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<td>Austell, Todd</td>
<td>Department of Chemistry</td>
<td>Teaching Professors and Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies</td>
<td>I’m an NC person through and through... born and raised in Shelby, NC. I attended UNC for both Grad and Grad school... so yes, I’ve been here a very long time. As an undergrad I was one of several majors at one time or another: math, biology, pre-med, and finally chemistry. I almost went to med school, but had a last minute epiphany that led me in a different direction. Come ask me what happen sometimes? I worked in the pharmaceutical industry for one year before grad school and have now been a prof at UNC for 25 years in the chem dept. I also have served as a prof for 2 years at the UGA Academy. At UNC I’ve served as an academic advisor for 25 years and work mostly with STEM and pre-health sci profession majors... but I’m happy to talk to anyone. My FAVORITE role is helping others navigate UNC to achieve high goals... and to help them avoid the mistakes I made as an undergrad. I LOVE YOU AND AM FOR YOU!</td>
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<td>Bliem, Carribeth</td>
<td>Department of Chemistry</td>
<td>Teaching Assistant Professor</td>
<td>I love teaching chemistry and being a member of the UNC campus Carborals is a wonderful place to live, grow, and learn and I truly enjoy getting to know the amazing students that go here. I am from a small town in central PA, a place known for its beautiful rolling hills, farmlands, and horse-and-buggies. In undergrad I was pre-med all the way to being accepted (I know the struggle...), but changed my mind and moved to Chapel Hill for graduate school and fell in love with Chapel Hill and UNC! I love teaching organic chemistry because it gives me an opportunity to help my students overcome a big challenge and learn a lot about themselves along the way. I love to be outside, travel, dance hip hop, and go on hikes, but I also enjoy cooking, video games, and a good show.</td>
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<td>Deardorff, Duane</td>
<td>Department of Physics and</td>
<td>Director of Undergraduate Laboratory</td>
<td>I was born in Quito, Ecuador and grew up in Dayton, Ohio but have now lived in the Triangle area of North Carolina longer than any other place. My dissertation research at NC A&amp;T was on students’ treatment of measurement uncertainty, and I enjoy teaching physics and directing our teaching labs here at UNC. My hobbies include juggling and kite flying, and I have traveled to over 40 countries.</td>
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<td>DeSaix, Jean</td>
<td>Department of Biology</td>
<td>Teaching Professor</td>
<td>My family has been in NC for generations, mostly Davidson County, though I grew up in the Eastern part of the state, graduating from Williamston High School with a graduating class of 72 students. I also went to a small college, Catawba College, so the transition to graduate school here where I got my PhD was not an easy one. I taught biology and advised health professions students for many years. I now teach courses about the health professions (Biology 117 &amp; 118). Peter (DeSaix) and I met here in grad school and love having students come to our home for meals. We hope to do that again soon. We are also available to answer questions about applying to health professions.</td>
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<td>Edens, Nita</td>
<td>Department of Chemistry</td>
<td>Teaching Assistant Professor</td>
<td>I am a Tennesse born and bred from Winston-Salem, NC. I come to UNC as a first generation college student where I earned both my BS and PhD degrees in chemistry. My two children are also UNC alumni. Though I began my career in the chemical industry, my passion for teaching pulled me into academics. The best part of my job is working with students, in and out of labs and classrooms. I’m happy to chat about undergraduate research, study abroad, and all things UNC! Out side of work, I enjoy cooking (aka kitchen chemistry), traveling, and spending time with family.</td>
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<td>Evans, Mira</td>
<td>Department of Biology</td>
<td>STEM Teaching Assistant Professor</td>
