Christine Armes

Executive Manager to the Vice President for Development, University Development Office

Christine has over fourteen years of experience in higher education. Early in her career, she worked at the University of Houston-Downtown in the Information Technology department as an office coordinator and was later promoted to project manager. At Purdue, Christine began working as an assistant in Ag Communications and later transitioned to special projects part-time to pursue her undergraduate degree at Purdue full-time. Christine graduated from Purdue in December 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education.

Upon graduation, Christine worked for the Tippecanoe School Corporation before budget cuts impacted the teaching industry. After that she worked for Greater Lafayette Area Special Services as a school psychologist assistant for one year in a grant funded position. Christine returned to Purdue as an administrative assistant to the Vice President for Development and was promoted in 2011 to her current role as Executive Manager to the Vice President for Development.

Christine’s current responsibilities include: supporting the vice president, serving as a point person for top donors, leading development projects, managing the departments support services with three direct reports, representing UDO as a member of the senior team, and collaborating with key stakeholders campus-wide including the academic leadership, Board of Trustees, legal counsel, Marketing and Media, the president’s office, Purdue Research Foundation and the treasurer’s office. In her spare time, Christine serves on the Board for both the Wea Ridge Middle School Dance Team Booster and the Fiddlesticks Homeowner’s Association.

Emily Blue

Marketing Consultant, Office of Marketing and Media

Emily graduated from Purdue in 2003 with a bachelor’s degree in Communication. Upon graduation, Emily worked as a copy editor for Cardinal Health in McGaw Park, IL. After several years, Emily returned to Greater Lafayette and started a career at Dearing Group (formerly Haan Marketing + Communications) first as a copywriter, and later as media director. During this time, Emily won several American Advertising Federation (AAF) ADDY awards for her work, as well as the AAF Rising Star award in 2009. She was also recognized as a “Top 40 Under 40” through Tippy Connect young professionals organization.

For six years, Emily taught COM 356: Problems in Advertising at Purdue, where her class received over $10,000 in service learning grants through the Office of Engagement to work on marketing projects with non-profits in the community.

In 2011, Emily joined Purdue full time in the Office of Marketing & Media as a marketing consultant where she assists college partners in the development of strategic marketing and communications plans and solutions. Emily has served on the board of directors for AAF – North Central Indiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette and Immanuel United Church of Christ. She’s also an active volunteer within the Purdue community as a Faculty Fellow for McCutcheon Hall, participant in the International Friendship Program and United Way Team Captain. Emily, a native of Valparaiso, Indiana has been married to her husband Rob for 4 years.
Patrick A. Brown

*Digital Content Manager, Office of Marketing and Media*

Pat works with groups around campus to make their websites work better. An active participant in industry learning, Pat leads a monthly lunch-and-learn series for web professionals at Purdue.

Pat’s work has contributed to better implementation of standards that allow persons with accessibility issues to access Purdue websites. Pat also led the move to create responsive websites – sites that work on phones, tablets and desktops.

Before joining Purdue in 2011 Pat was president of DVI Media where he worked with clients on web and video projects. Largely involved in healthcare, Pat’s work contributed to savings and increased customer satisfaction scores.

Pat is an Emmy-award winning documentary producer and a 1985 graduate of Vincennes University with a degree in Broadcast Production Technology. He and his family are active volunteers in their community.

