



OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
AND ADMISSIONS

The mission of OSAA is to recruit a diverse group of dynamic and talented students to the LBJ School and guide them from the admissions process through graduation. The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions is dedicated to creating opportunities that ensure the student experience is the best it can be. OSAA is committed to supporting the educational and professional goals of LBJ students.



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KATE WEAVER

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENTS

Dr. Catherine (Kate) Weaver is Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Students at the LBJ School. She also co-directs Innovations for Peace and Development, serves as a distinguished Scholar at the Robert S. Strauss Center for Security and Law, and is a Faculty Affiliate at the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service. Her research focuses on the reform of international aid, global transparency and accountability initiatives, climate finance and food security, global economic governance and the politics of data. Kate's teaching includes courses in international development and evaluation methods. Kate also serves on the Board of Directors for Bread for the World, and works closely with the Eleanor Crook Foundation to support grassroots organizations working on nutrition and hunger in East Africa. She is the author of *Hypocrisy Trap: the World Bank and the Politics of Reform* (Princeton University Press) and numerous articles in journals, including *International Organization*, *Review of International Political Economy* and *Review of International Organizations*. Kate has traveled all over the world, speaks Russian, just enough French to get into trouble, and is fluent in the language of global aid bureaucracies.



Dr. Weaver is in charge of student affairs. She works directly with all student groups and will be your go-to contact for any issues that need special attention.



Fun Fact; Kate hopes one day to write the definitive book on international peace parks, drawing (of course) from extensive fieldwork.



Favorite Band: Lord Huron



Favorite TV Show: The Wire



Favorite Book: *Native Tongue* by Chang-Rae Lee



Favorite Quote: "Some problems are so complex that you have to be highly intelligent and well informed just to be undecided about them." ~ Laurence J. Peter

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SHANNON CHAPMAN

DIRECTOR, OSAA

Shannon Chapman is the director of the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions. She has 17 years in education administration focused in marketing, strategy and program development. Prior to LBJ she was executive director at the UT System Administration where she helped develop and launch new degree programs and student services across UT System campuses. She also served as senior director of education at the Texas Hospital Association where she planned and marketed executive education programs focused on healthcare policy. Previous time on the UT Campus includes 11 years at the McCombs School of Business where she held roles in marketing, admissions and program management for the professional and executive MBA programs. She has been in Austin since 2001 and is the proud mom of 10-year-old Luci, incoming 5th grader and lover of slime.



Shannon can help you with anything you need related to OSAA services. Feel free to stop by to chat anytime or come listen to a record in her office.



Fun Fact; Shannon is big into sci-fi, punk music, karaoke and Planters "Cheez-Ballz."



Favorite Band: Too many to choose from but if she has to pick one, Fugazi



Favorite Movie: Blade Runner



Favorite Book: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen



Favorite Quote: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." - Mark Twain

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GWEN KELSO

GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

A native Austenite, Gwendolyn is one of the LBJ School's three Graduate Admissions and Program Coordinators who works with prospective students throughout the application process. She joined the LBJ team in August 2017 and has been busy immersing herself in all things Longhorn. Gwendolyn has a BFA from the Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University and an MFA in Shakespeare/Classical Acting from the Shakespeare Theatre in DC. When not working in the OSAA office as a GC, Gwendolyn is a professional actor and Shakespeare professor.



Gwen can help you with anything you need during your LBJ student experience! Stop by anytime to chat!



Fun Fact: Gwen is Liz Lemon from 30 Rock. She is also a certified rehabilitative Pilates Instructor. (unrelated)



Favorite Song: Currently in love with the song "Days and Days" from Fun Home



Favorite Movie: Soapdish



Favorite Book: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald



Favorite Quote: "We are such stuff as dreams are made on/and our little life is rounded with a sleep"- William Shakespeare

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LAURA ROACH

GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Laura Roach is one of the LBJ School's Graduate Admissions Program Coordinators. She is one of OSAA's newest team members, joining the office in February 2018. Laura is an administrative professional with 7 years of experience. She is new to Austin but a tried and true Texan who has lived and worked in Houston, Lubbock and La Grange. Laura loves to travel and is looking forward to settling into the Austin community.



Laura can help you with any student affairs issues you come across. She works closely with the faculty advisors and her door is always open



Fun fact: Laura has two 110 pound dogs Bosco and Cooper



Favorite Band: The Avett Brothers



Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump



Favorite Book: *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J.K. Rowling



Favorite Quote: "Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things and no good thing ever dies" - Andy Dufresne

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LAUREN BERRYHILL

CAREER RESOURCES SPECIALIST

Lauren Berryhill is the Career Resource Specialist at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. In this role, she works with LBJ students and alumni to identify career goals, market relevant experience and skills, and implement strategies to reach their goals. She also coordinates with employers and alumni to facilitate formal and informal recruiting and networking opportunities. Lauren comes to LBJ from the University of Houston, where she served as a Career Counselor, primarily supporting liberal arts and social science undergraduates and graduate students. In addition to one-on-one career counseling, Lauren taught a career strategy course, hosted career and professional development workshops, and coordinated employer recruiting events. Lauren has also worked at the UH Dean of Student's office and the Texas State Capitol.



Lauren is here to help you prepare for your internship and job search. Be on the lookout for one of her many workshops coming your way soon!



Fun Fact: Lauren used to live in the country and had a pet cow named Freckles



Favorite Song: "Love Will Keep us Alive" by The Eagles



Favorite Movie: A League of their Own



Favorite Book: *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens



Favorite Quote: "Our lives begin to end the day we becomes silent about the things that matter." - MLK Jr.

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NIKESHA ROLLACK

CAREER RESOURCES SPECIALIST

Nikesha Rollack serves as a Career Resource Specialist at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She is from Raleigh, North Carolina, where she was the Director of Experiential Learning and Career Development at Shaw University. Although new to Texas, Nikesha is excited about tackling the city of Austin and being a resource for LBJ students in gaining career and professional development. Nikesha is also certified in Myer's Briggs Type Indicator assessment, as she assists students identify their personality types. She played an integral role in the creation of her previous institution's Entrepreneurship Academy's to assist students in starting their own business, to include nonprofits. Her passion is helping others and giving back and she's excited to be a part of the OSAA team!



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Fun Fact: Nikesha is the shortest person in my family & she loves the University of NC Basketball-Go Tarheels!



Favorite Band: Anything by Erykah Badu



Favorite Movie: Love Jones, 1997



Favorite Book: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, by Mitch Albom



"Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest." Maya Angelo

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AMY PAKES

GRADUATE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Amy Pakes graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences in 2016. Previously wanting to pursue a career in hotel management, Amy developed a passion for helping others achieve their educational and professional goals. Prior to starting at UT Austin, Amy has worked at Texas A&M and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Amy comes from a family of Aggies but she is thrilled to be a part of the Longhorn family.



Amy is the newest member of the OSAA team and is looking forward to getting to know the LBJ students



Fun Fact: Amy did an internship at Walt Disney World working in one of their resorts.



Favorite Band: Maroon 5



Favorite Movie: Airplane



Favorite Book: *The Defining Decade* by Meg Jay



Favorite Quote: "It's kind of fun to do the impossible." -Walt Disney

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