# RAINMAKERS

# 2025 EXECUTIVE PROFILE BONNIE LIN



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Portfolio of Work

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Bonnie has spent over 20 years driving growth and transformation in technology, finance, and manufacturing, leveraging her expertise in change leadership, venture capital, and economic development in ecosystems from Silicon Valley to China and the Australia outback. Her background spans finance PR for 90s dot coms turned tech giants, global supply chain management, cross-border M&A in Asia, and innovation investments under the Obama Administration during the 2008 Recession. Bonnie founded 4 companies, including a tech startup and a real estate investment brokerage, and has worked on personal, organizational, and community transformations with over 100 leaders and entrepreneurs, including 500 executives and Shark Tank founders.

Having grown up in a Buddhist monastery, raised two stepchildren with special needs, and navigated cancer, Bonnie is led by a purpose to collaborate and co-invest for the responsible stewardship of wealth, knowledge, and power to benefit people, planet, and place. She advocates for socioeconomic mobility through education, entrepreneurship, and women in leadership, mentoring deep tech founders and diverse emerging fund managers. Bonnie advises Berkeley Skydeck accelerator and <a href="Dharma Realm Buddhist University">Dharma Realm Buddhist University</a> and is a Board Trustee of <a href="The Fogarty Foundation">The Fogarty Foundation</a> and <a href="Djerassi Resident Artists Program">Djerassi Resident Artists Program</a>. Bonnie has previously served on the Investment Committee of Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund (SV2), R&D Grants Committee of Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition, and the US District Export Council.

Bonnie resides in San Francisco, is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, and holds a BA from the University of California, Berkeley, MBA from the University of Phoenix, and executive certificates in Venture Capital & Economics from Berkeley School of Law and Columbia Business School.

#### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- Growth & Innovation
- Change Leadership
- Strategic Partnerships

#### **INVESTMENT EXPERTISE**

- Impact Investing
- Venture Capital
- Cross-border M&A
- Real Estate

#### **INDUSTRY SECTORS**

- Manufacturing: Consumer Products, Semiconductor, Aerospace & Defense
- Software/Hardware: Al, SaaS, Enterprise, Cleantech, IoT, Robotics, Web3
- Philanthropy: Entrepreneurship, Education, Conservation, Energy, Food Security

#### COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE

- Business Development
- Marketing Communications
- Global Ops & Supply Chain
- Lean / Continuous Improvement

#### NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE

- Economic Development
- Development & Fundraising
- Grantmaking
- Community Engagement

### SPEAKING & FACILITATION

Using humor, interactive storytelling, and experiential learning, Bonnie provides audiences and small groups solving for scalable transformation through placed-based investment models and application of global trends to localized or cultural contexts, with practical case studies from her experience through 4 recessions as an "innovation ecosystem doula" birthing and exiting unicorns in Silicon Valley, China, the Pacific Northwest, and Australia. Bonnie's experiences as the eldest of first-generation Taiwanese immigrants with political family ties, a spiritual upbringing, and a career spent mobilizing capital through high-trust networks further lend a unique perspective for the topics she speaks on.

#### Families & funders

- FAMILIES & The Purpose of Innovation Capital
  - NextGen Leadership & Stewardship
  - Wisdom as Wealth: Evolving Capitalism
  - Investment Thesis & Portfolio Construction
  - Impact Investing for People, Planet & Place
  - Women in Power, Women in Asset Allocation

### FOUNDERS

- Startup Formation & Fundraising 101
- Sustainable Growth: From Startup to Scale
- Collective Superintelligence for Social Ventures

### POLICY MAKERS

- Incentivizing Value Creation for Shared Prosperity
- From Nation-States to Interdepenent Microeconomies
- Technology-led Economic Development
- Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)

# PORTFOLIO OF WORK

## Venture & Impact Investing



#### The Rainmakers Global (TRG) | Managing Director

Strategic advisory and communications for corporates, family offices, and governments investing to accelerate innovation and scale impact. Projects range from R&D commercialization to greenfield sustainability projects and LP placements in VC funds, formation of impact funds, and direct investments in startups and social ventures. #innovationcapital



#### **ThirdPlace Partners** | Cofounder

Global real estate investment firm dedicated to unique properties that serve as vibrant community hubs for creativity, culture, conservation, and consciousness. Mission-aligned capital is leveraged through flexible investment vehicles to develop property assets that transform communities with equity participation and ownership to impact innovation, socioeconomic mobility, multimodal health and wellbeing, urban revitalization, and regenerative economies...
#ThirdPlaces



#### **Imagine Global** I Advisor

Global capital, venture studio, and advisory ecosystem empowering bold creators, communities, and investors to build what the world needs next. Uniting pioneers in business, deep tech, and personal development as mentors and investors, IMAGINE rearchitects how we fund, build, and scale future systems to incentivize collaboration, societal and planetary benefit, and global impact. IMAGINE and Singularity forms the largest independent coalition of AI scientists advancing beneficial AGI, decentralized AI infrastructure, and neuro-symbolic cognitive AI systems.

