

# SU Career Connections BBQ 2012 – Alumni Participants

Friday, April 13, 12:00-1:40 p.m.

Sign-up in person at Career Services (M-F, 8-12, 1-5 p.m.)

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## Lyle Atkins '10

Lyle graduated with a degree in **Business** from Southwestern and is currently working as the **Business Development Manager for Landmark Insurance Group**. He is responsible for the development and implementation of marketing techniques such as the website, drip marketing, and other online marketing strategies in researching ways to automate the company's processes. Lyle was previously an underwriter at Dallas National Insurance Company and can speak to summer internships he had while a student as well. He was involved with Residence Life while at SU.

## D'Artagnan Bebel '11

D'Art graduated from SU with a double major in **Business and Communication** and now works for **National Instruments as the Global Database Marketing Coordinator**. He builds automated marketing programs that deliver timely and effective messaging to contacts brought into the database based on web behavior, buying history, and product interests. His programs support NI's business and corporate objectives world-wide. While a student, D'Art played tennis and participated in Student Congress and Ebony. He was the 2011 CEIA National Intern of the Year.

## Angela Bouldin Barraza '01

Angela graduated SU with a **Religion major and Sociology minor**. She is currently the **Director of Development and Communications with Capital IDEA** where she leads the non-profit organization's private fundraising efforts to raise more than \$1M every year. She also manages the organization's overall communication efforts included all printed materials, media, website, and social media. Previously, she has worked as the Consulting Projects Manager at Dini Partners, Development Specialist at Texas CASA, and Director of Youth Ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church. Angela recently worked with an SU student on an internship research project about the generational impact of Capital IDEA's program that received front page press in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

## Adam Bates '05

Adam graduated with a degree in **History** while a student at SU and later obtained a Master's degree in Science and Technology Commercialization from **The University of Texas in Austin**, where he currently works in **International Business Development**. He is responsible for technology assessment and validation and technology commercialization training and coaching in helping foreign companies export their technologies to new markets. Previously, Adam has worked in property management and marketing and sales.

## Matt Beck '01

Matt majored in **Political Science** with minors in **Economics** and **Computer Science** while at SU. He then received his Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. Matt is currently the **Director of Global Trade Compliance at National Instruments** where he is responsible for providing the expertise, tools, and services necessary to abide by laws and regulations governing the international trade of goods and technology. While at Southwestern, he was President of APO and was an intramural referee and supervisor.

## Elinor "Ryn" Berger '02

Ryn graduated SU with a degree in **Biology** and went on to obtain her B.S. in Nursing from the UT Health Science Center in Houston and her M.S. in Nursing from Texas Tech University's Health Science Center. She is currently a **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at the Lone Star Circle of Care** in Georgetown where she provides primary care

for pediatric patients and is the co-chair of the practice and education committee, ensuring standardized processes and evidence-based practice. Ryn is also the preceptor for MSN students during their pediatric clinical role and is president of the Central Texas Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

## Meghan Brindley '08

Meghan graduated from SU with a degree in **Communication Studies and English** and went on to earn her Master's in Advertising from The University of Texas at Austin. Meghan is currently the **Social Training Manager at Spredfast**, a software company that helps companies manage their social media initiatives better. She has previously worked as a social media strategist with Mason Zimpler and Hotels for Hope as well as held numerous other internships. While a student, Meghan was involved with Delta Delta Delta, Residence Life, and Omricon Delta Kappa.

## Ansa Copeland '07

Ansa earned a degree in **Philosophy** at SU. She is currently the **designer of Eat Share Live** and **owner of Compendium237** as well as involved in **Web Development and Social Media Consulting at Boof Media Services**. Ansa is responsible for developing branding and designing site graphics and layout and web development and maintenance with particular specialties in social media, marketing, research and drafting, and information architecture. Previously, she has worked as a Junior Board Member of the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky and the Tech Support and General Assistant at the Children's Law Center in Covington. As a student at SU, she was heavily involved as a Civic Engagement Specialist and in Instructional Technology Services.

## Lindsey Cunningham '05

Lindsey earned her degree in **Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science** at Southwestern, and went on to receive her Master's degree in Quantitative Financial Economics from Oklahoma State University. Lindsey is currently working as a **financial analyst with Reliant Energy** where she creates and maintains a direct expense model to evaluate the company's commercial and industrial customers, performs ad hoc data analysis and manipulation, calculates and evaluates final compensation for sales department and creates monthly sales reports for numerous states in the U.S. She formerly worked as a commercial analyst at Dynegy. Lindsey played soccer and was in ADPI at SU.

## Arbye Curtis '06

Arbye graduated from Southwestern with a double major in **English and Art History**. He is currently an **Account Manager with Cigna**, where he is responsible for relationship management, business entertainment, financial/analytical reporting, travel, and proactive strategic initiatives. Arbye has previously worked as an Insurance Broker/Consultant in Health and Welfare Benefits. While a student he was involved with Student Congress, UPC, and the Pre-Law Society.

## Amy Dempsey '97

Amy majored in **Architectural Studies** while at Southwestern. She then went on to earn her Master's degree in Architecture from the University of Houston and is currently the **Owner and Architect for Studio Robins Dempsey**, a small company where she does everything from design and construction drawing to accounting, marketing, etc. Amy previously interned with Brennan Beer Gorman Architects in New York and Alamo Architects in San Antonio, and worked as the Project Manager and Designer for Beckman Design Group in Austin.