Cason Brunt

*Assistant Director for Academic Enhancement and Coordinator of The Black Male Excellence Network, Joint appointment within Student Success and the Division of Diversity and Inclusion*

Cason Brunt currently manages academic coaching and consultations for students within the Academic Success Center. Additionally, he is responsible for managing all operational functions of the Inaugural Black Male Excellence Network Academic Support and Leadership Development program. Prior to joining the Boilermaker family in July of 2013, Cason completed graduate studies in Communication Management at LaSalle University, and served in Residence Life roles at Saint Joseph’s University and Rosemont College with specialties in Career Development and University Honors Programming (all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Before his time in Philadelphia, Cason completed undergraduate studies in Organizational Communication at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Cason believes strongly in championing the success of students and Purdue University as a whole. Accordingly, he worked to create a proactive intervention program with the Division of Student Financial Aid, Undergraduate Academic Advising, and Diversity Directors within each academic college to assist in fostering student retention. Cason also values developing meaningful relationships and thus serves as a Faculty Fellow, Community Standards Board Member, Fraternity and Sorority Alumni Advisory Council Member, and Coordinator of Breaking Bread at Purdue. Cason is an active member of The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and hails originally from Chicago, Illinois.
Bethany Butson
Data Integrity and Research Analyst, 
Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Effectiveness

Bethany graduated from Purdue in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and continued her education at DePaul University where she received a master’s degree in Counseling. During graduate school Bethany worked as a Research Assistant in the Office of Research and Evaluation at Harry S Truman College in Chicago. Key responsibilities in her role included being a member of the strategic planning committee, assessing needs analysis, consulting stakeholders, and developing the 2010-12 Strategic Plan. In addition she compiled, organized, and archived evidence for the accreditation visit of the Higher Learning Commission. Bethany accepted a position as Research Analyst at Purdue University after completing her master’s degree. She was promoted to Data Integrity and Research Analyst in October of 2012. In her current role, Bethany generates data for the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and serves as Keyholder for the main and regional campuses. She also completes the Student-Athlete Graduation Rates for the NCAA, serves as data exchange item Caretaker for the Association of American Universities Data Exchange (AAUDE), fulfills internal and external survey and data requests, and prepares the office’s monthly publication – the OIRAE Monthly Report. Bethany is currently working on her PhD in Educational Psychology from the College of Education at Purdue.

Abby Hawn
Trademark Licensing and Student Engagement Specialist, 
Purdue Trademarks and Licensing, Office of Marketing and Media

After graduating from The University of Iowa in 2011 with a Bachelor’s degree in Communications and a Minor in Health and Sports Studies, Abby returned to her home town of Spencer, Iowa, as the Marketing and Public Relations Director for St. Luke Homes & Services Inc. She joined Purdue Marketing and Media in Fall 2011 as a specialist in Trademarks and Licensing. In August of 2013, she was accepted into Purdue’s Master of Science in Sport Management program in Health and Kinesiology, which she will complete in May 2015, complementing her full-time position. Abby’s research interests cover various areas in sport including marketing, licensing and community relations.

Abby manages a portfolio of programs and projects including 200 third party vendors for Purdue that entail merchandising, trademark licensing, and community relations; licensing brand rep program (14 students and licensees); and licensing interns. She also leads the licensing community relations’ efforts with Community Hoops, Military Groups, and the Purdue Center for Cancer Research. Specifically, Abby created a marketing plan for Purdue’s Military Appreciation Game, #Boilers4Heroes, and Hammer Down Cancer Game, #HAMMERDOWNCANCER, involving social media, signage, video board messaging and websites to create brand awareness for the philanthropic causes.

Outside the office and classroom, Abby is involved in the International Collegiate Licensing Association (ICLA). In June 2014, she graduated from ICLA’s inaugural mentorship program and presented at the national summer convention in Orlando on “Developing Merchandise for School or Athletics’ Anniversaries and Special Events.” She also serves as Philanthropy Chair in Purdue Women’s Club 20|30.
Krista Hixson

Associate Director – Training, Communications, and System Logistics,
University Housing, Purdue University

