Our Staff

Administration and Office Staff

Dr. Tierney Bates [1] Executive Director of University Career Services

Dr. Tierney Bates a Cleveland, Ohio native joins Student Affairs as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Special Projects and Executive Director of University Career Services. Dr. Bates has a distinguished higher education career, including previous service as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Virginia Union University and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs...

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Julie Pendergraph [3] 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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Teresa Holt [5] 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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Lisa Bowden [7] Help Desk Agent / Administrative Assistant

Lisa Bowden has worked at University Career Services for many 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 take long relaxing walks, and she takes pride in growing her vegetable gardens during the summer and fall seasons. Her favorite season of the year is summer, and she enjoys...

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Blakely Williamson [9] Help Desk Agent/Administrative Assistant
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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### External Relations, Marketing, and Analytics Team

**Roderick Lewis, MBA, CPC** [11] Director of External Relations, Marketing, and Analytics

Roderick Lewis is the Director of External Relations, Marketing, and Analytics at UCS; and he also serves as Second-in-Command of UCS in absence of the Executive Director. Roderick develops the overall strategy for how UCS connects external stakeholders with internal stakeholders to support experiential learning and recruitment (career and graduate school) initiatives for students, employer...

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**Doug Mayes** [13] Assistant Director of External Relations

Doug Mayes is the Assistant Director of External Relations at University Career Services. Doug builds relationships with employers across industries focused on: 1) Non-Profits, 2) NGOs, and 3) Government/Education. In addition, he identifies potential micro-internship projects from his Industry Portfolio companies, engages UNC Parents/Families to support employer-involved experiential...

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Kelsey Durham [15] Assistant Director of Internships & Experiential Learning

Kelsey Durham is the Assistant Director of Internships & Experiential Learning at University Career Services. Kelsey builds relationships with internal campus stakeholders across a range of designated College of Arts & Sciences departments, Experiential Education Courses, and Special Student Populations to increase student participation in career-aligned Virtual Work Experiences,...

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Tessa Minnich [17] Events and Marketing Coordinator

Tessa Minnich is the Events and Marketing Coordinator and is a member of the External Relations, Marketing, and Analytics Team at University Career Services. She is responsible for coordinating in-person/virtual career and information fairs and organizing fee-based marketing services for employers. She earned her B.A in Mass Communications and Public Relations and minor in Sociology at...

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Jamel Mallory Jr., M.Ed [19] Assistant Director of External Relations
Jamel Mallory Jr. is the Assistant Director of External Relations at University Career Services builds relationships with employers across industries focused on: 1) Internet/Software/Hi-Tech, 2) Banking/Financial Services, and 3) Healthcare/Biotech/Pharma. In addition, he identifies potential micro-internship projects from his Industry Portfolio companies, engages UNC Alumni to support...

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Kara Reddish [20] Assistant Director of Assessments and Analytics

Kara Reddish is the Assistant Director of Assessments and Analytics for UCS helps the office operate efficiently and effectively through tracking monthly activities metrics that provide insight on UCS’s Signature KPIs, along with aligning UCS assessment of student and employer engagement activities with the Division of Student Affairs guidelines. In addition, she analyzes student and...

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Kara Rice [21] Job Location Development Coordinator

Kara Rice is the Job Location and Development (JLD) Coordinator for UCS fulfills an important access and equity need for UNC Students and serves three primary roles: 1) developing relationships with off-campus employers interested in hiring UNC students for paid jobs (primarily part-time); 2) giving presentations to student groups and increasing participation in meaningful part-time...
Student-Facing Team

Tamara Taylor [22] Interim Associate Director for Career Education/Senior Assistant Director for Career Coaching & Student Belonging

Tamara Taylor serves as the Senior Assistant Director for Career Coaching & Student Belonging working with all students and managing the Career Peer program. Her career in higher education includes acknowledgments as a committed advocate in helping students see that the ?impossible? is possible. Tamara enjoys helping students evaluate and appreciate their experiences and skills, and how...

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Grace Athy [24] Assistant Director of Career Coaching and Education

Grace Athy serves as the Assistant Director of Career Coaching and Education within UCS. She achieved her BSW from Spring Arbor University and shortly thereafter, her MSW from the University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley. She is originally from Michigan, but has since lived in many other states, such as South Dakota, Texas, and now North Carolina. Prior to joining UNC, she worked at the...

Angelica Ramirez Blanks [26] Assistant Director of Career Coaching and Education

Angelica serves an Assistant Director of Career Coaching and Education at University Career Services. She is originally from northern VA, near Washington D.C. and spent the first 12 years of her professional career working for nonprofit and professional associations. She earned her B.S. in Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University and her M.S. in Clinical Psychology from the University...

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Jacquelyn Gist [28] Assistant Director for Career Coaching and Education

Jacquelyn Gist is an Assistant Director and Career Coach for all students. Ms. Gist received both her B.A in Philosophy and her MSW from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has been with UCS since 1992. Before coming to UCS, Ms. Gist worked as a Social Worker with the ARC of Orange County and as the Coordinator of the Inter Faith Council Homeless Shelter. Ms. Gist has served as an elected member of the...

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Serena Hodge [30] Assistant Director of Pre-Law and Pre-Graduate Education Advising
Serena is originally from St. Louis, Missouri and has also lived in Louisville, Kentucky and Dallas, Texas. She earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Missouri and an M.Ed. in Counseling and Personnel Services from the University of Louisville. She has higher education experience in academic advising, graduate admissions counseling, and student success program management. She is...

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**Darci Jones** [32] Assistant Director of Career Coaching and Education

Darci Jones a Columbia, South Carolina native joins University Career Services as Assistant Director of Career Coaching and Education. She is a passionate educator who strives to foster the holistic development of students. Darci is transitioning from Carolina Housing where she served as Community Director here at UNC. In that role she successfully facilitated the academic and professional...

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**Mira Singhal** [34] Peace Corps Strategic Campus Recruiter

Mira Singhal joins UCS as the Peace Corps Recruiter here at UNC. She recently finished three years serving in the Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa, where she worked for two years as an Urban Agriculture Extension Agent in the south of Senegal before moving to the city of Thies to create a mapping program for volunteers and local community members. Mira is pursuing a dual MA in Public...

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