

SU Career Connections BBQ 2015 – Alumni Participants

Friday, April 10, 12:00-1:40pm

Sign-up in person at Career Services (M-F, 8am-5pm)

Christopher Bailey '06

Christopher graduated from Southwestern University with a degree in **Accounting** and went on to work for **PwC** as a Tax Manager and Catastrophic Claims and Consultants as CFO. Christopher is now the **CFO for AIB Inc.**, where some of his responsibilities are to provide final approval for the company's entrance into new markets, evaluating opportunities for revenue growth and cost cutting strategies, and controlling and directing corporate structure. Christopher has had clients ranging from CiCi's Pizza to software companies to Reddy Ice. He is also currently helping **develop software products** that will compete with national brands like CARFAX. (*Lacrosse*)

Christopher Damon '90

Majoring in **Political Science, German, and History**, Chris is the **Marketing Executive and Entrepreneur Partner for GX Creative**. Through GX, Chris has channeled his passion for creation of ideas and strategies into helping create communication campaigns for his clients. Christopher's passion for small businesses led him to create **Express Small Business** to offer world-class communication offerings packaged for the needs, and budgets, of small businesses. He has served on the City of Georgetown's Historical and Architectural Review Commission, the Planning and Zoning Board and as a board member of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

Tracy Day '12

Tracy earned a degree in **Biology** with a **minor in Music**. She currently serves as an **Analytical Associate for DisperSol Technologies** where she maintains, assembles, and operates analytical equipment to characterize pharmaceutical products. These duties are performed while adhering to operating and safety SOPs. Tracy also develops analytical methods and SOPs. Prior to working for DisperSol Technologies, Tracy was an intern at **Art.Science.Gallery.**, where she assisted with publicity, event management, catalog development, and **exhibition** set up and take down. (*Delta Omicron, Paideia, Southwestern Chorale, Student Researcher in Dr. Burks' Aquatic Ecology Laboratory*)

Brian Eastland '89

Brian graduated with a degree in **Chemistry** and a minor in **Biology**. He is the **Global Supply Chain Leader for Dow Chemical**, where he leads a global team that works between **sales/marketing** and manufacturing to ensure that the right products are produced and delivered to their customers at the right time in a cost efficient and safe manner. This role allows him a complete view of the **business** and to be able to participate on both technical and customer-oriented solution teams. While earning his chemistry degree, he also took several **economics/business** classes at SU as electives. This combination of **technical and economic** interests has suited him well in his supply chain role at Dow. (*Pi Kappa Alpha, Student Judiciary*)

Anna Eby '05

Graduating with a degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities, Anna went on to Baylor School of Law, where she obtained her JD. Anna is the Founding Attorney at Eby Law Firm, PLLC, and represents individuals and businesses before Texas state and federal courts and on appeal. Her primary practice area is business litigation. Previously, Anna was an Associate Attorney with Southwestern alumna Cindy Olson Bourland's law firm, until Justice Bourland was appointed as a judge on the Third Court of Appeals in Austin in January 2015. Anna is currently running unopposed for Georgetown City Council, District 1.

Timothy Given '06

Earning a degree in **Political Science** with a minor in **Chinese**, Tim is now an **Enterprise Solutions Specialist II for Blackbaud**. He is responsible for working with **non-profits** and charities to troubleshoot their **software** called Luminare Online that they use to put on events that generate millions of dollars each year. He works to ensure the product functions as intended and assists with any issues that occur. Prior to working at Blackbaud, Tim was the **Web Solutions Specialist** for Charity Dynamics.

Lauren Geoffroy '05

Lauren majored in **Communication Studies** and minored in **Spanish**. She is currently employed by **LatinWorks Marketing** and has worked her way up from Associate Media Buyer to **Senior Media Buyer**. She negotiates schedules and purchases of appropriate media to ensure that the target audience is effectively reached at the lowest possible cost. Lauren also works closely with the **Media Strategy** team to ensure a client's brand strategy is in alignment with media buy placement and sponsorship opportunities. Lauren previously worked for **GSD&M**. She has been awarded Media Buyer of the Year by the Austin Alliance for Women in Media in 2013 **and** the Austin Ad Fed's Big Wig Awards. (*Swim team*)

Rebecca Gomez '07

Rebecca majored in **Art History** with a minor in **Dance** while at Southwestern. She is currently employed by **Mexic-Arte Museum as Curator of Exhibitions and Programs**. Rebecca went on to obtain her **Master of Arts in Art History and Criticism** at the University of Texas at San Antonio. As Curator, Rebecca is responsible for the preparation and oversight of temporary exhibitions and care, presentation and interpretation of the **Museum's** permanent collection. As leader of the curatorial department, Rebecca designs and installs exhibitions and **writes grants**. She also manages and curates the Changarrito Project, institutional special events, press duties, internship management, social media management, and basic website management. (*Lacrosse, Paideia, Sigma Phi Lambda*)

Caitlin Gurslin '09

Caitlin graduated with a degree in **Communication Studies** and interned at National Instruments. She currently works in the **Corporate Communications** department of **National Instruments**. Caitlin and her team focus on internal communications: informing employees to make sure they know what is going on with the business; finding ways to help employees feel inspired by what they do every day; and making employees feel appreciated as people rather than cogs in a corporate machine. Caitlin previously worked in **Investment Relations and Multimedia** with National Instruments.