Krista graduated from Purdue University in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. During college Krista worked several positions to pay for her schooling, one of which led to the beginning of her career. She accelerated for 7 years in residential property management, from leasing manager to property manager and finally to regional property manager. Krista joined the Purdue Research Foundation (PRF) team as the Real Estate Manager, oversaw commercial and campus properties, and managed all leasing and property tax needs. Through increased responsibilities and advancement, she directed new initiatives, grant administration, and software implementations for the non-profit foundation. During her time with PRF, she pursued another degree and in 2010 was awarded a Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership and Supervision. Krista decided to follow her passion for law and moved to campus as the Contracts Administrator in Procurement. She was offered a position of Manager Business Services in Procurement. Another fantastic opportunity presented itself and Krista became the Associate Director Training, Communications and System Logistics for Housing. Krista oversees software for housing, handles special initiatives and procurement projects. Krista is active in the community with her church and serves on the Executive Board as Treasurer of the Almost Home Humane Society. Krista is a 20yr resident of West Lafayette and lives with her husband Michael of 16 years, their two children Michaela (13yr) and Konnor (11yr) and their family dog Jett.

Daniel Hlavek

Financial Analyst,
Office of Treasury Operations

Daniel graduated from Purdue University in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in Management. Following graduation Daniel joined Channel Bio LLC, a subsidiary of Monsanto, as a Financial Analyst working closely with the compensation program for seed dealers. Daniel joined Purdue in 2010 as Business Manager in the Executive Offices supporting the areas reporting to the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. In 2013 Daniel moved to the Office of Treasury Operations as a Financial Analyst working with the University’s debt portfolio. Current responsibilities include authoring required documents for new debt issuances, managing the use of debt proceeds, reporting, and ensuring compliance with IRS regulations.

Daniel and his wife reside in West Lafayette. In their time away from work, they enjoy sporting events, traveling, and spending time with family.
Jefferson Howells

Assistant Director,
Campus Emergency Preparedness and Planning Office

Jefferson Howells is the Assistant Director of Purdue’s Emergency Preparedness & Planning Office. Mr. Howells first joined Purdue in 2000 as a Firefighter/EMT with the Purdue University Fire Department promoting to the position of Assistant Fire Chief. He was selected to fill his current position in 2009. Since then, Mr. Howells has become a proven and recognized leader in the Big-10 Emergency Management and Continuity community. He has trained over 100 Key Campus Leaders in National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS), spearheaded the development and implementation of Purdue’s Voluntary Registry for Persons Requesting Additional Assistance process, published as the Primary Author for: “Developing a Mission-Ready Influenza Epidemic Preparedness Strategy for Campus Public Safety Responders” Pandemic Planning, CRC Press 2012, and a guest lecturer/instructor for Graduate & Undergraduate Homeland Security courses.

In addition to his Purdue responsibilities, he also holds the position of Planning Section Chief for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security District-4 Response Task Force Incident Management Assistance Team. This position allows Jefferson’s leadership and coordination skills to be tested and validated through multiple disaster deployments, most recently, in support of pre/post Hurricane Sandy EMS Task Force response efforts.

Howells holds a Bachelor’s degree from Purdue’s School of Technology, a Certified Emergency Manager certificate from the International Association of Emergency Managers, Incident Command System Instructor through the Center for Disaster Preparedness, as well as a FEMA Level-1 Professional Continuity Practitioners Certification.

Lyle Janney

myPurdue Portal Lead,
ITAS Student Systems Competency Center

A Purdue Computer Science Alumnus, Lyle has been delivering technology services for Purdue University Student Systems since early 1997, focusing primarily on web interfaces for student records, financial aid, online tuition and fee payment, and more currently with the Ellucian Banner and Luminis products. Lyle has led the myPurdue portal team since its inception, collaborating with functional experts and constituency advisory groups to provide effective access and services to students, faculty, and advisors via the myPurdue portal. Lyle has given several well-received presentations at the annual vendor conference, Ellucian Live, focusing on Purdue University’s successes in more efficient use of the vendor product and adding functionality by “building around the edges”.

