



## Steven Lavine

**ESC Consultant Since:** 2018

**Education:**

D.F.A. Honorary, California Institute of the Arts

Ph.D., Harvard University

M.A., Harvard University

B.A., Stanford University

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** Organizational leadership, higher education, arts, board development, strategic planning

**NONPROFIT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** Steven most recently served as Founding Director of the Thomas Mann House Los Angeles, a new residency program for scholars and other commentators from Germany concerned with contemporary issues. Previously he was the President of the California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) for 29 years, where he led program innovation, board development, diversification of the student body, international collaborations and endowment campaigns of \$50 million and \$150 million. He also established off-campus programs in arts education for underserved youth, highlighting emerging artists from around the world.

Before joining CalArts, Steven served for seven years as Assistant and then Associate Director of the Arts and Humanities Division of the Rockefeller Foundation, with special focus on diversity in the arts and K-12 schools improvement. He began his professional life as an assistant professor of English and American Literature at the University of Michigan.

**NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:** Steven currently serves on the boards of the Cotsen Foundation for the Art of Teaching, the American University in Rome and the Los Angeles Review of Books. Previously, he served on the boards of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Idyllwild Arts, the Operating Company of the Music Center of Los Angeles County, KCET and KCRW

**INTERESTS:** International exchange, especially with Mexico, reading, attending arts events