Friday, March 8, 2019
Tangeman University Center
Greetings to our attendees from the University of Cincinnati and beyond,

We invite you to join us in exploring what graduate education is, and what it could mean for you.

We hope you approach this conference with curiosity. That is the starting point for discovery, and these are both essential features of graduate education. Whether you are interested in why our country decided to fight a war in order to abolish slavery, how consumers make decisions about what to purchase, or how to design a better building, graduate education provides the portal to learn deeply and improve society.

Advanced education beyond the bachelor’s degree propels you into a realm of curiosity, discovery, and personal challenge that can reshape your life expectations. It can change your perception of yourself—what you can do, and how big to dream—and alter your world by imprinting your environment with a legacy to outlast you. It can take a well-rounded, educated adult and transform her into a professional ready to serve communities both local and global, and it can do this in fields ranging from sociology and musicology to epidemiology, the law, and physics.

The conference we have organized today seeks to acquaint both current undergraduates and college alumni from our region with the possibilities of graduate study and with the practical know-how and savvy needed to navigate admissions, financial aid, and the job market. Through today’s events, we hope to demystify graduate school: to walk you through what it can give you, how to get there, and how it can help you to serve others and to contribute to something larger than yourself.

Whether you attend a graduate degree program at the University of Cincinnati or elsewhere, we hope that today’s discussions inspire you to imagine what studying a field in depth and becoming a professional practitioner of it can do for your future and for the work you will advance. Education is simultaneously a personal and a social good, and today you can take the first steps toward both of these benefits of advanced study at a university.

With best wishes for continued learning,
Suzanne Ortega became the sixth President of the Council of Graduate Schools on July 1, 2014. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as the University of North Carolina (UNC) Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (2011-14). Previous appointments include the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of New Mexico, Vice Provost and Graduate Dean at the University of Washington, and the University of Missouri. Dr. Ortega’s masters and doctoral degrees in sociology were completed at Vanderbilt University.

With primary research interests in mental health epidemiology, health services, and race and ethnic relations, Dr. Ortega is the author or co-author of numerous journal articles, book chapters, and an introductory sociology text, now in its 9th edition. An award-winning teacher, Dr. Ortega has also served on a number of review panels for National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health and has been the principal investigator or co-investigator on grants totaling more than $9 million in private foundation and federal funds.

Dr. Ortega serves or has served on a number of professional association boards and committees, including the boards of the Council of Graduate Schools, the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the National Academies Committees on the Assessment of the Research Doctorate and Revitalizing Graduate STEM Education for the 21st Century, the NSF Human Resources Expert Panel and Education and Human Resources Advisory Committee, the North Carolina E-learning Commission, and the UNC Press. She currently is a member of the Board of Trustees of American University in the Emirates.
9:00 AM
Student Conference Check-In, TUC 4th Floor Lobby
Conference Name Badge, Conference Booklet, Graduate School Welcome Gift
Information Tables

9:00-10:30 AM
Breakfast—Great Hall
Muffins, Bagels, Pastries, Beverages

10:00-10:15 AM
Welcome, UC Graduate School Leadership—Great Hall
• Chip Montrose, Dean of the Graduate School
• James Mack, Associate Dean of the Graduate School
• Yonatan Eyal, Director of Graduate Studies

10:30-11:15 AM
Session 1, EXPLORE
1) “Non-Traditional” Student Panel—400A
Part time students, graduate certificates, distance learning students, returning adults
• Kyle Johnson, MSIS, part-time
• Dawna Rutherford, PhD Nursing, returning adult
• Emily Spinks, MBA DL, part-time
• Moderator: Megan Tischner—Assistant Chair, Program Coordinator, UC Graduate School

2) “Traditional” Student Panel—400B
Full time master and doctoral students
• Maurice Adkins, PhD History
• Kevonyah Edwards, MS Social Work
• Kaitlin Hart, PhD Pharmacology & Systems Physiology
• Moderator: Yonatan Eyal—Director of Graduate Studies, UC Graduate School

3) Assessing Skills and Interests—400C
Presenters:
• Melanie Buford—Assistant Professor, Academic Internship Program, experience-based learning and career education center
• Shannon Miller—Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education
• Moderator: Alyssa Reiring

