

John C. Whitehead Social Enterprise Award (MBA '80)

Denise Murrell is the inaugural Merryl H. and James S. Tisch Curator at Large, Office of the Director, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. She joined The Met in January 2020 as Associate Curator, Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Art.

Dr. Murrell has taught art history at Columbia University in New York and in Paris. She has published and lectured extensively on nineteenth and twentieth century modernism and global contemporary art in the US and internationally.

Dr. Murrell previously received an MBA from the Harvard Business School '80, and holds a B.S. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and an M.A. and Ph.D from Columbia University. She had an extended career in finance and consulting, including as an analyst at Morgan Stanley prior to HBS, at Citicorp Investment Bank, and culminating as Managing Director of Institutional Investor Research Group, Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC.

Her civic activities include the National Advisory Board of the Ackland Art Museum at UNC Chapel Hill and the Advisory Committee for the Atlanta University Collective Art History program. She is a life member of the Harvard Business School African American Alumni Association and served with HBSCNY's Community Partners as a pro bono management consultant for NYC arts nonprofits. She is a subscriber for and former committee member for the Obama Presidential Portrait Commission at the Harvard Club of Greater New York.

In December 2022, Dr. Murrell was inducted as Chevalier (Knight) de l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the Republic of France at its New York City consulate. She received the ArtTable New York Leadership Award in December 2020.