Alex Jansen '10

Graduating from Southwestern with a degree in **Economics** with a **finance emphasis**, Alex works for **Raymond James** as a **Financial Advisor**. He is responsible for relationship management with existing clients, bringing in new clients, building and presenting financial plans, building and reviewing portfolios for clients, and keeping up-to-date on current market conditions. Alex is currently working to achieve Accredited Asset Management Specialist (AAMS) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designations. Previously, Alex was a **Financial Advisor** for New England Financial. (*Financial Analyst Program, Pi Kappa Alpha, Student Judiciary, Tennis*)

Gena McKinley '03

Gena graduated with a degree in **Biology** with minors in **Chemistry** and **Sociology** at Southwestern University. Gena went on to earn her MPH at the University of Texas School of Public Health. She now works as the **Environmental Conservation Program Manager** for the **City of Austin** where she manages a team of planners responsible for the Zero Waste program and policy development. Gena was the **Environment Planner** for the **Houston-Galveston Area Council**, Project Manager for the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research, and Health Educator for the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department and is an active participant in the Texas Product Stewardship Council, the North American Hazardous Material Management Association, the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling, and more. (*Delta Delta Delta, SEAK, SU Mindfulness*)

Elizabeth Guillory Medina '97

Elizabeth is originally from Beaumont, TX, and attended Southwestern as a first-generation student. After receiving her degree in **Sociology and Psychology**, Elizabeth went on to **UCLA** where she obtained her **MA and PhD** in Sociology. Elizabeth now works for **Concordia University Texas** in Austin as **Dean of Students**. As Dean, Elizabeth oversees Concordia

University's residence life, student activities, career services, student conduct, study abroad, international student services and experiential learning opportunities. Before taking her current position Elizabeth was the **Assistant Dean of Students** at UT Austin. (*Alpha Phi Omega, Ebony, RA*)

Andy Miller '93

After graduating from Southwestern with a degree in **Sociology and Kinesiology**, Andy continued his education at the University of Florida where he received his **Master of Health Science Education (MHSE)**. Andy then went on to become the **President and CEO** of an Austin-based non-profit organization called **Any Baby Can**. This organization provides education, therapy and support services to families with children who have physical and mental health needs. Andy is also the founder and Board President of **The Handsome Father**, an organization whose mission is to foster a community of support to connect, equip and inspire gay fathers and fathers-to-be. (*Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Phi Omega, Student Foundation*)

Tolly Moseley '04

Graduating from Southwestern with a degree in **English and Communication Studies**, Tolly continued her education at UC Davis, where she earned her **Master's degree in Literature**. Tolly went on to work for herself as a **freelance writer**, in addition to being a contributing reporter for the *Austin American-Statesman*. She creates copy materials such as press releases, pitches, **marketing** collateral, website copy, etc. for corporate clients, and stories/essays for the *Austin American-Statesman*, TheAtlantic.com, and Salon.com. Tolly is the co-host of a weekly culture podcast for the *Austin American-Statesman* called "**Statesman Shots**," where she discusses Austin and pop culture. Prior to freelance writing, Tolly worked for **Phenix & Phenix Literary Publicists** and **PR by the Book**. In addition, Tolly is a certified **yoga instructor** and a professional **aerial dancer**. (*The Megaphone, Delta Delta Delta, Debby Ellis Writing Center*)

Leslie Ann Ramey '14

Leslie majored in **Economics (Business)** while at Southwestern and currently works for *Texas Monthly* in their **Marketing Services** department. She works with the marketing team to execute added-value opportunities for *Texas Monthly* advertisers. This includes running sweepstakes, managing digital promotional listings, administrative duties, supporting the VP of Marketing Services and the *Texas Monthly* sales team, and managing **social media**. She also does **event planning** and execution, which includes pre-event production, on-site logistics and post-event follow through with clients. Prior to taking her current job, Leslie interned for a children's publishing start up called **Chugaboo** as **Social Media Manger**, at Southwestern University as a Social Media intern, and with *Texas Monthly* as a Marketing Intern. (*Delta Delta Delta, Student Foundation, Student Congress*)

