. Jody's experience also includes numerous board positions within the telecommunications and media industries.

Jody currently serves on Eastern Bank's Board of Corporators; is on the board of directors for My Sister's Keeper - a humanitarian organization focused on educating and financially empowering women in South Sudan; is a member of the Massachusetts Women's Forum; and is a member of The Boston Foundation's Innovation Economy Leadership Council. In 2016 Jody received an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Mount Ida College, was named by The Boston Business Journal as a member of The BBJ's Power 50: The Game Changers, and most recently co-founded Hack.Diversity – a program that tackles the underrepresentation of Blacks and Latinos in Boston's Innovation Economy. In 2017 she was the recipient of the Ad Club's Rosoff Award for visionary empowerment of diversity and in 2018 was the recipient of uAspire's First One award.

Ari F. Glantz

Associate Director, Development & Strategic Initiatives

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Ari Glantz is the Associate Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives at the New England Venture Capital Association, where he leads the organization's strategy for membership,

sponsorship, and partnerships, supervises events and content creation, and advises on legislative matters. He is a member of the FWD.us New England Innovation Council, a mentor at the Canopy City co-working space, and an infrequent contributor to TechCrunch and BostInno.

Ari draws unique perspective from the highly atypical journey that led him to the NEVCA. Immediately prior, he negotiated challenging people, places, and situations in the human services industry, and the years before that saw stops in Paris, Australia, Southeast Asia, and San Francisco - as an au pair, baseball player, backpacker, and entrepreneur, (respectively). Ari is a graduate of Vassar College, where he co-founded his first startup, captained the baseball team, and met his future wife. As a native [Cantabrigian](#), he is somewhat ashamed to admit that he now lives in Somerville.

Mary Tobin

Manager, Development & Strategic Initiatives

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Mary Tobin is the Manager of Development & Strategic Initiatives at the New England Venture Capital Association, where she leads the organization's gender equity and immigration initiatives in addition to organizing major events and building member and sponsor relationships. She is passionate about creating impactful initiatives that solve real problems.

A resourceful advocate and executor, Mary founded and ran a startup in college that garnered IDEA, Rough Draft Ventures, and Dorm Room Fund investments. She graduated from Northeastern University with a BS in Finance and Political Science after founding TEDxNortheasternU, serving as President of the Film Enthusiasts Club, and receiving the Huntington 100 Award. She volunteers as a venture coach with IDEA: Northeastern's Venture Accelerator and as a money manager for low-income seniors through the Boston Money Management Program. She hails from Iowa.

Nicole Gilmore

Director of Strategy and Operations, Hack.Diversity

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Nicole Gilmore works with entrepreneurs, executives, and students to discover smart solutions to today's market problems. She is particularly passionate about helping women and young entrepreneurs realize their dreams and access economic opportunity. Startups, non-profits, academic institutions, and government organizations have implemented the innovation and growth strategies she recommended.

As a partner at Savanna Technologies, she built the core systems for efficient operations and developed policies and procedures that positioned the platform to scale. Nicole led Savanna through the MassChallenge Boston accelerator in 2015 and successfully leveraged resources to test their business model and grow the company. As an Alumni In Residence in 2016, she developed the Women In MassChallenge cohort experience for women founders by working with the talented MassChallenge staff to create curated events to help women founders build better businesses. She is proud of the bonds fostered and that a significant number of the women led teams in the cohort received prize money.

She was the Co-Chair of the 2017 Women Founders Network, leading the strategic growth and planning for future cohorts. Prior to Savanna, she worked as a strategy consultant and garnered extensive experience in the healthcare and finance industries. She also teaches economics at Harvard University and previously taught at the United States Military Academy at WestPoint and Baruch College in New York.

Angela Liu

Program Manager, Hack.Diversity

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Angela Liu is the Program Manager of Hack.Diversity at the New England Venture Capital Association. Prior to joining Hack.Diversity, Angela spent three years at MIT, conducting STEM education outreach and building pipelines towards higher education for students, ranging from elementary school to undergrad, who were traditionally underserved and underrepresented in STEM fields. As a "1.5 generation" immigrant and first-generation college student, her aspirations to be a global citizen when she grew up led her to a degree in Science, Technology, and International Affairs from Georgetown University. Her home away from home is a much loved 55L backpack and the occasionally divey, dicey, but always delicious, adventures that come with it.