4) Choosing a Professional Graduate Career—425
Presenter:
• Doe Gavin—Senior Academic Advisor, pre-professional advising center
• Moderator: Matt Guido

9:00-11:30 AM
Information Tables—4th Floor Lobby
Center for Pathways Advising & Student Success
• Kea Hardy—Sr. Academic Advisor, pathways@uc.edu

Communiversity—Preparation Test
• Janet Staderman—Director, ce@uc.edu

Experience Based Learning & Career Education – Advising, Resume, Tutoring
• Ellie Bridges—Career Coach, careereducation@uc.edu

Money Management Task Force
• Sydney Meimann—Assistant Director, One Stop Student Service Center
• Kenneth Bibb—University Service Associate, One Stop Student Service Center, onestop@uc.edu

Office of Nationally Competitive Awards
• Mandi Ward—Graduate Assistant, nca@uc.edu

UC Graduate School
• Jamisha Miniefield—Graduate Assistant Recruiting, UC Graduate School, gradconnect@mail.uc.edu

UC Office of Graduate & Family Housing
• Margaret Fogler—Assistant Director, Margaret.fogler@uc.edu

11:15 AM-12:30 PM
Boxed Lunch Classic Fair—Great Hall
• “Tips for Applying to Graduate School” PowerPoint

12:00-12:45 PM
Guest Speaker, TUC 4th floor—Great Hall
• Suzanne Ortega—President, Council of Graduate Schools

1:00-1:25 PM
Session 2, PREPARE

1. Making Your Graduate Application Stand Out—400A
Presenters:
• Theresa Culley—Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences
• Cheri Westmoreland—Director, McNair/CPG Support Services, Division of Student Affairs
• Moderator: Carol Gundrum
2. Graduate Test Preparation GRE/GMAT—400B
Presenter:
• Mary Carol—Instructor, Communiversity
• Moderator: Matt Guido

3. Style of Graduate Writing: Statement of Purpose—400C
Presenter:
• Joseph Cunningham—Educational Advisor, AESS-Learning Assistance Center
• Moderator: Alyssa Riring

4. Financial Aid and Money Management—417ABC
Presenters:
• Sydney Meimann—Assistant Director, One Stop Student Service Center
• Gabrielle Simmons—University Services Associate, One Stop Student Service Center
• Moderator: Danniah Daher

5. Graduate Awards and Funding Opportunities—419AB
Presenter:
• Jenny Hyest—Director, Office of Nationally Competitive Awards
• Moderator: Emily Kregor

Presenter:
• Yonatan Eyal—Director of Graduate Studies, UC Graduate School
• Moderator: Megan Tischner

7. Effective Resume/CV Writing—427
Presenters:
• Ellie Bridges—Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education Center
• Shannon Miller—Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education Center
• Moderator: Virginia Dennis

8. Grand Fair—Great Hall, 1:30-4
2. UC College of Nursing Presentation—419AB
Presenters:
• **Andrea Davis**—Sr. Academic Advisor, Student Services, UC College of Nursing
• **Eileen Werdman**—Associate Professor, Accelerated Program Director, UC College of Nursing
• **Moderator:** Emily Kregor

3. UC DAAP: School of Planning Presentation—423
Presenter:
• **David Edelman**—Professor MCP Program, UC DAAP, School of Planning
• **Moderator:** Amy Wheeler

4. UC College of Medicine Presentation—425
Presenter:
• **Iain Cartwright**—Associate Dean of Humanities, Professor of History, UC College of Arts & Sciences
• **Moderator:** Megan Tischner

5. UC McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Presentation—427
Presenter:
• **David Stradling**—Associate Dean for Humanities, Professor of History, UC College of Arts and Sciences
• **Moderator:** Matt Guido

6. Graduate Fair—Great Hall 1:30-4

2:30-2:55 PM

Session 5 APPLY

1. UC College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH) Presentation—400C
Presenter:
• **Scott Peña**—Graduate Enrollment Service Advisor, College of Allied Health Sciences
• **Moderator:** Emily Kregor

2. UC College of Allied Health Presentation—419AB
Presenter:
• **Tom Herrmann**—Professor, Clinical, Program Director, Master of Science in Athletic Training Department of Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences
• **Moderator:** Emily Kregor

