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Dr. Lisa M. Coleman is Harvard University's inaugural Chief Diversity Officer and Special Assistant to the President, and is responsible for advancing strategic diversity and inclusion (D&I) initiatives across Harvard's schools, museums, centers, institutes, and leadership programs. She earned her doctorate in Social and Cultural Analysis, American Studies from New York University and three master's degrees from the Ohio State University in African and African American Studies; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and Communication Studies. Her scholarly work in ethnic studies, equity and leadership was sparked by early professional work with Merrill Lynch Inc. and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

Dr. Coleman has worked with numerous university and colleges, and prior to Harvard, she directed the Africana program at Tufts University, and also served as that institution's first senior D&I officer. She worked closely with the President and other senior leaders to create and implement university-wide D&I programs, and as a result the University was on of the first recipients of the Google Diversity Award.

Additionally, Dr. Coleman has received numerous awards for teaching and academic leadership, and for work on disability and gender equity. She continues to consult globally and sit on various national and international boards.