



Munir Shivji's entire professional life has focused on Montessori education.

A Montessori educator, administrator, leader, and alum; and the child of a Montessori school founder, Munir Shivji has lived "the Montessori life" from his earliest days, both in the classroom and at home. He is founding head of 2 Montessori schools in Texas and founder of The Institute of Montessori Education, an organization that advocates for and fosters advancement of Montessori. He is also founding director of the Cambridge Montessori Institute, an AMS-affiliated teacher training program in Massachusetts; a former program director at Cambridge Montessori School; and a former Montessori Early Childhood teacher. When Munir joined the American Montessori Society as staff in 2020, he already knew the organization intimately, having served on the AMS Board of Directors for 7 years. Two of these years were as board president, during which he guided the organization through several major organizational changes, as well as the coronavirus pandemic. He holds AMS credentials at the Early Childhood and Administrator levels and a master's degree in Montessori education from St. Catherine University.