### Mary Edwards '03

Mary graduated from Southwestern with a degree in **Kinesiology** and later received her Master of Science in Kinesiology emphasizing Sports Physiology from Texas A&M University. She is currently the **Fitness Director at Cooper Fitness Center** where she interviews and hires fitness specialist and professional trainer staffs, performs personal trainer performance evaluations and departmental education efforts as well as assists with annual budget needs. Mary has held numerous internships in professional training, and coordinated SU's Health and Wellness program while a student here.

### Nathaniel Ellis '08

Nathaniel graduated with a degree in **Business** and is currently working as an **Associate Relationship Manager with Frost Bank**. His responsibilities include credit analysis and loan documentation and monitoring, and he has previously worked with Frost in the capacity of a personal banker. Nathaniel is originally from Houston, played soccer for SU and was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity while a student.

### Kevin Hanson '05

Kevin earned a degree in **Mathematics** at Southwestern. He just accepted a position with **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as a Senior Business Analyst**, where he will be working in the Advisory group consulting on IT projects in the Financial Services area. Prior to this position, he worked as a **Business Analyst at CSC** where he utilized consulting expertise with Fortune 500 companies in banking, insurance, and other financial industries. Kevin was also a Research Analyst at J.L. Vick & Company, Data Analyst at ProEducation Solutions, Inc., and Technical Support Analyst at Toppan Photomasks.

### LauraAnn Hanson '05

LauraAnn majored in **Business** at Southwestern and then went to Sam Houston State University and earned her Master's in Criminal Justice and Criminology. She is currently working as an **Advisory Associate/Business Analyst at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)**, where she plans, designs, tests, oversees, develops, and evaluates end-to-end integrated systems with the ability to recommend action plans. She previously worked as a business analyst at CSC. She had internships with National Instruments as a media relations intern and with the FBI as a financial institution fraud intern. LauraAnn still volunteers with ADPI at Southwestern as President of the Texas Hill Country Alumnae Association and was involved in the Financial Analyst program at SU.

### Shunil Jacob '89

Shunil majored in **Biology and Chemistry** at Southwestern and is currently the **Operations Manager for NORDON Corporation**. He writes and reviews test reports submitted to clients for ultimate submission to state and federal environmental entities including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In this capacity, he also provides consulting services covering emissions testing methodology and regulations, and performs air pollution tests for industry. Shunil has performed and managed testing projects in the contiguous U.S., Hawaii, and China.

### Sylvia Mayer '01

Sylvia graduated with a degree in **Political Communication Studies**, a constructed independent program combining the two departments. She is currently a **Technical Trainer with Harte-Hanks supporting FedEx** where she is responsible for all instructional design for New Hire training, designing and teaching all Gap Training to current FedEx employees, and works with vendors to sustain all corporate training materials. She has previously worked as a technical trainer for Dell and Callidus and worked in communications and coalitions for President George W. Bush and U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. As a student at SU, Sylvia was actively involved in Student Congress and Student Judiciary.

### Amanda McMillin '95

Amanda graduated with a degree in **Political Science with a double minor in Philosophy and Communication** and then went on to Duke University to earn both her J.D. and Master's in Political Science. Currently, she is the **Vice President and General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Western Gas Partners, LP (NYSE:WES)** and is the **Lead Counsel of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (NYSE:APC)**. As a member of the executive management team and chief legal officer of Western Gas Partners, she is the primary interface with the Board of Directors and principal oversight of matters including securities law compliance and other administrative matters, and works with joint ventures, acquisitions, and mainstream services agreements. Previously, Amanda practiced corporate and securities law at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center and the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra.

### James Morrison '87

James double-majored in **Biology and Chemistry** and spent a semester in the PhD program for Genetics at Texas A&M. With 24 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry, he is currently a **sales representative for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals**. He was a pharmaceutical rep for GSK and Ethiderm Pharmaceuticals, while also being involved in computer software sales with InterShop. Not only does he collect and race Porsches, James has also produced a Porsche calendar the last three years and wrote and produced a documentary on the Porsche 928.

### Kari Torres '06

Kari graduated with a degree in **Political Science and Spanish**. She is currently a Director of Special Programs for **Speaker Joe Straus, Texas House of Representatives**. She is the intern and event coordinator as well as manager of the Speaker's statutory appointments process, member relations, and editor of all the Speaker's personnel and administrative tasks. In the past she has been a legislative aide to Representative Burt Solomons, and Chief of Staff to Joe Straus when he acted as representative. While a student, Kari was in ADPI, Student Foundation, and Pi Sigma Alpha.

### Denielle Waite '09

Denielle majored in **Business** at SU and is now working with **GTN Technical Staffing as the International Information Technology Recruiter**. In this capacity, she locates and interviews candidates and presents qualifications to clients. She has interviewed and placed candidates in numerous overseas locations and her areas of focus include Network Engineers/Architects, Network Security/Firewall, VM Ware/Windows Administrators, .NET Developers and Java Developers. She was the top-grossing recruiter for 2011. While a student, Denielle was active in UPC and Paideia.

### Evelyn Ward '06

Evelyn majored in **Business** at Southwestern and is now working for **Transwestern as a Broker Assistant in the Office Division**. There she is responsible for the leasing of 750,000sf of office space in the Houston area and also works in finding land parcels to accommodate owners and users in Houston and surrounding states. As a student, Evelyn was involved in Rotary and pursued her CCIM certification following graduation.

### Justin Westmoreland '04

Justin graduated with a major in **Business and minor in Spanish**, and he is now a **Commercial Lender/Banking Center Manager Vice President at Prosperity Bank**. He analyzes the financial status of prospective customers as well as the feasibility of loan requests, presents loan proposals to appropriate personnel, maintains portfolio quality, and entertains corporate decision makers to further develop business. Justin played basketball at SU and was on the Campus Committee.