



MEET OUR CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Meisa Salaita



Meisa Salaita has made it her mission to help others see and appreciate the beauty of science by making it a part of everyday cultural experiences. Through her work founding and directing Science ATL, she spends her days convincing everyone else to fall in love with science as well. To that end, Meisa also writes, has produced radio stories, and hosted TV shows - all in the name of science. In addition to her work with Science ATL, Meisa is an Atlanta-based senior producer for The Story Collider, a science storytelling live show and podcast. Meisa has a Ph.D. in chemistry from Northwestern and has been named by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as one of 20 Women Who Mean Business in Atlanta and as one of Atlanta Magazine's Women Making a Mark. Meisa has two kids, dances hip-hop as much as she can, and gets unreasonably excited about the arrival of The New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle every week.

Jordan Rose



Jordan Rose is committed to promoting science literacy and a sense of belonging in science for all. He loves supporting science teachers and empowering youth to lead change. Together with Meisa Salaita and Sarah Peterson, Jordan co-founded Atlanta Science Festival in 2014 and built it into a

successful nonprofit organization, now called Science ATL. With Science ATL, Jordan brings together schools, companies, and community organizations to improve equitable access to Atlanta's myriad opportunities to learn and love science. Previously, Jordan led science education initiatives at the Georgia BioEd Institute, the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, and the Emory College Center for Science Education, where he supported K-12 teachers and students and facilitated university-community partnerships for 15 years. He is a 2021-22 Education Policy Fellow with the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education and board member with Georgia Tech's GIFT program and Arbor Montessori School. He lives in Tucker and enjoys hiking and riding bikes, playing tennis, rooting for Atlanta United, beating his family at Wordle, and jamming on the ukulele. But not all at the same time.

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