

New UPAC Member Biographies:

UPAC is pleased to announce the appointment of five new members: Steve Gordon, Ted Pickerill, Anne Schauer, Shahla M Mehdizadeh and Karen O'Hara. We welcome you to read more about our new members and congratulate them with us!

Stephen Gordon

Curator of the McGuffey Museum at Miami University in Oxford, OH, Stephen Gordon holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from Miami University. Over the past thirty years, Steven has worked in the cultural resource management profession. A native of Ohio, Steve's research interests include local and regional architecture, craft and building technology, especially vernacular buildings, barns and the study of regional material culture.



Dr. Shahla K. Mehdizadeh

Dr Mehdizadeh is a senior Research Scholar at Scripps Gerontology Center. Her association with Scripps began in 1989; prior to that she taught for a year and worked at Academic Computer Services (an office that no longer exists) for 7 years. Her work at Scripps is related to examining the impact of aging individual on his/her family, the state and the economy. She is a graduate of University of Cincinnati and has been living in Oxford since 1976.



General Science 1979, with a 3-year stint in the Master of Architecture Program at the University of Texas at Austin between the two. When she is not engaged in grant-related activities, she can usually be found buried in one of several art projects involving painting, stained-glass or pottery. She also enjoys sewing, cooking and gardening, and try to get away with her wonderful husband on at least two camping-hiking trips each year.

Karen O'Hara

Karen O'Hara is employed by IT Services as a technical writer and the coordinator of the Knowledge Base (<http://kb.muohio.edu>). On the Hamilton campus, she teaches technical communication, serves as the liaison for part-time faculty, and is part of the Saturday Select hybrid course initiative. Karen received both her Masters in Technical and Scientific Communication and her Bachelors in Liberal Arts/Music from Miami.



Ted Pickerill

Ted Pickerill is the Farmer School of Business' Assistant Dean for Administration. He has served at Miami University in various capacities since 1999, when he was assigned to Miami's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit as his final tour in a twenty-year Naval career. In addition to university administration, Ted has spent time in the classroom instructing courses in general business, organizational behavior, naval science and calculus.



Anne Schauer

Anne Schauer came to Miami in July of 2004 as Assistant Director for Research in the Office for the Advancement of Research and Scholarship (OARS). One of her primary responsibilities is to assist faculty and staff with the development and submission of grant proposals to external funding agencies to support their scholarly research and teaching activities. Prior to coming to Miami, she worked in Research Administration for over 12 years at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the University of Cincinnati, and at Bradley University in Peoria, IL. She received her M.A. in Human Service Administration from Bradley in and Art from Brandeis University in 1998, and a B.A. in



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Welcome Miami University New Employees

Stephanie Acheson, Residence Life

Mark Adams, Marcum Conference Center

Alicia Adell, Residence Life

George Anasis, Intercollegiate Athletics

Elysa Appel, Rinella Learning Center

Vicka Bell-Robinson, Dean of Students

Jeremy Bennington, Information Tech.

John Berry, Intercollegiate Athletics

Marcia Bimmel, Hamilton Campus

Melissa Brooks, DARS

David Bush, Student Services

Lisa Cannon, Residence Life

Bruce Cochrane, Graduate School

Tamekka Cornelius, Residence Life

Daniel Daikawa, Goggin Ice Center

Mark Davis, Intercollegiate Athletics

Jeffery Day, Intercollegiate Athletics

Elizabeth Dickman, Zoology

Derek DuBose, Admission Office

Jennifer Edwards, Mathematics and Stats.

Kristen Evans, Women's Center

Shannon Foley, Residence Life

Katie Gibson, King Library

Amy Griffin, Residence Life

Mark Gross, Rinella Learning Center

Nicole Hall, Dean of Students

Ronnie Houchin, Residence Life

Richard Ingersol, Arts and Science

John Jackson, DARS

Howard Joffe, Intercollegiate Athletics

Nathan Jorgensen, Intercollegiate Athletics

Francoise Kazimierzczuk, HDGS Residence

Neringa Klumbyte, Havinghurst Center

Daniel Kobrinski, Zoology

Harold Lanning, PFD Administration

James P. Lentini, School of Fine Arts

Kong Rong Li, Intercollegiate Athletics

Yuansheng Liu, Botany

Kevin Maxfield, Office of the Bursar

Constance McCarthy, PFD Planning

Meredith McIntire, Residence Life

James McWhorter, Project Dragonfly

Shane Meridith, Intercollegiate Athletics

Jason Michel, King Library

Annie Miller, Student Services

Kevan Minick, Zoology

Kimberly Neal, Recreational Sports Center

Anna Nies, Intercollegiate Athletics

Michael Pearson, Intercollegiate Athletics

Christopher Pirigyi, HDGS Admin.

