

**John Q. Adams**

Originally from Brooklyn, NY, John Adams first moved to the Triangle in 1992 to attend college. When his UNC Tar Heels won the NCAA National Championship that year, he knew he had found his new home. After graduating from UNC, John moved to Charlotte to work for management consultancy Accenture. He returned to Chapel Hill in 2000 to pursue his MBA and launch his career in marketing, and has since worked in the field of brand strategy and management for companies including Kraft Foods, Hanesbrands, and Lowe's Home Improvement.

John is currently directing all brand strategy efforts for open source software leader Red Hat in Raleigh, where he also founded the company's first LGBT employee resource group and has led its volunteer efforts for Out! Raleigh for several years running. John also serves as Vice Chair for the Board of Directors for the LGBT Center of Raleigh. In this role, he represents the voices of gay parents and children in our area and helps build a strong network with local corporate leaders.

John lives in Holly Springs, NC, with his husband, three children, and crazy German shorthair pointer.