3. UC Graduate School College presentation—423
Presenter:
• **Amy Robinson Wheeler**—Conference Chair, Program Manager Graduate Recruitment, UC Graduate School

4. UC College of Pharmacy Presentation—425
Presenter:
• **Karen Henry**—Associate Director, UC College of Pharmacy
• **Moderator:** Megan Tischner

5. UC Linder College of Business Presentation—427
Presenter:
• **Jason Dickman**—Director of Academic Graduate Recruitment, UC, Linder College of Business
• **Moderator:** Matt Guido

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**Session 1, EXPLORE**

**“Non-Traditional” Student Panel—400A**
Moderator: Megan Tischner—Assistant Chair, Program Coordinator, UC Graduate School

This University of Cincinnati Graduate Student Panel consists of those who are classified as “non-traditional” students. They are currently part-time UC graduate students, students seeking a graduate certificate, distance learning graduate students, or returning adult learners. They are invited to share their graduate education experience and answer questions relevant to University of Cincinnati graduate programs.

**“Traditional” Student Panel—400B**
Moderator: Yonatan Eyal—Director of Graduate Studies, UC Graduate School

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**Assessing Skills and Interests—400C**
Presenters:
Melanie Buford—Assistant Professor/Educator, Academic Internship Program, UC Experience-Based Learning and Career Education
Shannon Miller—Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education

This session introduces participants to the assessment of skills and interests using a simple skills inventory and the John Holland Code, the foundational model for a number of popular career assessments. Participants will assess their own skills and interests, and use their insights to evaluate potential graduate school options.

**Session 2, PREPARE**

**Choosing a Professional Grad Career—425**
Presenter:
Doe Gavin—Senior Academic Advisor, Pre-Professional Advising Center, Biography

The Pre-Professional Advising Center works with undergraduate students who are pursuing careers in the health professions (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physician assistant, optometry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, chiropractic, veterinary medicine) and in law. This session will review resources and experiential learning opportunities to help undergrad students in the exploratory process.

**What You Need to Know about Graduate School—427**
Presenters:
• Theresa Culley—Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences
• Cheri Westmoreland—Director, McNair/CPG Support Services, Division of Student Affairs
• Debbie Brawn—Admissions Director, University Honors Program

Are you trying to decide if graduate school is right for you? Do you know how to navigate the application process? Come learn what graduate school is all about, how to find the right program and faculty advisor, and learn other valuable tips that will help you begin a successful application for graduate school.

**Making your Graduate Application Stand Out—400A**
Presenters:
• Theresa Culley—Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences
• Cheri Westmoreland—Director, McNair/CPG Support Services, Division of Student Affairs

Come learn how to market yourself effectively, create advocates within your preferred graduate programs, and maximize your chance of receiving an offer of admission. This presentation will include tips for what to do before submitting your application, how to write a persuasive personal essay, and how to navigate the application process.

**Graduate Test Preparation GRE/GMAT—400B**
Presenter:
• Mary Carol—Instructor, Communiversity

Communiversity representative, Mary Carol, will discuss how to prepare for the test requirements needed for the graduate application (GRE/GMAT).
Style of Graduate Writing—Statement of Purpose—400C  
Presenter:  
• Joseph Cunningham—Educational Advisor, AESS-Learning Assistance Center  
No matter the discipline, graduate study requires higher expectations regarding the composition of texts, particularly as it relates to writing style. This presentation provides strategies for students in composing sophisticated texts. Sentence construction, word choice, and other aspects of composition will be discussed.

Financial Aid & Money Management—417ABC  
Presenters:  
• Sydney Meimann—Assistant Director, One Stop Student Service Center  
• Gabrielle Simmonds—University Services Associate, One Stop Student Service Center  
Join the One Stop Student Service Center for a presentation on the financial aid process for graduate students. We will discuss ways to find and secure funding for your graduate career.

Graduate Awards & Funding Opportunities, 419AB  
Presenter:  
• Jenny Hyest—Director, Office of Nationally Competitive Awards  
“Should I go to graduate school?” usually leads quickly to another important question: “How will I fund my graduate studies?” While individual graduate schools and programs may offer internal sources of funding, there are also a number of prestigious national and international fellowships that could support graduate study in the US or abroad. UC’s Office of Nationally Competitive Awards will provide an overview of the range of awards that are available, discuss what makes an applicant eligible and competitive, and offer general advice on how to navigate the application processes.

