Bio

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Anjana is the Director of Transition Planning and Implementation for Stanford’s new school focused on climate and sustainability. She serves as core programmatic staff for the complex charge of the new school creation and transition, working in close collaboration with faculty leadership and senior administration on all elements of the transition.

Anjana joined Stanford in 2014. Prior to her current role, Anjana served as Associate Director for Program Strategy for the Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources (E-IPER), and ran E-IPER’s joint MS degree programs. Prior to joining Stanford, she spent ten years driving environmental improvements within manufacturing and research practices, and creating sustainability strategies for large corporate clients. She also worked for five years in community college education, leading multi-stakeholder teams to build clean energy, environmental science, and sustainable campus initiatives, and deliver social innovation programs that served a diversity of communities.

Anjana brings a sustainability mindset and a practitioner’s lens to her roles in higher education administration. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil/Environmental Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Science in Environmental Management from the Illinois Institute of Technology Stuart School of Business. Anjana enjoys being an active parent and avid traveler to friends, family, and forests near and far.