Friday, March 2, 2018
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,

Marshall H. “Chip” Montrose  
_Vice Provost and Dean_  
The Graduate School  
University of Cincinnati

James Mack  
_Associate Dean_  
The Graduate School  
University of Cincinnati

Yonatan Eyal  
_Director of Graduate Studies_  
The Graduate School  
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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.
Student Conference Check In—4th Floor Lobby
Conference Name Badge, Conference Booklet, Graduate School Welcome Gift

Breakfast—Great Hall

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

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• Moderator: Megan Tischner—Assistant Chair, Program Coordinator, UC Graduate School

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• Moderator: Marilyn Kershaw
9:00-11:30 AM

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• UC International
• Experienced Based Learning Career Education
• Academic Writing Center
• Communiversity Test Prep
• Accessibility Services

11:15 AM-12:00 PM

Pizza Lunch—Great Hall
“Tips for Applying to Graduate School” PowerPoint

12:00-12:45 PM

Guest Speaker—Great Hall
• Suzanne Ortega—President, Council of Graduate Schools

1:00-1:25 PM

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Presenter:
•Cara Picket—Assistant Director, Office of Nationally Competitive Awards
•Moderator: Joseph Tran

2. UC Financial Aid Office—400B
Presenter:
•Erica Henry/Lisa Burke—Associate Director Enrollment Relations, Enrollment Management Student Financial Aid
•Moderator: Danniah Daher

3. UC College of Nursing Presentation—400C
Presenter:
•Megan Jacob—Program Coordinator, UC College of Nursing
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Presenter:
•David Edelman—Professor MCP Program, UC DAAP—School of Planning
•Moderator: Amy Wheeler

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   • Frank Gerner—Senior Associate Dean Professor, UC College of Engineering & Applied Science
   • Moderator: Carol Gundrum

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   Presenter:
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   Presenter:
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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

This University of Cincinnati Graduate Student Panel consists of those who are classified as “traditional” students. They are currently full-time UC graduate students earning a Master of Arts degree, Master of Science degree, or doctoral degree. They are invited to share their graduate education experience and answer questions relevant to University of Cincinnati graduate programs.

Assessing Skills and Interests—400C
Presenter: Melanie Buford—Assistant Professor/Educator, Academic Internship Program, UC 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.

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

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• Cheri Westmoreland—Director, McNair/CPG Support Services, Division of Student Affairs
• Debbie Brawn—Admissions Directory, 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.

Session 2, PREPARE

Making your Graduate Application Stand Out—400A

Presenters:
• Theresa Culley—Director of the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards 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.

Test Prep—400B

Presenter: Becky Ostendorf—Princeton Review

Princeton Review representative, Becky Ostendorf, discusses how to prepare for the test requirements needed for the graduate application (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT).

Style of Graduate Writing: Statement of Purpose—400C

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Return on Investment—423
Presenter: Lenisa Chang—Assistant Professor, Lindner College of Business-Economics

University of Cincinnati Assistant Professor of Economics, Lenisa Chang, discusses research data evaluating the return on investment in advanced graduate education.

Letters of Recommendation—425
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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.

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Presenter: Ellie Bridges—Program Manager, Experience Based Learning and Career Education

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Presenter: Cara Picket—Assistant Director, Office of Nationally Competitive Awards

Merit-based fellowships can fund graduate study abroad, international gap year opportunities, and specialized U.S.-based graduate study. Cara Picket discusses these unique opportunities—what they are, how to apply, and what a competitive candidate looks like.

UC Financial Aid Office—400B
Presenter: Erica Henry—Associate Director of Enrollment Relations, Enrollment Management Student Financial Aid

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UC College of Nursing Presentation—400C
Presenter: Megan Jacob—Program Coordinator, 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 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: Cindy Bachurski—Field Service Associate Professor, Co-Director Office of Graduate Education, UC College of Medicine, Pediatrics

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UC McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Presentation—427
Presenter: David Stradling—Associate Dean for Humanities
Zane L. Miller—Professor of Urban 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.

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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.

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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.
UC to a Higher Degree
Graduate School
Leadership Team

Chip Montrose
Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology

Prior to joining the Graduate School as vice provost and dean in 2014, Dr. Montrose served as chair of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology (since 2004) and interim chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Cell Biophysics (since 2012) in the College of Medicine.

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.
In his 13 years teaching chemistry, Dr. 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.

Prior to joining the Graduate School as associate dean in 2016, Dr. Mack served as the assistant chair for the Department of Chemistry (2013–16) and filled the role of graduate program director of advising for the same department (2005–13). Dr. Mack served on the steering committee for the formation of the UC Black Faculty Association, and upon the organization’s establishment in 2016, was appointed co-chair.

As associate dean, Dr. Mack provides strategic direction over the necessary processes of the Graduate School, which support its many students, faculty, programs and staff.

Yonatan Eyal
Director of Graduate Studies, Affiliate Associate Professor of History.

Trained as an historian of nineteenth-century America, Dr. Eyal joined the Graduate School as its inaugural Director of Graduate Studies in 2015. He has served as a history professor as well as published author (a book and numerous articles and reviews on the politics of Jacksonian and Civil War America). An award-winning educator, he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses on the American Revolution, the Civil War and Reconstruction, and American political and intellectual history.

