Our Staff

Gary Alan Miller [1] Director

Gary Alan Miller serves as the Director of University Career Services. He previously worked at Carolina from 1994-1999 and 2008-2014 before returning to UCS in 2017 — he can't stay away! Gary was born in Tennessee, but has also called Atlanta, Seattle, and New York home over the past 25 years. He holds degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and Georgia State University, and he is...

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Amy Blackburn [4] Senior Assistant Director for Graduate Students

Amy Blackburn serves as the Senior Assistant Director for Graduate Students. When she's not on campus, she enjoys time in her garden or at the South Durham Farmer's Market. She was raised in the Chicago area and moved to North Carolina in 2001 to work in academic advising at Meredith College. She has worked at UNC since 2007 and has supported both undergraduates and graduate students with...

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Jonathan is an Assistant Director and Career Counselor for all students. He is passionate about providing career development support for undergraduate psychology students. Originally from Chapel Hill, Jonathan holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Montana and a M.A. in Counseling from Wake Forest University. Prior to coming to Carolina, Jonathan served as the career services...

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Catherine Allen serves as Assistant Director and is the liaison to the Department of Computer Science. Catherine has a B.S. in Psychology from Campbell University and an M.A. in Community Counseling with School Licensure from Lenoir-Rhyne University. Prior to working with UCS, Catherine worked as a Professional School Counselor and College & Career Readiness Resource Counselor with...

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Sheena Jacobs is a Higher Education professional with training and experience in Undergraduate Admissions, Scholarships and Student Aid, Counseling, Career Counseling, and University Program Planning. Since 2009, she has spent her career in higher education and has a professional interest in the areas of career counseling, coaching, and personal development. In addition, Sheena has had the...

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Mary is an Assistant Director who meets with all students and is the liaison for transfer/CSTEP students. She also works with Biology students who are exploring non-traditional career paths. Mary is originally from Bulgaria and has grown up across the Midwest and the Northeast. She holds an MEd in Higher Education from North Carolina State University and a BS in Accounting from Pennsylvania...

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Emily Strader  Career Counselor

Emily Strader serves as a career counselor for all students, as well as those pursuing careers in Studio Art, Art History, Music and Dramatic Arts. Emily has two graduate degrees, one in Human Sciences and one in Career Counseling, both from North Carolina Central University. She grew up in VA and has her undergraduate from JMU. She was a classroom teacher before joining University Career...

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Tamara Taylor [24] Assistant Director

Tamara K. Taylor serves as an Assistant Director in University Career Services working with all students and serving as the liaison to the School of Pharmacy and our student veterans. Hailing from the sunshine state of Florida, Tamara has spent the last 14 years working in higher education with the UNC System, most recently as the coordinator for student professional development. In that role...

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William Taylor [26] Assistant Director, Pre-Graduate & Pre-Law Advising

Dr. Taylor grew up in Utah, coming to Chapel Hill for his doctorate in Comparative Literature focusing on Nietzsche’s views on the ancient Greeks. He enjoys advising students considering law school and supporting the Pre-Graduate Advisors as they advise students considering an array of disciplines. In his spare time he sometimes wanders in the woods, reads something old, or about something...

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Lisa Bowden [28] Help Desk Agent / Administrative Assistant

Lisa Bowden has worked at University Career Services for more than 20 years. With Lisa’s experience feel free to contact her for any questions or concerns you may have. Lisa loves spending time with her family, she also likes to exercise, her favorite season of the year is summer, she enjoys vacationing at the beach, and playing co-ed softball.

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Teresa Holt [30] Help Desk Agent/ Administrative Assistant

Teresa Holt has been with University Career Services since June 1984. Currently, she assists the counselors and employers with posting job vacancies and performing resume referral searches from the UCS website. When she is away from UNC-Chapel Hill, she enjoys spending time with her large extended family, pursuing projects on her farm, trying new recipes, and singing.

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Julie Pendergraph [32] Recruiting Coordinator and Assistant to the Director

Julie Pendergraph has been with University Career Services since 1972. Enjoys attending NASCAR races and is a big fan of Jeff Gordon? go #24.

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Karen Thompson [34] Event / Marketing, Social Media and Special Project Coordinator

Karen Thompson has been with University Career Services for 21 years. Her role has changed many times over the past two decades; currently, she coordinates and promotes special events for the office such as Career Fairs, Networking Nights, Panels and Workshops. Karen has a degree in Criminal Justice/Corrections Technology and is holds a certification through Appalachian University in...

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Blakely Williamson has worked at University Career Services since 2004. She received her bachelor's degree in Communications from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2002. In her spare time, Blakely enjoys reading, watching movies and traveling.

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Taron Mattocks has responsibilities from desktop troubleshooting to coordinating IT projects within the Division of Student Affairs. He also serves the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Campus Y departments in Student Affairs. Before coming to Career Services, he provided technical support for the UNC School of Medicine and was a founding technician for the student-oriented Academic...

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