

# THE LIBRA FOUNDATION

## Inside the Foundation: Meet Angie & Ashley

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Our small-but-mighty staff team at The Libra Foundation has grown to three! Meet Angie Chen & Ashley Clark and check out their responses to a few casual questions.

### Angie Chen, Senior Program Officer



**Q: What is your role at The Libra Foundation?**

A: My primary role is to build relationships with our existing grantee partners to understand how we can better support their work to build community power and advance social justice. I also apply the learnings from our grantee partners to work with our team in refining the Foundation's grant-making approach. And, I explore new organizations and coalitions in the Foundation's program areas.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about working at The Libra Foundation?**

A: I *really* enjoy my conversations with our grantee partners. There is so much going on in our world right now that is disheartening and disturbing. When I walk out of a meeting or get off the phone after chatting with one of our grantee partners (and I'm doing a lot of those right now!), I feel so energized and hopeful. It's an honor to support their work and learn from them.

**Q: What do you like to do outside of work?**

A: I love being outside! My childhood dream was to be a park ranger, and I spent one summer working with the National Park Service in Yosemite. Closer to home, you can find me most days on Bernal Hill with my big, enthusiastic dog.

## Ashley Clark, Knowledge & Grants Manager



**Q: What is your role at The Libra Foundation?**

A: I manage the operations of the Foundation with a focus on refining our processes to be as clear, respectful, and streamlined as possible for our grantee partners. I manage our grants database and knowledge management efforts, and I am the captain of our emerging communications efforts.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about working at The Libra Foundation?**

A: The Libra Foundation has been making grants for 15 years, but in so many ways we're also a startup. We're a brand new team figuring out new processes and making decisions about which systems to use. We're designing a new team culture, and there's a great appetite for testing new approaches and eliminating practices in philanthropy that don't serve anyone well. That's such a breath of fresh air! Being a part of a small, nimble team also means that we have the opportunity to work on a range of diverse projects, which I really enjoy.

**Q: What do you like to do outside of work?**

A: Two things: I am in my happy place when I am on my yoga mat. I try to practice as much vinyasa flow as I possibly can! The other thing I love to do is go for walks or hikes near the ocean with my family.

You can find a press release announcing Ashley & Angie as new hires [here](#).