Mark Rodriquez, Intercollegiate Athletics

Jennifer Rybski, Residence Life

Susanne Sadler, Development

Mark Shores, Hamilton Campus

James Simpson, Information Technology

Yvette Simpson, Arts and Sciences

Mary Sims, Development

Brian Slenski, Residence Life

Keanah Smith, Intercollegiate Athletics

Laura Smith, Community Engagement

Lisa Smith, Advancement Services

Lori Tanner, Educational Psychology

Amanda Tolle, Zoology

Beth Tumbleson, Middletown Campus

Elias Tzoc Caniz, King Library

Steven Ulm, Middletown Campus

Baillie Versfeld, Intercollegiate Athletics

Tara Wallach, Intercollegiate Athletics

Darryl Williamson, Diversity Affairs

Sarah Woiteshek, VP Student Affairs

Jamie Workman, Residence Life

Daqiang Yuan, Chemistry & Biochemistry



Call for Committees



UPAC is looking for unclassified staff to help serve on our communications, networking, and website sub-committees. The communications committee is charged with sending out the UPAC newsletter as well as mailers for UPAC sponsored events. The networking committee is charged with planning networking events for unclassified staff. The website committee will be working on updates to the UPAC website. If any of these committees are of interest to you, please email Melanie Hoffmann at Melanie.Hoffmann@muohio.edu.

Focus on Staff—Liz Miller

Liz Miller, Webmaster at Miami Hamilton and native of Scotland, has a mission: she's taking back the former British colonies, one tea drinker at a time. The Department of Marketing is Tea and Scone Central at Miami Hamilton and all members of the Miami community are cordially invited to stop by for a "cuppa" if they're in the neighborhood.

Liz has worked at Miami Hamilton since July, 2000, and been Webmaster since 2004. Apart from developing and maintaining Web pages on the Miami Hamilton website, Liz works with a handful of dedicated and talented staff who manage content on their own office or department sites. She also provides technology support for some of the history grant programs on campus. This involves working with still images, audio and video files, and developing DVDs and educational resources on CD-ROM.



Liz Miller

A former drama teacher in her "previous life" in Scotland, Liz also occasionally works with teacher-participants in the Teaching American History grant program in their classrooms, and is ready to teach American colonial dance and tea drinking etiquette at the drop of a hat. (There's that tea thing again.) In spring 2007, she combined the technical and teaching aspects of her life and taught ENG 21/313 Intro to Technical Writing as part of the regional campuses' Saturday Select program.

Finally, when asked about the best aspects of her job at Miami, she answers "the people and variety. My colleagues on the Hamilton campus make every working day different, interesting, and enjoyable. There are also a lot of great things happening on the regional campuses these days. For example, at Miami Hamilton we have a new Downtown Center, and some outstanding events planned for this year, including lectures as part of the Michael J. Colligan History Project and the upcoming Appalachian Heritage month. Our student groups also have a high level of energy when it comes to programming. No two days are alike."

TIAA-CREF Announces One-On-One Counseling Sessions



Tax deferred annuities and mutual funds can be an important part of retirement planning. TIAA-CREF consultant representatives will be on the Oxford campus this semester offering individual counseling sessions. Consultants will be available to discuss how to meet financial goals and other financial matters. Sessions at the Shriver Center are scheduled for October 23, November 8 and December 11, 2007. To schedule an appointment, visit the website at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call (877) 209-3138.

Just Where is Peabody Hall?

A day hardly goes by when one of us is not asked directions on how to get someplace on campus. Good news! The newest version of Miami's campus map is available in boxes of 300 from Cole Service Building, 9-7038. Individual copies of the map, printed on 100 percent recycled paper, are available at the supply room and are also provided in map boxes around campus. The map is produced by Miami's marketing communications department.



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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FAIR

The Miami University Benefit Services office is pleased to announce the upcoming Benefits Fair. This year the theme is Benefits Beach Party and it will once again take place on all of the campuses. The Benefits Fairs are scheduled as follows:

Oxford

When: October 3, 2007

Where: Multi-Purpose Rooms at The Shriver Center;

Time: 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Hamilton

When: October 10, 2007

Where: Conference Rooms A-C at the Wilks Conference Center

Time: 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Middletown

When: October 11, 2007

Where: Campus Community Center at Johnston Hall

Time: 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Benefits Fair provides an opportunity for all employees to learn about new and existing benefits options, talk to human resource specialists, and meet with representatives from different benefit and service provider organizations. The following provides a partial listing of service providers scheduled to participate in this year's benefits fairs: Anthem; Delta Dental; Chard-Snyder (flexible spending accounts); Liberty Mutual (voluntary life; employee assistance program); tax-deferred annuities providers; Payroll Services; Department of Human Resources, Miami University Community Federal Credit Union; Employee Health and Well-Being; Saturday Select; OfficeMax.

The Benefits Fair also gives employees a chance to learn about any changes or additions to benefits options, such as health plan incentives, voluntary life insurance for employees and their families, or the new parental leave policy just to highlight a few options. Additionally, the fair offers employees a chance to have some fun, receive giveaways, and enter for door prize drawings.



UPAC Members

Mary Bausano
Student Services—Hamilton

Matthew Boaz
Equity and Equal Opportunity

Douglas Curry
Recreational Sports

John Burke
Middletown Libraries

Stephen Gordon
McGuffey Museum

Melanie Hoffmann
DARS

Scott Lessing
Physical Facilities

Marsha McIntosh
Human Resources
Ex-Officio

Shahla Mehdizadeh
Scripps Gerontology Center

Karen O'Hara
IT Services

Ted Pickerill
Farmer School of Business

Amy Poppel
HDGS

Anne Schauer
OARS

Barry Zaslow
University Libraries

