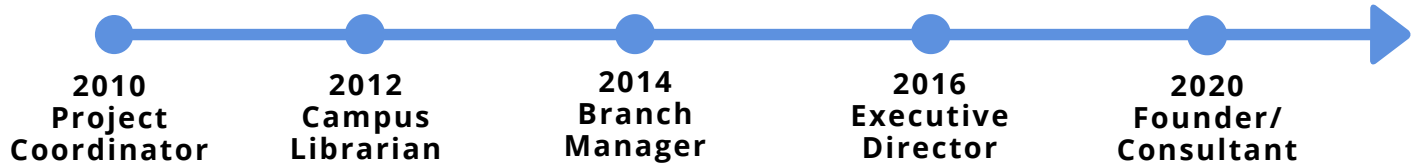# RIETA DRINKWINE

Clemson University City and Regional Planning Department ✉ rdrinkw@g.clemson.edu

⭐ HIGHLIGHTS

Awarded Rural Infrastructure and Environmental Systems NSF Fellowship
Developed vanguard library partnership facility
Secured $1.5 million in funding through grants and alternative sources
Coordinated successful multi-million dollar statewide library campaign

2010	2012	2014	2016	2020
Project Coordinator	Campus Librarian	Branch Manager	Executive Director	Founder/ Consultant

🎓 EDUCATION

Clemson University 2024
Doctorate - Planning, Design & the Built Environment
Clemson University 2022
Masters - City & Regional Planning
Indiana University 2011
Masters - Library Science
University of Kansas 2009
Bachelors - Classics

🏢 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Current Service:
Clemson CAAH Inclusion Council
Member | 2021 - Present
Prior Service:
- Clemson Graduate Student Government
- Union County United Way Advisory Board
- Union County First Steps Board
- Union County Census 2020 Complete Count Committee
- SC Lends Advisory Committee
- Union County Public Health Taskforce
- SC Assoc. of Counties Legislative Steering Committee
- Union County Education Taskforce
- SC Assoc. of Public Library Administrators
- Catawba Farm & Food Coalition

🏅 AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2021 NRT RIES National Science Foundation Fellowship
Clemson University

2020 McCallum Fellowship
Clemson University

2020 Community Service InnoVision Award (Broadband Expansion Program)

2020 Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize Honorable Mention

2020 Community Leader Health Equity
USC Arnold School of Public Health

2019 Library Journal Landmark Library

2019 Community Champion
SC Recreation and Parks Association

2019 SC Preservation Honor Award

2019 National Medal for Museum & Library Service Finalist

2018 Community Partner Award
United Way of the Piedmont

2018 Faces of South Carolina
SC Thrive

RIETA DRINKWINE

Clemson University City and Regional Planning Department   ✉ rdrinkw@g.clemson.edu

💲 GRANTS AND FUNDING

More than $1.5 million in grant funding secured for county library systems and nonprofits

Highlights:
- Rural Libraries and Health Innovations Cooperative Agreement – funded October 2020 and March 2022
- Spartanburg Regional Foundation community bike loan – funded June 2019
- SC Arts Commission Arts Education Program grants – funded July 2017 & July 2019
- "Union County Accessing Technology" LSTA grant – funded May 2019
- USDA Rural Development Technology and HVAC Equipment Grants – funded July 2018
- SC Humanities "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" Smithsonian Exhibit – funded May 2018
- "Healthier Union" Mental Health First Aid LSTA grant – funded April 2018
- "Empowering Union County Through Community-Centered Access" LSTA grant – funded Sept 2016

✏️ PAPERS

Drinkwine, Rieta. (2022). *A Comprehensive Crisis Framework for Libraries: planning for and responding to emergencies, disasters, and patrons in crisis.* TBD

🔊 PRESENTATIONS

Association of Rural and Small Libraries Annual Conference | 2022
Responding to Crises in Rural Communities
International Urban Planning and Environment Congress | 2022
The Role of Public Libraries in Crisis and Emergency Response
NRT Research Summit | 2022
Public Libraries as Crisis Response and Management
PCI Webinars | 2021
What To Expect When You're Constructing
South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference | 2019
Diversify Your Library: Hiring and Supporting Diverse Library Staff
North Carolina Library Association Annual Conference | 2019
Libraries: Spaces to Unite and Empower Communities
NC LIVE Annual Conference | 2019
Designing an Innovative Library Facility Table Discussion
South Carolina/South Eastern Library Associations Joint Annual Conference | 2018
Libraries Creating Healthier Communities
South Carolina State Library Partnership Summit | 2016
Community Connections
South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference | 2015
Community-centered Design - ILEAD USA Project Poster

💡 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

REALM Symposium | 2022 (by invitation)
Leading and Engaging Across Differences | 2019
Social Justice and Public Libraries: Equity Starts with Us - Public Library Association | 2019
Phase I - Racial Equity Institute | 2019
Web Accessibility in Mind - SC Department of Education | 2019
Wellness in the Library Workplace - National Network of Libraries of Medicine | 2019
Blueprint for Rural Health - SC Office for Rural Health | 2019
Mental Health First Aid - SC Thrive | 2016
Facilities Summit - Georgia Public Library Services | 2016
Dynamic Planning Institute - Public Library Association | 2016

RIETA DRINKWINE

Clemson University City and Regional Planning Department ✉ rdrinkw@g.clemson.edu

💼 PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Founder and Lead Consultant | August 2020 - Present
RAD Solutions Consulting, LLC
- Consulting services include:
  - Management and executive expertise, including board, personnel, financial, and special initiative, grants, and strategic planning
- Contract services include:
  - Development of internal documents, such as policies and for personnel management
  - Management of projects, including drafting and managing proposals
  - Feasibility studies and community needs assessments
  - Grant writing and administration
  - Training for administrators and board members

Senior Associate| September 2020 - Present
The Weathers Group
- Facilitate planning processes and develop professional reports
- Conduct organizational assessments and provide recommendations
- Consult on organizational culture, including a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion

Graduate Assistant | August 2020 - May 2021; August 2022 - Present
Clemson University, City and Regional Planning Department
- Assist with faculty research and teaching

Executive Director | February 2016 - August 2020
University of South Carolina Union Campus Library / Union County Library System
- Direct business operations of university library and county library system
- Assist with SACS accreditation audit and ensure adherence to accreditation standards
- Oversee financial operations, including purchasing, auditing, payroll, and P&L analysis
- Direct human resources activities, including hiring, training, managing, and coaching
- Manage award-winning facilities, including maintenance and capital projects
- Oversee technology for facilities and services, including network and website design
- Negotiate and oversee contracts
- Design and execute multi-million dollar historic renovation focused on inclusivity and innovation to enable economic development
- Secure more than $1 million in additional project funding for renovation using alternative revenue sources, such as historic tax credits
- Lead county-wide health, literacy, and economic development initiatives
- Develop communication strategies for internal and external stakeholders
- Write and submit project proposals
- Manage projects, including determining deliverables, QA metrics, and timelines
- Develop and execute strategic plan and rebranding process
- Build strategic partnerships at local, regional and state level
- Diversify revenue, including utilizing federal & corporate grants and tax incentives
- Deliver nationally-recognized customer service