



Meet the New Head of FCAA

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Masen Davis is the new executive director of Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA), which tracks and mobilizes philanthropic efforts to end the HIV epidemic.

Davis has over 20 years of experience in human rights advocacy, grantmaking and social justice leadership during which he advocated for the health care of vulnerable populations, according to an FCAA press statement.

“We are at a crucial time in the HIV response, with COVID having exacted a devastating impact on programs just as many funders that have been long-term supporters of HIV are significantly reducing their spending,” said Channing Wickham, FCAA board chair, in the statement. “HIV-informed grantmaking is more important than ever, and Masen’s experience working with both funders and grassroots organizations is precisely what is needed to meet this moment.”

“Having worked in both grassroots advocacy and grantmaking environments throughout my entire career, I understand the importance of FCAA’s approach to HIV-informed funding,” Davis added. “To address the epidemic, we must also address the intersecting issues—such as poverty, inadequate education, stigma, racism, sexism, homophobia and trans-phobia—that fuel it. So much of the work FCAA does supports this, and I am very proud to now be a part of these efforts.”

Davis’s previous experience, according to FCAA, includes serving “as interim executive director of Transgender Europe, a membership-based network representing 200 organizations across 48 countries in Europe and Central Asia. Prior to that, he was the CEO of Freedom for All Americans, founding cochair of the International Trans Fund, executive director of the Transgender Law Center and interim executive director of Global Action for Trans Equity (GATE). He has also worked within philanthropy, including serving as senior director of special projects at the Gill Foundation and community investment officer at United Way of Greater Los Angeles.”

Founded in 1987, FCAA connects and informs HIV philanthropy—for example, by encouraging private companies to fund HIV programs. FCAA is also known for its annual reports tracking HIV funding and trends.