Lyle’s most recent activities include advocating for the implementation of Ellucian’s student mobile application solution, preparing for a massive upgrade to the myPurdue portal software, and leading the design and development for several mission critical systems; specifically, the electronic transcript order fulfillment system, the course material entry and tracking system, and the Admissions application processing workflow system. Having been born into a career Navy family, Lyle moved often in his years prior to attending Purdue University resulting in a strong sense of diversity and an ability to adapt to change. Outside of work, Lyle stays busy raising his daughter, Amelia, training in Kenpo Karate, and practicing Renaissance sword fighting in the Society for Creative Anachronism.
Aimee Kappes-Armstrong

**Pre-Award Specialist II, Sponsored Program Services**

Aimee Kappes-Armstrong is a pre-award specialist II in the College of Agriculture/College of Veterinary Medicine Pre-award Center within Sponsored Program Services. Kappes-Armstrong oversees the administrative and budgetary components of the proposal preparation process, collaborating with faculty and staff to develop funding requests for their research and extension activities. She specializes in supervising the pre-award aspects of proposals for international projects and works closely with staff in the department of International Programs in Agriculture and its global partners. She managed the pre-award preparation process for the $10 million PICS3 project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and a $50 million proposal to the United States Agency for International Development.

Her current responsibilities include training new pre-award specialists, calculating proposal budgets, designing and implementing pre-award processes, and coordinating subrecipient proposals from domestic and foreign collaborators. Kappes-Armstrong regularly communicates with funding agencies providing requested information, delivers pre-award presentations to new faculty in the College of Agriculture, and reviews proposals for compliance with costing principles, sponsor limitations, and University policies. She joined Sponsored Program Services in 2009 and is the first pre-award specialist to earn the Certified Pre-award Research Administration certification.

Kappes-Armstrong earned her undergraduate degrees in accounting and English and will complete her Master’s degree in Business Administration from Purdue in 2016. She intends to use her MBA to pursue her interest in the commercialization of academic research discoveries and their application within developing countries by designing and managing the international implementation of sustainable business models.

Benjamin Kewman

**John Purdue Club Assistant Director – Annual Giving**

**Intercollegiate Athletics Administration**

Ben graduated from Purdue in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in Management with concentrations in Strategic Management and Marketing. During his time as a student, Ben worked all four years in the Athletic Ticket Office and interned in the John Purdue Club assisting in the first ever Mackey Arena seat reallocation. His time in the Ticket Office and John Purdue Club earned him a full time position with JPC as Development Associate. Ben was promoted to his current role as JPC Assistant Director in 2012. His responsibilities include leading the John Purdue Club’s annual giving efforts, parking allocation, development operations, marketing, communications and special projects.

Ben recent projects have included leading the Ross-Ade Stadium south end zone market analysis, implementation of new website, email marketing and online giving system, serving on the core planning committee for the first ever Purdue Day of Giving which raised over $7M dollars and led athletics to a first place finish in participation, adjusted parking prices and processes which led to a doubling of football parking revenue and decreased wait times on game day. Recently Ben earned a Bravo Award from Purdue for his process improvements on football and basketball parking.

Ben is an active member of the Lafayette Community. Recently he was named Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette 2014 Community Program Big of the Year.
Jason Kutch  
*Mechanical Engineer, Energy and Construction Department, Physical Facilities*

Jason graduated from Purdue in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and in 2008 with a Master’s of science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology with concentration in sustainable energy systems. His research compared U.S. and Swiss residential construction as a balance between cost and energy use where he was able to travel and work with the school of HTA Luzern. In his last summer of graduate school he worked in the Purdue facilities department as an intern which transitioned to full time status upon graduation.

Jason joined the Purdue facilities department on full time status in January of 2009. Since then his responsibilities have included: working closely with consulting engineers on new building projects and performing plan review, providing solutions for operations and maintenance problems, performing building condition assessments, providing engineering documents and inspecting construction on the campus wide metering program, managing the implementation of an enterprise energy management system, managing and inspecting various campus wide energy projects, and conducting safety and training presentations to operations and maintenance. Over the last year he has successfully passed his professional engineering exam, and has been promoted from a Mechanical Engineering Specialist to a Mechanical Engineer.