Letters of Recommendation—425  
Presenter:  
• Yonatan Eyal—Director of Graduate Studies, UC Graduate School  
How do you nurture the mentoring relationships in your academic career? Yonatan Eyal discusses the importance of recommendation letters and the power of the words that come from those who know you well.

Effective Resume/CV Writing—427  
Presenters:  
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Session 3—PREPARE  
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Graduate Test Preparation TOEFL/IELTS—400B  
Presenter:  
• Jennifer Wiebe—Instructor, Communiversity  
Communiversity representative, Jennifer Wiebe, discusses how to prepare for the test requirements needed for the graduate application (TOEFL/IELTS). The TOEFL iBT is a test that measures English academic proficiency. It is used as one part of the admission process at many English-speaking universities. Also, many medical and licensing agencies use this test for professional certification. In this session, we will preview the four areas of the TOEFL iBT: reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and offer free tools and resources for your test preparation.
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Session 4—APPLY
UC College of Engineering & Applied Science Presentation—400C
Presenter:
• Frank M. Gerner—Senior Associate Dean Professor, UC College of Engineering & Applied Science

Dr. Gerner discusses what is new within the college, the current application requirements, why a graduate application is beneficial, and answers questions of attendees interested in continuing their graduate education in the field of engineering.

UC College of Nursing Presentation—419AB
Presenters:
• Andrea Davis—Senior Academic Advisor, Student Affairs, UC College of Nursing
• Eileen Werdman—Associate Professor, Accelerated Program Director, UC College of Nursing

The University of Cincinnati College of Nursing discusses what is new within the college, the current application requirements, and why a graduate application is beneficial.
UC College of Allied Health Presentation—419AB
Presenter:
• Tom Herrmann—Professor – Clinical, Program Director – Master of Science in Athletic Training Department of Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) is a 2 calendar year, 6 consecutive semesters professional master’s degree. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (the CAATE). Athletic Training is a recognized health care profession and its practitioners are nationally certified and state licensed health care providers who are held to rigorous academic and professional standards. Traditional employment environments for Athletic Trainers are club, interscholastic, intercollegiate, or professional athletics. Athletic Trainers are also employed in performing arts medicine, tactical and military medicine, industrial medicine, and in comprehensive health & wellness programs.

UC Graduate School Presentation —423
Presenter:
• Amy Robinson Wheeler—Conference Chair, Program Manager Graduate Recruitment, UC Graduate School

The University of Cincinnati offers over 350 graduate programs including doctoral degrees, Master of Arts degrees, Master of Science degrees, and graduate certificates. This session explores the grad.uc.edu website and answers the questions related to the graduate admission process.

UC College of Pharmacy Presentation—425
Presenter:
• Karen Henry—Associate Director, UC College of Pharmacy

The University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy discusses what is new within the college, the current application requirements, and why a graduate application is beneficial.

UC McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Presentation—427
Presenter:
• David Stradling—Associate Dean for Humanities, Professor of History, UC College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts & Sciences offers graduate certificates, Master’s degrees and PhDs in a wide variety of fields, from Biology to Women’s Studies. David Stradling discusses the latest additions to the college in teaching and learning.

Session 5—APPLY

UC College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH) Presentation—400C
Presenter:
Scott Peña—Graduate Enrollment Services Advisor, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH)

The University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH) discusses what is new within the college, the current application requirements, why a graduate application is beneficial, and answers the questions of attendees who are interested in continuing their graduate education in Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services or Information Technology.

UC DAAP— School of Planning Presentation—423
Presenter:
• David Edelman—Professor MCP Program, UC DAAP, School of Planning

The School of Planning (SOP) in DAAP is a nationally ranked graduate program and has over 1,000 graduate alumni throughout the US and the world. Each of the three SOP graduate programs provides a particular perspective and course work in planning, landscape architecture, and the design of innovative futures. David Edelman discusses an overview of all three programs.

UC College of Medicine Presentation—425
Presenter:
• Iain Cartwright—Associate Dean and Associate Professor

The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine discusses what is new within the college, the current application requirements, and why a graduate application is beneficial.