Lyndsey Resnik '13

After graduating from Southwestern with a degree in **Kinesiology and Spanish**, Lyndsey is now a **personal trainer at Gold's Gym**. She works one-on-one with clients to help them achieve fitness goals. Prior to working at Gold's Gym, Lyndsey worked as a **Physical Therapy Technician at Texas Physical Therapy Specialists**. She is certified in myofascial release, weight loss strategies, and NCCPT. Lyndsey coaches **soccer** for both teams and individuals. (*Women's soccer, JSA, Paideia, O.A, Spanish Honor Society, Colleges Against Cancer*)

Christopher Reyes '09

Chris majored in **Business** while at Southwestern and now serves as the **Director of Small Groups and Community Outreach for Good News United Methodist Church**. He forms and oversees Life Groups that meet weekly for fellowship and Bible study. He also oversees community outreach projects and **ministries** and has recently been put in charge of the church's youth group. Before taking his current position, Christopher served as a **youth director**. He is currently in the ordination process with the United Methodist Church to become a Deacon. His expected commissioning date is July 2016.

Kelly Bender Simon '92

Kelly majored in **Animal Behavior (Psychology)** and minored in **Biology**. She works at **Texas Parks and Wildlife** as an **Urban Wildlife Biologist**, where she consults directly with private landowners to provide technical information that increases biodiversity and enhances natural resource management in urban and suburban areas.

Kate Steinbach '13

Kate earned a degree in **English Language and Literature** with a minor in Communication Studies. She now works as the **Project Coordinator** for alumni-owned **Butler Nonprofit Consulting** located in Austin, Texas. Her duties include donor research, job search management, client material creation and general office maintenance. Kate is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Women's Fund of Central Texas and the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network. She has served on the event committees for Philanthropy Day, the Power of the Purse, and the upcoming Colorado River Alliance gala. Kate is currently earning her certificate in Nonprofit Management from Indiana University. (*Residence Life, Student Congress, The Megaphone, SU Stitch & Bitch, the Senior Society, Clusterfest Photo Booth*)

Leslie Turner '11

Leslie graduated with a degree in **Theatre Arts and Design** at Southwestern. She is currently employed by the **Zachary Scott Theatre** as their **Scenic Artist**. In this role since 2012, Leslie serves as a key member of the painting crew and as **Paint Shop Supervisor**. She has contributed to 20 productions, which include main stage seasons, family series and some traveling acts. Her responsibilities include priming and preparing surfaces, executing paint treatments, color mixing, texture mixing, maintaining tool longevity, organizing paint and tool inventory, acquisitions and more. Leslie also works as a **Freelance Scenic Designer**, and previously worked as the Resident Design and Administrative Assistant for Leon Katz Rhodopi International Theatre Laboratory.

Joe Venghaus '00

Joe majored in **Political Science and Accounting** while at Southwestern. He earned his **JD** at the **University of Richmond School of Law**. Joe serves as the **senior legal advisor** for a Brigade Combat Team at Fort Hood, where he advises the command on all legal matters, including military justice (criminal law), operational law (law of war), administrative law, fiscal law and ethical matters. He has been serving as an **Army Judge Advocate** for 11 years and has held numerous positions. He has tried dozens of cases at courts-martial (military trials), to include defending on a capital murder case where his client was facing the death penalty. He spent two years as the **chief prosecutor** for US Army Special Forces Command and two years litigating Army contract disputes in federal courts in the DC area. In addition to being a lawyer, he is a **paratrooper** and a jumpmaster, meaning he is qualified to conduct military parachute operations and is certified to inspect the equipment of paratroopers to ensure that they exit the aircraft safely.

Julia Von Alexander '12

Julia majored in **Biology** and is now a part-time **Community Outreach Worker for Seton Healthcare Family**. Her responsibilities include performing outreach to patients and connecting them to resources that will assist them in understanding and obtaining health insurance. She collects individual data for a premium assistance program and enrolls patients. She collaborates with different partners to ensure continuity and decrease duplication while also doing billing for Medicaid and pre-registering pregnant women with CHIP/anticipated Medicaid. Moreover, she performs **database clean up**. Julia was previously employed by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** as a **Public Health Associate**. Julia is currently working on her **Master of Public Health in Epidemiology** at the UT Houston Health Science Center. (*SEAK, SU Native, Community Garden, SMARt, Chemistry Club*)

Dave Winter '05

Dave majored in **Psychology** and **Spanish**. He currently leads **digital marketing** for builder/developer **Aspen Heights** and merged his digital marketing consultancy, Launchpad Web Services, with GPO. He is also the Lead Event Coordinator for OH SNAP! Benefit Festival, a non-profit music festival. Dave was the SEO Lead Manager for Tocquigny, the Internet Marketing Manager for Standing Dog, LLC, and the Press Liaison/Interactive Web Intern for D Magazine.