Jason, currently a resident of West Lafayette, is from LaPorte, Indiana and has been married to his high school sweetheart for 7 years; together they have a 6 year old daughter, Aeva, 3 year old daughter, Nora, 11 month old daughter, Karla, a dog, Abbey, and a cat, AJ.

Andrew McManus  
*Cost & Rate Accountant, Managerial Accounting Services*

Andrew began his career working as an auditor at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) where he was responsible for designing, coordinating, and overseeing audits of consulting firms, universities, nonprofits, and local governments. His proficiency with internal controls and government regulations earned him Senior Auditor status in 2012.

Andrew joined the Purdue University staff as a Cost/Rate Accountant in 2012. At Purdue, Andrew uses his technical expertise and knowledge to oversee the financial health of the university’s recharge centers. He also is a key player in the large-scale Facilities and Administrative cost studies for both the West Lafayette and regional campuses. Most recently he has begun serving as an Accounting Services representative within the Business Intelligence Financials Data Mart core team.

Born and raised in Michigan, Andrew received dual bachelor’s degrees in Accounting and Finance from Grand Valley State University in 2003. While working at MDOT, he continued his studies at Grand Valley State University and earned his Master’s degree in Accounting. Andrew currently resides in West Lafayette with his wife and three year old son.
Blaine Miller

*Energy Performance and Commissioning Engineer, Energy and Construction Department, Physical Facilities*

Blaine graduated from Purdue in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering. Blaine has directly managed the design of projects ranging in construction costs from less than $100,000 to in excess of $20-million. For the past 18 years, he has been directly involved in building automation systems (BAS) and conservation projects including developing facility solutions or upgrades driven by energy and operational savings.

Blaine completed his master’s degree in Business Administration in 2005. Two years later, he developed and administered a retro-commissioning program for Purdue University as an on-site consultant. The following year, he joined Purdue as the General Manager of the Building Systems group in physical facilities where he was responsible for BAS design and installation, energy conservation, and administering the Indoor Air Quality Apprenticeship program. Currently, Blaine is the Performance and Commissioning Engineer for Physical Facilities managing BAS upgrades, developing and implementing energy conservation projects, and administering the commissioning services for each construction project. During his time with Purdue, he has managed the building automation systems and commissioning for over $400-million worth of construction projects including negotiating master service agreements to reduce costs and developing standard request for proposals and quotations (RFP/RFQ’s) to streamline project implementation.

Blaine currently resides in West Lafayette, with his wife, Beth (CDFS 1987) and they have three sons.

Nicole Noel

*Director, Purdue University Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy*

Nicole graduated from Purdue University’s College of Pharmacy in 2008 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Upon graduation, she joined Walgreens and worked as a retail pharmacy manager for 3 years, during which time Nicole led teams to open new pharmacies, implement a new immunization program within her district, and reverse the decline of an underperforming 24-hour pharmacy.

Nicole returned to her alma mater in October 2012 as the Center for Healthy Living’s Medication Therapy Management (MTM) pharmacist. She designed all facets of the University’s MTM program and set the foundation for a Collaborative Drug Therapy Management program with the physician at the Center.

In June 2013, Nicole joined the Purdue University Pharmacy staff as the Director. She is responsible for the operations of the retail pharmacy, as well as overseeing the pharmacy operations class for the first year professional students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Within her current role, Nicole also mentors fourth year Doctor of Pharmacy students who are completing advanced pharmacy practice learning requirements. Throughout her first year as Director, Nicole has made several enhancements and upgrades to the operations of the pharmacy, including: streamlining the inventory ordering, receiving, and processes; fulfilling and maintaining a contract with the Indiana State Department of Health to provide tuberculosis medications to residents of Indiana; and revising the interdepartmental billings processes to maximize efficiency and accuracy. Nicole is also currently serving as a member of APSAC and a co-advisor for Purdue’s chapter of Rho Chi, a national honorary pharmaceutical society.
Jackelyn Perkins

