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A native Texan, Josephine has long since re-rooted on the West Coast. A Seattleite for 10 years, she's been an Angeleno for the last 17. She believes she's in her dream job at the Music Center; an opportunity she says is directly linked to her Loeb Fellowship experiences. "The job was an amazing opportunity and I've been able to put the theory of how arts and culture relates to civic leadership into practice...based on my work at Harvard."

Josephine carefully considered applying for the Loeb Fellowship. She and her husband had a young child and she was the primary wage earner in the family. Her position at the Getty Foundation offered long term job security. But she needed something more, some way to link her research in cultural arts programming to grant making policy and practice. And she needed a boost to take her career into its next stage. The Loeb Fellowship seemed ideal.

Once at Harvard, Josephine drew heavily on the exceptional libraries available for her research. She developed a valuable relationship with GSD faculty member Margaret Crawford and took a writing workshop from Mark Kramer at the Nieman Fellowship. She was aware of the many Latinos in Cambridge working at the top of their fields and she connected with some of the many Latino networks, centers and institutes.

The most memorable parts of her fellowship year were the immediate close friendships Josephine made with other Loeb Fellows in her class and the wonderful family times she and her husband had with their three year old son. She's grateful for how the fellowship accommodates families into the overall experience.

Josephine looks at her year in the Loeb Fellowship as a defining point in her career. She refers to it as "Vitamin H...for Harvard." Not only did she find the substantial knowledge she was looking for, she found a lasting professional support network and achieved a Harvard credential. She advises others who might be considering the Loeb Fellowship "Don't shrink from taking your place on the planet. Harvard is a place like no other, and the fellowship gives you a position from which you can accomplish your community minded goals."



*"The fellowship experience did what I hoped; it allowed me to take what I was passionate about to the next level."*