<td>I’m originally from California, but my growing up years were spent in Ecuador, Mexico and Kenya. I teach introductory biology and ecology and evolution. I am also a career adviser (career coach). I can help students navigate success in time management, STEM courses, finding research opportunities, identifying career options, and communication strategies. Outside of work I like to read, draw and sew and I love hearing about people’s travel and pop culture interests.</td>
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<td>Department of Biology</td>
<td>Associate-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion</td>
<td>I grew-up in a small town outside of Orlando, Florida and found the transition from my big public high school to the rigors of university very challenging. My excitement for Biology kept me going and I attended graduate school (at another NC university nearby that probably shouldn’t be named here) and led me to fall in love with the warmth, culture and vitality of NC. After moving to do research in Switzerland and in New England, I finally found my way back “home” (sort of) along with my husband and two kids. I now teach and have a research lab in the Biology department where we use microscopes to study the invisible world of cells.</td>
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<td>Goldstein, Bob</td>
<td>Department of Biology</td>
<td>Professor</td>
<td>I’m a Biology professor and I also co-teach an unusual course that bridges science and studio art. I love tinkering and making things. I run workshops all over North Carolina to teach elementary school teachers to build microscopes to get to other parts of the state, meet people, experience diverse cultures, and I hope that I can share something that teaches and then students really enjoy. I run a research lab in the Biology department, and I love thinking about solving complex problems as a team with people in the lab. In past years I’ve gathered scholars to mentor men for basketball games, women’s soccer games, chats over coffee, showing my blood cells with a laser on a microscope in the lab (no kidding, it’s fun), I practice, and dinner at Top of the Hill. This year I’m thinking about socially distant gatherings, and I hope to gather a group to try out giant spin art... spinning canvases at high speed while dripping paint on them to make our own art.</td>
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<td>Gonzalez, Oscar</td>
<td>Department of Psychology and Neuroscience</td>
<td>Assistant Professor</td>
<td>I am originally from Monterey, Mexico, but my family immigrated to Los Angeles, CA (a border town near the Gulf of Mexico) when I was 12. I was first in my family to be English-fluent and the first one to go to college. I was nowhere close to being prepared for the academic demands in college, so I bounced majors until I found my home in the area of psychology. I graduated debt-free from the University of Notre Dame on a program similar to the Carolina Covenant, and then I went on to earn my Ph.D. on Quantitative Methods from Arizona State University. I have been an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience since the Fall of 2018, and my research is on how to develop reliable, valid, and fair assessments used in clinical or prevention settings. I know what it is like to be in your shoes... Let’s chat – I’m here to help!</td>
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I was born in Jamaica, the second set of two sets of twins and grew up in Bronx, NY and the Metro Atlanta area. I went to a small HBCU in Huntsville (majoring in Chemistry and Spanish). And got my PhD in Organic Chemistry from Michigan State University. I've been a TA, a Tutor, and an Instructor of Chemistry. Now I am an Undergraduate Laboratory Supervisor in Neuropsychology and Instructor of first semester Gen Chem Lab! I love sharing and learning chemistry. I also love traveling (out of the country as much as possible), TV and movies (action, fantasy, anime, etc.), and video games (though I had to give away my Xbox 360 to survive grad school). I can sing though I hate being in front of people and have always wanted to learn an instrument (guitar preferably). I am interested in and attempted to write a work of fiction. Oh, and I babble from time to time! :) 