UC Lindner College of Business Presentation—427
Presenter:
• Jason Dickman—Director Graduate Admissions and Recruitment, UC Lindner College of Business

Learn more about the diverse portfolio of graduate business programs University of Cincinnati Lindner College of Business has to offer and how a graduate degree can take your career to the next level.
Dr. Montrose’s experience in graduate education is largely centered in fostering multi-disciplinary training. He helped develop a graduate program at Johns Hopkins in molecular medicine, which was an early attempt to span the clinical and research spectrum in graduate training. At Indiana University, he led the development and implementation of a graduate program in biomedical imaging that merged clinical imaging, physics and radiology, and advanced light microscopy imaging. At University of Cincinnati, Dr. Montrose led educational grants that supplied state dollars to help a variety of STEM graduate programs expand the scope of their training to be truly interdisciplinary (e.g. engineering and business programs combined students to develop and market new devices). Dr. Montrose also led an NIH training grant whose goal was to merge computational and biological expertise in the training of graduate students in systems biology.

Dr. Montrose’s specific interests are in understanding how the epithelial cells that line a wide variety of organs in the body are able to survive the unpredictable and harsh conditions of such an environment. His laboratory has been responsible for developing new models of microscopic injury in the stomach lining and, more specifically, for discovering that ulceration-causing bacteria have the ability to focus on injury sites and slow down wound repair in a matter of minutes.

Dr. James Mack has graduated 11 postgraduate students and is currently advising another eight. Some of these students have assisted him with his nationally and internationally recognized research, which has been broadcast on NPR and featured in the top journals of the chemistry field.

His specific interests include the development of environmentally benign organic reactions and the synthesis of novel organic materials.

As Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Eyal works with the dean and associate dean to lead the Graduate School’s daily operations, strategize its vision and future, implement professional development initiatives and oversee staff functions and student services.
Debbie Brawn  
**Admissions Director, University Honors Program**

As an educator, Debbie believes strongly in the power of transformative learning. She joined UC’s University Honors Program (UHP) in 2004 as an assistant director and academic advisor. That same year, she transitioned into her current role of administrative director. Debbie’s responsibilities include implementing the vision and mission of the program through development and management of the curriculum, academic advising, international experiences, budget and day-to-day operations.

Debbie was a recipient of UC’s Just Community Award in 2010. Prior to working at UC, Debbie worked in Orientation and First Year Experience at James Madison University, where she was an All Together One honoree in 2002. In 2001, she was named the Outstanding New Professional by the National Orientation Directors Association. Debbie has presented on the regional and national levels and is a member of ACPA, NASPA and NACADA.

Ellie Bridges  
**Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education Center**

Ellie Bridges serves as a Senior Career Coach in UC’s Division of Experience-Based Learning and Career Education. In this role, she coaches undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services. Prior to joining UC, Ellie worked as a Recruiter. Ellie has an MBA and a bachelor’s degree in Sociology.

Melanie Buford  
**Assistant Professor/Educator, Academic Internship Program, UC Experience-Based Learning and Career Education**

Melanie Buford is an Assistant Professor/Educator in the Division for Experience-Based Learning & Career Education. Before coming to UC she served as a Career Advisor for undergraduate liberal arts students at Wesleyan University, and prior to that worked in a variety of roles in the San Francisco Bay Area, including managing high-impact corporate service events and providing wrap-around career support for at-risk young adults. She has a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Wesleyan University and a master’s degree in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Mary Carroll  
**Instructor, Communiversity**

Mary Carroll has a B.S. degree in engineering from Miami University and an M. Ed from Xavier University. In addition to working as an online Math teacher, Mary has privately tutored students for the various tests (ACT, GRE, HSPT, SAT) for ten years. She earned a Certificate of Online and Blended Learning from the University of Cincinnati in 2015. Mary co-owns an online ACT tutoring business.