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.
Cindy Bachurski
Field Service Associate Professor, Co-Director Office of Graduate Education, UC College of Medicine, Pediatrics

Cindy Bachurski, PhD, is an associate professor of pediatrics at the UC College of Medicine, co-director of the Office of Graduate Education, and director of Student Pipeline Programs at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. From 2009 to 2015 she served as the scientist recruiter for postdoctoral fellows and research associates at Cincinnati Children’s and as the assistant director for the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

Dr. Bachurski was PI of a research laboratory from 1994 to 2010 in the Division of Pulmonary Biology. Her lab studied transcriptional control of the establishment and maintenance of the pulmonary type II cell. She used sophisticated transgenic mouse technology and molecular and biochemical analysis methods to ask mechanistic questions about transcription factor interactions during lung development, and in response to injury.

Dr. Bachurski has a long-term interest in mentoring young scientists. She organized a Research Explorer Scout Troop for high school students (1997 to 2001). She currently directs the Summer Internship Program at Cincinnati Children’s, for graduating high school students to work with clinician-mentors, and the Biomedical Research Internship for Minority Students (BRIMS) Program for young high achieving minority students to gain research experience. She also co-chairs the Cincinnati Children’s High School Science Symposium honoring outstanding, local high school students and their teachers.

Starting in February of 2015, Dr. Bachurski joined the Office of Graduate Education at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine as the co-director of graduate programs for student recruiting and outreach.

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
Program Manager, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education Center

Ellie Bridges serves as a 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 Arts & Sciences, College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services, College of Allied Health Sciences, and the College of Nursing. Prior to joining UC, she 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.

Lenisa Chang
Assistant Professor, Lindner College of Business-Economics

Lenisa Chang is an Assistant Professor of Economics in the Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati. She has earned MA and PhD degrees in Economics from Michigan State University. Prof. Chang’s research interests lie in the intersection of health economics and public policy, especially as they apply to maternal and child health, preventive health care, and the Medicaid program. Her work has been published in journals such as Health Economics, Health Affairs, and Health Services Research, among others. Her research has been supported with grants by the Robert Wood Johnson foundation and PCORI. She is currently on the editorial review board of Inquiry: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing.
Theresa Culley
Director of the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards; Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences

Theresa Culley is the Director of the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards and a Professor in Biological Sciences. In addition to mentoring graduate students in her research laboratory, she has served on graduate admissions committees and currently works with the University Honors Program to identify graduate pathways for students. 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.

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.
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.

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.
Erica Henry
Associate Director, UC College of Pharmacy

Karen Henry
Associate Director, UC College of Pharmacy

Erica Henry began her career in higher education as a work-study in the Student Services Office at Tiffin University in 1997. Her first job at the University of Cincinnati was as a Financial Aid Advisor almost ten years ago. She currently serves as the Associate Director for Enrollment Relations in the Student Financial Aid Office. Erica oversees the undergraduate scholarship area and works with her staff of financial aid advisors to provide financial aid education and counseling to incoming and prospective students. Erica has been an active member in the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA) for nine years, serving as a Trustee and in various board positions along the way. She has also been involved in the Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA) for the last three years, including serving as faculty for the Summer Institute this past June.

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.”
Megan Jacob
**Program Coordinator, UC College of Nursing**

Megan is the Program Coordinator for Student Recruitment at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. She has a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Public Relations with a background in Marketing, Recruiting and Education.

Becky Ostendorf
**Regional Director of Partnerships, Princeton Review**

Becky Ostendorf is the Midwest Regional Director at The Princeton Review, and has 10 years in the Test Prep industry. She is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio, and resides with her husband in Northern Kentucky. Her three sons are graduates of University of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University. She enjoys helping students reach their dreams of getting into the grad program of their dreams!

Cara Picket
**Assistant Director, Office of Nationally Competitive Awards**

Cara Pickett is the Assistant Director for UC’s Office of Nationally Competitive Awards. She has a Ph.D. in Music History and professional experience as an advisor, mentor, teacher, writer, and non-profit professional. She loves helping students dream big, learn how to tell their stories, and step outside their comfort zones to pursue their passions and goals.
Session Presenters

Amy Robinson Wheeler
2018 Graduate School Conference & Graduate Fair Committee Chair, Program Manager Graduate Admissions and Graduate Recruitment, UC Graduate School

Amy has been employed by the University of Cincinnati Graduate School as a Program Manager, Graduate Admissions & Recruitment for ten years. She received her Bachelor 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 older returning adults interested in continuing their education at the graduate level.

Sue Roth
Director of Pre-Professional Advising

Sue’s professional background includes more than thirty years of working with college students at both the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University. Currently, she works in the Pre-Professional Advising Center and supports UC students and alumni as they explore and prepare themselves for competitive applications to Professional schools. In this role, she integrates her experiences and leadership in higher education from multiple areas including Academic Advising, Testing & Disability Services, Wellness-program development, Facility management/planning, and teaching.
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

*2018 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.

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.
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• Murray State University
• Northern Kentucky University
• Ohio State University–Education Services
• Purdue University
• University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign
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• University of Wisconsin
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- Cindy Bachurski–UC College of Medicine
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