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**Melissa Miller, M.A., M.F.A., CTNC, LJIST Director of Operations,** brings a wide array of skills to the LJIST office, team, and clients. She is an administrator, visual artist, writer, and health coach with a background in arts education and organizational development.

Melissa has an M.A. in Visual & Critical Studies and an M.F.A. in Studio Art from California College of the Arts, and is a Certified Transformational Nutrition Coach through the Institute of Transformational Nutrition. Her master's thesis examined labor practices in experiential and participatory exhibitions within museums, and her visual art explores labor and production through feminist critical theory. Recent exhibitions include *100 Performances for the Hole* at SOMArts, *Full Disclosure* at Adobe Books Backroom Gallery, *More Than One Way* at Southern Exposure, *Make Things (Happen)* at Interface Gallery, and *LACK* at Ampersand SF. Her visual artwork has been featured in *Hyperallergic*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *SFAQ*, and *Art Enthusiast*. Her writing has been published in *Art Practical*, *Daily Serving*, *Carets & Sticks* and *Sightlines*.

Melissa is engaged in work to heal from the effects of internalized oppression, specifically internalized sexism, through a holistic approach that includes nutritional, psychological, and spiritual frameworks for overall health and wellbeing. This work is supported by the practices she learned in her nutrition coach training.

When she's not at LJIST, you'll find Melissa exploring Portland on her bike, cooking plant-based meals at home, or cuddling with her extra-large cat, Maxwell.