Art Director,  
Housing and Food Services

Jackie graduated from Purdue in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in Visual Communications and Design and is finishing up her Master’s degree in Computer Graphics Technology with emphasis in branding and online user experience in Social Media. Jackie worked as a graphic designer for Market Day, a food fundraising cooperative, where she gained experience in on-line marketing, mass print production, food photography and point-of-sale promotional advertising. Jackie returned to Purdue in 2008, as a graphic designer for Purdue Athletics working to provide general graphic support for the division. In 2010, Jackie accepted a position as an Art Director with Housing and Food Services. She works to devise creative promotional marketing strategies that integrate new synergistic media technologies for multiple internal clients from hospitality to student programing. Jackie manages and produces content as well as interface development for digital signage throughout HFS. She has won 23 design/marketing awards both regionally and nationally including an ADDY Best in Show. Jackie also oversees the award-winning HFS graphic design internship program where students gain real-world experience within a marketing department and earn class credit. Jackie advises a student organization, Art Community, were students receive an opportunity to create art if they cannot do so in their studies.

When Jackie is not working or volunteering, she enjoys Purdue Basketball (season ticket holder), working in her yard and spending time with her family. She lives in West Lafayette with her husband Austin and their beagle-mix, Lola.

Dee Schlatter

Security Lead,  
IT Security and Policy

As an undergraduate student working in the University Development Office, Dee Schlatter discovered a love for Purdue tradition and service. She vowed to return someday to once again "Hail, Purdue!" After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction in Mass Communication (1985), Dee developed customer service, management and project leadership skills as a library branch manager while earning a Master of Library Science degree (Indiana University, 1995). With a keen interest in technical system administration, she became a hospital information systems manager, finding barrier-removing solutions for her users. In 1997, Dee returned to Purdue as a Technical Expert/Workgroup Leader supporting desktop and network access needs for university executive and development offices. This position, and those that followed it, opened valuable opportunities to further serve Purdue. As project manager, technical team lead/administrator and student data steward, she has led or participated in such enterprise-wide initiatives as Management Information's Enterprise File and Print Services project; Student Service’s/IT Enterprise Application’s TRAX Initiative; and the OnePurdue ERP Initiative, creating and implementing Student Systems applications security models and assuring data security. Upon OnePurdue project conclusion, Dee joined IT Security & Policy as security lead and remains a Student Systems Competency Center team lead, providing identity/access management and application/data security administration for the university’s student systems portfolio of purchased and in-house-developed applications. Married 30 years to a Purdue Engineering graduate and having raised two, 3rd generation Purdue alumni daughters, Dee has definitely worked and lived Purdue tradition!
Preston Smith

Manager of Research Support,
IT Research Computing

Prior to graduating from Purdue’s Computer and Information Technology program in 1998, Preston joined the IT community at Purdue as a system administrator for the Purdue Libraries. After 5 years administering UNIX systems for the Department of Physics, Preston joined ITaP as a systems engineer for grid and distributed computing projects. In 2011, Preston completed a Master’s degree from the College of Technology, researching a model for quantifying the costs of a distributed computing system.

After two years managing the R&D team for research computing, Preston moved from the systems side of the business to lead the customer-facing operation of Purdue’s community cluster systems. In this role, Preston directs the engagement, support, and outreach to any researchers at the university who require high-performance computation or large-scale data storage. Since 2012, he has led numerous initiatives to empower researchers with tools to control their own computing resources.

Outside of the office, Preston is active in the community as the board president and drum major of the 42nd Royal Highlanders pipe band and Scottish Society, and serves on the board of Governors for the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. He resides in West Lafayette with his wife Cheryl, and daughter Catherine.

