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Dr. Lea M. Jarnagin (pronouns: she/her/hers) is a consultant/facilitator with a commitment to advancing equitable, inclusive, and socially-just practices. Lea's transition to full-time consulting has given her the opportunity to apply her educator lens and expertise to guiding institutions, divisions, and individuals in their equity-based leadership practices, community capacity building and strategic planning.

Dr. Jarnagin served as a scholar practitioner in the field of student affairs for three decades, ten of which were in senior leadership roles. The first in her family to attend and graduate from college, Dr. Jarnagin is a compassionate professional with extensive experience in the areas of strategic planning, institutional leadership, change leadership/management, student development and student success. Dr. Jarnagin most recently served as the Interim Systemwide Director for Student Wellness & Basic Needs Initiatives for the California State University system, Chancellor's Office. In this capacity, she provided leadership, policy development and statewide advocacy for proven practices, programs and services to enhance holistic student wellness, access and success across the 23-campus system in the areas of student mental health, student health services, health promotion education, basic needs initiatives and confidential victims' advocacy services. Prior to joining the Chancellors Office, Dr. Jarnagin served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Her prior leadership includes 18 years at California State University, Fullerton where she served as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and college-based Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, among others. Dr. Jarnagin is actively engaged in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). She has presented at innumerable regional and national conferences and has been recognized with various awards and honors for her contributions to the profession. She was recently named a Pillar of the Profession by NASPA. Dr. Jarnagin earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Master's of Science in Counseling from California State University, Long Beach and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, San Marcos.