Iain Cartwright  
**Associate Professor of Molecular Genetics and Associate Dean of Graduate Education, College of Medicine**

Iain Cartwright, Ph.D. is Associate Dean of Graduate Education and Associate Professor of Molecular Genetics in the College of Medicine. Dr. Cartwright researched for many years on variation in genetic susceptibility toward toxic heavy metal poisoning, particularly the global threat from arsenic, while his Office of Graduate Education is heavily involved in student recruitment and diversity outreach. He completed his Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Chemistry from Oxford University, England, and holds both a Master’s degree and Doctoral Degree in Biochemistry/Biological Sciences from the University of Warwick, England.
Theresa Culley

Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences

Theresa Culley is a Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, Biological Sciences. In addition to mentoring graduate students in her research laboratory, she has served on graduate admissions committees and has worked with undergraduate students in the University Honors Program and the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards. She received her B.S. from the University of California, Irvine and her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

Joseph Cunningham

Educational Advisor, AESS-Learning Assistance Center

Dr. Joseph Cunningham is coordinator of the University of Cincinnati’s Academic Writing Center. In addition to coordinating AWC services and teaching courses in English composition, he has published a number of articles in education, literature, and Marxism.

Andrea Davis

Senior Academic Advisor, Student Affairs, UC College of Nursing

Andi Davis has been a part of the College of Nursing, Office of Student Affairs & Retention since 2014. She has more than a decade’s worth of experience in higher education, most recently as a Senior Academic Advisor for the Accelerated Direct-Entry MSN Program. As an alumna and former Resident Advisor, she has strong ties to UC. Andi has a bachelor’s degree in sociology and is currently working on her master’s degree with a focus on higher education leadership.

David Edelman

Professor, MCP Program, UC DAAP - School of Planning

David J. Edelman, FAICP FSU Eur Ing SIA/KIVI, is a Professor of Planning and was Director of the School of Planning for eleven years at the UC College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. He was formerly Chairman of the Department of Urban Environmental Management at the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) of Erasmus University, Rotterdam and Director of the Centre for the Urban Environment, operated jointly by IHS and Wageningen University. He has more than thirty-five years of experience in urban and regional planning, energy planning and economics, urban environmental planning, university teaching, research and administration, as well as in the training of mid-career professionals.

Doe Gavin

Senior Academic Advisor, Pre-Professional Advising Center, Biography

Doe has been employed by the University of Cincinnati for fifteen years. Her experiences include career advising in the Career Development Center, proactive/intrusive advising in the Center for Access and Transition, exploratory (undecided) advising in the Center for Exploratory Studies, and pre-health and pre-law advising in the Pre-Professional Advising Center. She has also designed and instructed introductory courses in career and major exploration, public speaking, interpersonal communication, and college success skills. She is very committed to student development and experiential learning, particularly service learning.

Jason Dickman

Director, Graduate Admissions & Recruitment UC Lindner College of Business

Jason’s professional background includes over ten years of working with college students at the University of Cincinnati. Currently, he is the Director of Graduate Admissions and Recruiting at the Lindner College of Business. He promotes the college to prospective students, matching their career goals with the diverse portfolio of degree options the Lindner College of Business offers. Jason is a two-time University of Cincinnati alumni, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration in 2002 and his Master of Business Administration in 2006.
**Frank Gerner**  
Senior Associate Dean Professor, UC College of Engineering & Applied Science

Dr. Frank M. Gerner is the Senior Associate Dean for the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Cincinnati. In this capacity, he is responsible for graduate studies, personnel, and college computing. He is also a Professor of Mechanical Engineering and has worked in the areas of MEMS and Microscale Heat Transfer. He has worked in the areas of condensation heat transfer, heat pipes, micro heat pipes, loop heat pipes and microelectronics cooling for the past quarter century. Dr. Gerner has received support from NASA, NSF, AFOSR, DARPA, GE Global Research, and has published over 150 technical articles in these areas. He has advised numerous MS and PhD students, and is co-inventor on four U.S. patents on loop heat pipes.

**Karen Henry**  
Associate Director, UC College of Pharmacy

Karen Henry is the Associate Director of Graduate Programs at the University of Cincinnati’s James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy. A Cincinnati native with over nine years of experience in Student Affairs. Her current role entails overseeing graduate program admissions and recruitment for the Masters and PhD programs. Karen holds undergraduate degrees in Liberal Arts and Industrial Organizational Psychology from Xavier University and Southwest University. She has a graduate certificate in Postsecondary Literacy and received her M.Ed. from the University of Cincinnati.

