Our Staff

Administration and Office Staff

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

Dr. Tierney Bates a Cleveland, Ohio native joins Student Affairs as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Special Projects and Interim 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...

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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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**Strategic-Facing Team**

![Blakely Williamson](image)

**Kaitlyn Bayley** [11] Assistant Director

Kaitlyn serves as an Assistant Director and Career Counselor for all students. Originally from Rochester, NY, she earned a B.A. in American Studies from the College of William & Mary and an M.S. in College Student Development & Counseling from Northeastern University. Prior to joining University Career Services at UNC-Chapel Hill, she worked as the career liaison to the College of...

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**External Relations Team**

![Roderick Lewis, MBA, CPC](image)

**Roderick Lewis, MBA, CPC** [13] Senior Associate Director

Roderick Lewis is the Director of External Relations at UCS and also serves as Second-in-Command of UCS in absence of the Executive Director. He is a business coach and talent consultant with expertise in diversity & inclusion, performance improvement, and career management. He has consulted employers on talent acquisition strategies,
employee engagement, and employer branding goals.

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**Jonathan Adams**  
Assistant Director

Jonathan is an Assistant Director and External Relations Consultant at University Career Services. Jonathan builds relationships with employers across a range of industry areas including non-profits, NGOs, government, and education. In addition, Jonathan supports local startups and entrepreneurs in recruiting UNC students, creates and maintains engagement opportunities for UNC families and...

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**Tessa Minnich**  
Events and Marketing Coordinator

Tessa Minnich serves as the Events and Marketing Coordinator and is a member of the External Relations Team at University Career Services. She earned her B.A in Mass Communications and Public Relations and minor in Sociology at Meredith College.

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**Casey Lowe**  
Job Location and Development Coordinator
Casey Lowe serves as the Job Location and Development Coordinator, focusing on helping Carolina students who are seeking part time work in the Triangle area. Originally, from Tallahassee, Florida, Casey graduated with her Master’s in Public Administration from Florida State University in Spring 2019. During her graduate program, she served as the graduate assistant for the FSUshadow and...

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**Student-Facing Team**

**Stephenie McIntyre** [21] Associate Director

Stephenie McIntyre is our Associate Director at University Career Services. Stephenie was born and raised in New Jersey and moved to North Carolina in 2015. She holds a B.A. in English from Rutgers University and an M.A. in Counseling from Montclair State University. Prior to arriving at UNC, she spent over 10 years in Career Services at both small institutions and large state universities...

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**Amy Blackburn** [23] Senior Assistant Director
Amy Blackburn serves as the Senior Assistant Director. When she's not on campus, she enjoys time in her garden or with her three Labrador Retrievers. She was raised in the Chicago area and moved to North Carolina in 2001 to work in academic advising at Meredith College. Prior to coming to North Carolina, she worked in career services in Virginia and in Long Island, NY. She has worked at UNC...

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Chloe Benjamin is an Assistant Director and Career Counselor for all students. She is a seasoned counseling professional, and twice-over UNC-Chapel Hill alumna, having completed a B.A in Journalism and an M. Ed. in School Counseling right here on campus. Career counseling is one of her favorite aspects of her professional training. She has further advanced her education in career counseling,...

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Mary Rosage is an Assistant Director who meets with all students and oversees the Career Peer program. 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 State...
Jacquelyn Gist is an Assistant Director and Career Counselor 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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Tamara Taylor serves as an Assistant Director in University Career Services working with all students to include Covenant Scholars, veterans, and C-STEP. Tamara also serves as a supervisor to our Career Peers. 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...

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Emily Strader is a 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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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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Chelsea Cochrane is a graduate student intern with UCS. She was born and raised in Prince George’s County, Maryland and moved to North Carolina to attend Carolina for undergrad, completing a B.A. in Exercise and Sport Science and Sociology. After graduation, she began working in Academic Advising, where she decided to pursue her master’s in College Counseling and Student Development from...

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