#beneficialAI



#### **Berkeley Skydeck | Advisor & Startup Mentor**

UC Berkeley's global accelerator and \$85M Berkeley Skydeck Fund, formed as a partnership between the Haas School of Business, the College of Engineering, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, with a vibrant ecosystem of over 500,000 alumni, advisors, industry partners, and accredited investors. Its startups raised \$2B and had 17 exits.



#### **Montcalm TCR | Promoter**

Wealth management firm fostering freedom and prosperity for clients and future generations through collaboration, integrity, and financial stewardship. Curation of speakers & guests for annual convening, salons, and retreats.

#architectureoffreedom



#### **Bay Bridge Ventures** I Venture Partner

Institutional climate tech VC firm founded by Andrew Karsh, KIm Kolt, and Joe Blair, with 50 years of institutional and 10 years track record in climate tech investments (6 exits at 14x TVPI) backing early-stage startups in energy ecosystem, sustainable supply chain, carbon mitigation, built environment, advanced mobility, food, water & age tech, finance & insurance, and circular economy.



#### **Water Equity Fund | Advisor**

Impact asset manager, founded by engineer Gary White and actor/writer Matt Damon of Water.org, is building a global capital market that accelerates universal access to safe water and sanitation in emerging markets Since 2016, WaterEquity has raised \$350 million in committed capital across 4 funds, reaching more than 4.5 million people with access to safe water or sanitation.



#### WovenEarth Ventures | Promoter

Fund of funds with \$152M AUM, founded by Stanford University professor Jane Woodward, allocating capital into US early-stage climate tech venture funds and co-investments. 12 funds, 50% of which are female GPs.

# PORTFOLIO OF WORK

# Philanthropy & Communities



#### **COVEN** I Cofounder

Creative placemaking accelerator (501c3 nonprofit) supporting monumental art for societal change. We amplify the sidelined voices of women, BIPOC, and immigrants through large-scale, collaborative art and activate Third Places where communities connect, learn, and co-create. COVEN is structured as a nested ecosystem to engage doers and backers in service of creators through its nonprofit, real estate impact fund, and strategic partnerships.



#### Dharma Realm Buddhist University (DRBU) I Capital Campaign Advisor

,A university and community dedicated to liberal education in the broad Buddhist tradition—a tradition characterized by knowledge in the arts and sciences, self-cultivation, and the pursuit of wisdom. DRBU was established in 1976 by Venerable Master Hsuan Hua and is located on 700 acres at The City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in northern California. #embodiededucation



#### **Djerassi Resident Artists Program** I Board Trustee

The largest artist residency (501c3 nonproft) in the Western US, situated on 583 acres in Woodside, California, has provided 2,500+ fee-free artist residencies since 1979. Djerassi has hosted writers, visual artists, photographers, filmmakers, composers, and choreographers from 54 countries and all 50 states, with over 66% of alumni who identify as female and non-binary, and over 100 award-winning artists.



#### Fogarty Foundation | Board Trustee

A social venturer advancing change through education in Western Australia by providing opportunities for individuals to reach their potential. Founded in 2000 by Annie and Brett Fogarty, the community foundation works through collaborative partnerships and invest in teaching excellence, next generation leaders, and future ready students.



#### **ACTAI Global I Community Member**

Global community founded by kitesurfing VC Bill Tai bringing together athletes, conservationists, technologists, artists and innovators passionate about technology, entrepreneurship, and ocean conservation.

#tribalthroughtechnology



**GOLD HOUSE** 

#### **GOLD HOUSE | Donor**

A cultural ecosystem (a family of networks, investment funds, programs, and platforms) in pursuit of socioeconomic equity. Anchored by the unifying power of multicultural communities, we leverage our global majority access and unique vehicles to change narratives through entertainment and mass media while producing positive, sustained economic outcomes through the startup and venture capital ecosystem (Crazy Rich Asians, Everything Everywhere).



#### **SUMMIT** I Member

A global community of diverse makers and holistisc leaders gathering to effect positive change in the world.



#### LIGHT DAO Foundation | DAO Owner + Investment Club Lead

**A** global community (501c6 nonprofit) of conscious entrepreneurs and investors in NYC, LA, SF, Dubai, Taipei, Melbourne, Rio de Janeiro, Brisbane, Sydney, Jakarta, Shanghai, Milan, Toronto, and Puerto Rico. **#wearelight** 



#### **Make Startups Foundation** I Advisor

Nonprofit with a mission to ensure a free, just, and equitable society through robust entrepreneurship training, freedom to invest & take investment, and access to sustainable community support. Founded in 2012 by Grace Belangia and Eric Parker, Make Startups works with public and private sector organizations to improve access to capital for startups and the organizations that support them.



#### House of 42 | Board Director

Faith-based 501c3 nonprofit formed in service of the work of 42 for our global congregation. 42 allows us to come out of trauma and into AGENCY, to reclaim our natural state of JOY and tap into the highest form of presence, which is PLAY. 42 has positively impacted thousands of lives of people from ages 9 to 102.