Having received numerous community service awards, she volunteers as an educational consultant for University of Cincinnati’s Higher Education Mentoring Initiative (HEMI) and Adult Basic Education (ABLE) program, providing academic reading and writing instruction to adults seeking their GED. One of her favorite quotes comes from Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

**Jenny Hyest**  
Director for the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards

Dr. Jenny Hyest joined the University of Cincinnati in November 2018 as the Director for the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards. Previously, she was a Fellowship Advisor and Alternate Representative to the United Nations at Lehigh University, where she also taught literature and writing courses for ten years.

**Sydney Meimann**  
Assistant Director, One Stop, Student Center

Sydney is an Assistant Director in the One Stop Student Service Center, the convener of the Money Management Task Force at UC and leads financial literacy efforts on UC’s campus. Sydney has a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and is passionate about inspiring others to better their financial future.

**Tom Herrmann**  
Professor – Clinical, Program Director – Master of Science in Athletic Training  
Department of Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences

Tom Herrmann has been a full-time faculty member of the Department of Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences since September of 2005. He is the Director of the Master of Science in Athletic Training program, which is scheduled to admit its inaugural class in May of 2020. Tom was the director of the undergraduate Health Sciences Program from 2006-2012. From 1985-1998 he held a full-time faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor-Field Service in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Tom has also been a staff member in the University of Cincinnati Department of Athletics and the University of Detroit Department of Athletics. His personal academic and scholarly interests include identifying an optimal way to incorporate high intensity activities into routine fitness regimens, the effects of fatigue on skilled performance and the recovery of muscular performance after significant fatigue.

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Tom Herrmann has been a full-time faculty member of the Department of Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences since September of 2005. He is the Director of the Master of Science in Athletic Training program, which is scheduled to admit its inaugural class in May of 2020. Tom was the director of the undergraduate Health Sciences Program from 2006-2012. From 1985-1998 he held a full-time faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor-Field Service in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Tom has also been a staff member in the University of Cincinnati Department of Athletics and the University of Detroit Department of Athletics. His personal academic and scholarly interests include identifying an optimal way to incorporate high intensity activities into routine fitness regimens, the effects of fatigue on skilled performance and the recovery of muscular performance after significant fatigue.

**Jenny Hyest**  
Director for the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards

Dr. Jenny Hyest joined the University of Cincinnati in November 2018 as the Director for the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards. Previously, she was a Fellowship Advisor and Alternate Representative to the United Nations at Lehigh University, where she also taught literature and writing courses for ten years.
**Shannon Miller**  
**Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education Center**

Shannon Miller is the Career Coach for students within the colleges of Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, and Natural Sciences majors within the College of Arts & Sciences. She supports career development for undergraduate and graduate students and alumni by helping them develop professional documents, uncover career opportunities related to their degree and interests, and much more. In Spring 2018, she earned her M.A.Ed in Leadership in Higher Education from Baldwin Wallace University (Berea, OH).

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**Scott Peña**  
**Enrollment Services Advisor, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH)**

Scott Peña is the Graduate Enrollment Services Advisor with the College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH). He introduces CECH graduate level degrees and certificates to potential students who may wish to continue with their educational goals. He is a retired United States Naval Officer and earned his associate’s and bachelor’s degrees from the University of the State of New York and master’s degree from the University of Phoenix.

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**Amy Robinson Wheeler**  
**2019 Graduate School Conference & Graduate Fair Committee Chair, Program Manager Graduate Recruitment, UC Graduate School**

Amy has been employed by the University of Cincinnati Graduate School since 2008. She received her Bachelor’s degree from The Ohio State University, completed two Graduate Certificates from the University of Cincinnati in Human Resources Management and Diversity Management, then continued her education and received her Master’s degree in Human Resources from the University of Cincinnati, Lindner College of Business. Amy is a strong advocate for continuing education. She is a resource for undergraduate and graduate students, UC staff and returning adults interested in continuing their education at the graduate level.

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**Gabrielle Simmons**  
**University Service Associate, One Stop Student Service Center**

Gabrielle Noel Simmons is a University Services Associate with the University of Cincinnati’s One Stop Student Service Center. She also serves as the Presentations Committee Lead for the University of Cincinnati’s Money Management Task Force. Gabrielle is an alumna of The Ohio State University and earned her Master of Arts from University of Cincinnati where she focused her research on the leadership development and well-being of young women in relationship to education.
David Stradling
Associate Dean, Humanities Professor, UC McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Administration

David Stradling has taught urban and environmental history at the University of Cincinnati since 2000. He received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996, after having earned a BA and MAT from Colgate University. He taught for two years at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, New Jersey, before moving to Cincinnati. David’s research has focused on urban environmental history, including the struggle to improve air quality and the many ways in which urbanization has influenced rural America. His most recent book concerns the Cuyahoga River and industrial Cleveland. He has just completed work on a history of the University of Cincinnati and will now turn his attention to a global history of dredging.

