

Marc Solomon

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Marc Solomon is a nationally recognized political strategist and campaign leader with nearly 25 years of experience in campaign management, policy development and execution, communications leadership, and field mobilization. For the last 12 years, Solomon has been one of the key architects of the marriage equality movement, having worked as national campaign director of Freedom to Marry. He is presently advising other advocacy movements on strategy as Principal and National

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As national campaign director for Freedom to Marry, Solomon drove the marriage movement's political strategy while managing a staff of 25 with expertise in communications, field organizing, digital media, messaging, lobbying, public engagement, and general campaign management. Solomon is a regular national media spokesperson, appearing on *Meet the Press*' "Press Pass" and quoted frequently in national publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Politico*.

Solomon's 2014 book, *Winning Marriage: The Inside Story of How Same-Sex Couples Took on the Politicians and Public—and Won*, is described by *U.S. News & World Report* as "a playbook for progressive causes," and was named a Best Book of 2014 by *Slate*, which called it "the definitive political history of marriage equality." He is a frequent speaker at colleges and universities, businesses and law firms, and gatherings of leaders and funders of other social movements.

In addition to his work on marriage equality, Solomon has served as a policy adviser to U.S. Senator Danforth in Washington, D.C., a community development strategist in St. Louis, and a researcher for *The Washington Post* reporter Bob Woodward. In May 2009, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick presented Solomon with the Massachusetts Democratic Party's prestigious Franklin Delano Roosevelt Award, given yearly to an individual who espouses FDR's ideals "with respect to democracy, justice, individual freedoms, and citizenship." In 1999, the Rockefeller Foundation named Solomon one of America's next generation leaders and invited him to participate in its prestigious two-year Next Generation Leadership fellowship program.

Solomon is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Yale University and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Solomon resides in New York City.



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