Abby Snodgrass

Assistant Director Financial Affairs,
College of Agriculture

Abby graduated from Southwestern College in Kansas in 2003 with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration/Accounting (Summa Cum Laude). She joined the Agriculture Business Office in February 2010. Prior to Purdue, Abby worked for both General Electric (Aviation & Corporate) and Monsanto. While at General Electric she went through their Financial Management Program in Cincinnati, OH and worked in several different financial areas within the Aviation business. After completing the Financial Management Program Abby was selected into GE’s Corporate Audit Staff where she worked as a financial/compliance auditor on the East Coast. After leaving GE, Abby worked as a Senior Financial Analyst for Monsanto in their Agriculture Seed Business. Abby’s current responsibilities at Purdue include supporting Cooperative Extension Service where she assists the Associate Dean of Agriculture-Extension and the 92 County Extension Offices across the State. She also supports Agriculture Administration, Agricultural Communications, Agriculture Information Technology and Youth Development Agriculture Education. Abby served as a co-chair for the Business Services Social Committee in 2013/2014.

Abby is a resident of West Lafayette and hails from Southwest Kansas. In her spare time she loves spending time with her family, husband Nate, daughter Eva, and dog Maisy.
Amber Thompson
Senior Global Policy Associate, Global Policy Research Institute

Amber Thompson serves as Senior Global Policy Associate for the Global Policy Research Institute at Purdue University. Thompson began her career at Purdue in 2005 working in the Purdue Research Park and most recently serving as a Managing Advisor for the Technical Assistance Program. As Managing Advisor she guided more than 30 hospitals in their understanding and compliance with a variety of federal policies and improvement initiatives. These initiatives included Electronic Health Records (EHR) Implementation and Optimization, EHR Meaningful Use achievement, Patient Centered Medical Home, and Lean Healthcare. She focused on the transformation of healthcare through the application of both advanced technologies and processes that improve quality, safety, and efficiency for hospitals and healthcare systems.

In her current role as Senior Global Policy Associate, Thompson works to leverage her background in healthcare policy to enhance Purdue’s policy impact on a global scale. Thompson’s efforts center on bridging the gaps of understanding among the academic, policymakers and public by facilitating interdisciplinary research, utilizing data-driven policy analysis, and by connecting faculty with policy makers, think tanks and corporations.

Thompson holds advanced certifications in both Lean and Six Sigma as well as a Master of Science degree from the Purdue College of Technology. Thompson is a member of the Epsilon Pi Tau Technology Honor society, The Golden Key International Honour Society and Tippy Connect organization for young professionals.

Benjamin Wiles
Assistant Head, Department of Mathematics

Ben received a bachelor’s degree from Purdue in 2006 and returned professionally in fall 2011. His responsibilities include teaching, software/database development, academic analytics, business processes, coordination of lecturers, educational technologies, and the schedule of classes. He holds two masters degrees and his research has been published in the Journal of Number Theory, Journal of Special Education, et al. He holds a US and European patent for an adaptive algorithm for deploying vehicle safety systems developed while working in simulations/software automotive engineering. He modernized the teaching of calculus as an IMPACT Fellow and will coordinate the expansion of this model while integrating mathematics into the Purdue Polytechnic model as a PPI Fellow. He developed and commercially licensed an online Calculus Diagnostic Assessment for better placement and time to degree. Further initiatives will enhance student success and the efficient use of educational resources by implementing competency-based assessments for foundational courses, expanding summer, adopting free textbooks, and delivering real-time, individualized mathematical interventions. Ben serves on the University Policy Committee, Advisory Committee for Equity, Business Intelligence Advisory Committee, Academic Calendar Committee, et al. He minored in Music Theory, enjoys playing guitar, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Lafayette Chamber Singers. He is an active University Residences Faculty Fellow and raises an infant daughter Ellis with his wife Daphne, a faculty member at Western Governors University. He intends to leverage CMD to advance the interface and integration of administrative and academic functioning at the University.