Megan Tischner
2019 Graduate School Conference & Graduate Fair Assistant Committee Chair, Special Projects/Programs Coordinator, UC Graduate School

Megan Tischner, special projects/programs coordinator, has worked for the UC Graduate School since 2011. With a mission of supporting graduate student success, Megan manages the Graduate School’s award competitions and professional development programming. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Albion College (MI) and a master’s in English from the University of Cincinnati.

Eileen Werdman
Associate Professor, Accelerated Program Director, UC College of Nursing

Education/Credentials
• MSN: University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and Health
• BSN: College of Mount St Joseph
• Diploma: Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing
• DNP: University of Cincinnati

Board Certifications & Licenses
• Nursing/Clinical Nurse Specialist Ohio, Certificate of Authority, 2011
• RN – BC Ohio, Medical Surgical certification ACCN, 2015
• BLS Instructor American Heart Association, 2011
• BLS Provider American Heart Association, 2011

Cheri Westmoreland
Director, McNair/CPG Support Services, Division of Student Affairs

Cheri Westmoreland is the Director of McNair and CPG Support Services. The McNair Scholars Program is an undergraduate research program that provides assistance with the graduate school admissions process. She received her B.A. from Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, her M.S. from Miami University of Ohio, and her EdD from the University of Cincinnati.

Jennifer Wiebe
Instructor, Communiversity

Jennifer Wiebe, M.Ed., has her bachelor’s and master’s degree in education. In 2011, Jennifer earned her TESOL endorsement, and is an adjunct instructor for UC’s Center for English as a Second Language.
1:30-4:00 PM, Graduate Fair—Great Hall

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• Bowling Green State University
• Illinois University
• Mount St. Joseph University
• Murray State University
• Northern Kentucky University
• Sherman University
• The Ohio State University
• Union Institute & University
• University of Kentucky
• University of Mississippi
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• Xavier University

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Graduate School Graduate Assistant, Recruitment

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• Mary Carol
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• Theresa Culley
• Joseph Cunningham
• Andrea Davis
• Jason Dickman
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• Cheri Westmoreland
• Jennifer Wiebe

Student Panels
• Maurice Adkins, PhD History
• Kevonyah Edwards, MS Social Work
• Kaitlin Hart, PhD Pharmacology & Systems Physiology
• Kyle Johnson, MSIS, part time
• Dawna Rutherford, PhD Nursing, returning adult
• Emily Spinks, MBA DL, part time

Information Tables
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Communiversity - Test Prep (Janet Staderman)
Experience Based Learning–Advising, Resume, Tutoring (Ellie Bridges)
Money Management Task Force (Sydney Meimann, Kenneth Bibb)
Office of Nationally Competitive Awards (Mandi Ward)
UC Office of Graduate & Family Housing (Margaret Fogler)
UC Graduate School (Jamisha Miniefield)

UC College Recruiters
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• Brandi Bittner—Cincinnati Online
• Barb Carter—UC College of Engineering & Applied Science
• Iain Cartwright—UC College of Medicine
• Jason Dickman—UC Lindner College of Business
• David Edelman—UC DAAP School of Planning
• Karen Henry—UC College of Pharmacy
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• Marilyn Kershaw—UC College of Arts & Sciences
• Betsy Macke—UC College of Pharmacy
• Ana Madani—UC College of Medicine, Neuroscience Graduate Program
• Jessica Marks—UC College of Medicine
• Amanda Middleton—UC College of Medicine
• Jamisha Miniefield—UC Graduate School
• Julie Muenchen—UC College of Engineering & Applied Science
• Scott Peña—UC College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and School of Information Technology
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• Bobby Roe—UC College of Nursing
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Conference Sessions

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Breakfast: 9-10:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11:15-12:30 p.m.
Welcome 10 a.m.
Keynote Speaker 12 p.m.

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Level 4