I am a first-generation college graduate originally from rural West Virginia. While math and science came easily, I was not interested in chemistry as a career until my first undergraduate research experience at Marshall University. After earning a PhD in Chemistry at UNC, I pursued a non-traditional academic career track, founding a post-doc and going to a research institute for several years before coming to UNC. During this time, my family began traveling extensively and backpacking around the world – doing several long trips in the Badlands, Glacier National Park and hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro. I really enjoy interacting with and mentoring students and helping them define and achieve the career trajectory that interests them most.

I grew up in Indiana before attending Indiana University and then Arizona State University for graduate school. I bounced around majors in undergrad as I tried to learn the lay of the land as a first-generation student before finding Psychology. I have been on the UNC Psychology Faculty for over 20 years.

I joined the Clinical Program in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience in 2004. My research examines risk and protective factors that explain variability in psychosocial functioning and treatment engagement and outcome among traditionally at-risk and underserved children and families. I view research as a context for teaching and mentoring, which are the two most rewarding parts of my role. As a first-generation college student from a working-class family in Pittsburgh, PA I appreciate the value of mentors and feel it is important to pay that forward to the next generation of students. I enjoy working with students to help them identify their strengths, address their areas of growth, and carve their own professional paths.

I grew up in Lumberton, NC and this state is a huge part of my identity. I am so happy to be a part of the UNC-Chapel Hill family in the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience. I am inspired by neuroscience and understanding how the brain works. I would be delighted to be a mentor to anyone who is interested in biological/behavioral sciences (and also to anyone who is not!). I am also happy to chat about how difficult it can be to be away from home for the first time and to find your way in college!

Coming from Texas to Carolina only at the age of 40, I quickly found myself a devoted Tar Heel. In fact, my three daughters all went to UNC, including my youngest who joins Tar Heel nation this semester. I am a teaching professor in the biology department and also the faculty advisor of the biology majors and the one responsible for undergrad research. I love the nature here and often go kayaking and hiking in the area. Cooking (vegan) is another way I like to spend my time.

I am originally from Pittsburgh, PA but consider myself a North Carolina. I graduated from N.C. State and worked at Lab Corp (Burlington, NC), and after finishing my graduate work was very excited to come back from Arizona to North Carolina to join the Carolina family. I am a first generation student myself and am always excited to help students throughout their undergraduate experience. I am a faculty advisor in The Department of Chemistry, and I teach a wide array of chemistry classes and labs. All of these roles help me better serve our students and help them achieve their own goals, as well as get the most out of their Carolina Experience. In my free time I love to hike, camp, and work in my home Wood Shop.
I was born in Oregon, did my undergrad down in Texas (Rice University), and finished my PhD in 2016 at the University of New Hampshire where I wrote a dissertation on student understanding of fluid dynamics. My current research specialization is Physics Education although I also dabble in games theory and optimal play of game shows (and am hoping to create a first-ever textbook on the same). In my free time I enjoy visiting theme parks, attending UNC football games, and playing video games with friends. I am currently new to North Carolina so am still finding my way around but I am thoroughly enjoying the area and am looking forward to sharing it with you.

**Department of Physics and Astronomy**

Teaching Assistant Professor

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I am a Teaching Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology. What does that mean? It means I teach science so much that I go of my research so I could focus on teaching full-time. I am a huge fan of most things that are wholesome and don't like YMCA summer camp, arts and crafts, cooking, biking, bird watching and jigsaw puzzles (at least in my life, I have learned that I can succeed). I live in Chapel Hill with my husband, two young children, my dog, and my cat. I love the opportunities to be involved in the science and society, and with the ways we bring together whole selves (our values, assumptions, biases, hopes, fears) to our study of the natural world. I'm excited to get to know students individually and help support their growth as life-long learners, regardless of their discipline of interest. In my own life, I've realized how many shapes professional success can take, and the key role of community in all of them. In my time in academia, I've realized that so much about students success hinges not on raw talent, but rather on how knowing how to navigate the system, how to ask for the help that is needed, and how to leverage the opportunities for growth.

**Department of Biology**

Teaching Assistant Professor

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I am originally from the Commonwealth of Dominica, a small island in the southern Caribbean. I moved to the United States on an athletic scholarship (basketball) and attended Fayetteville State University where I double majored in Management Economics and Finance. My PhD research is on the academic, cultural, and social experiences of Caribbean students at U.S. universities. I enjoy guiding students through the Carolina experience by sharing resources that could contribute to their success. When I am not working, you can find me watching sports, reading books and traveling.

**UNC World View**

Associate Director

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As a first generation student myself, I’ve excelled to provide some of the care and guidance that may have assisted me in my journey. My parents are from the Dominican Republic, so I grew up speaking English and Spanish. I come from a large family of 12 kids. I am a specialist in Latin American theatre and narrative, who examines such psychological topics as trauma/healing, identity, relationships, violence, empathy, power, politics, and performance. In my clinical practice, I provide therapy to a wide range of individuals representing diversity of gender/sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, faith orientation, diagnostic category, and/or narrative language. I have experience working in various capacities, and with all kinds of media, and learning anything and everything. I’m especially equipped to assist with learning strategies, study abroad preparation, and cultural immersion experiences (theater). I am a documentary filmmaker who worked in the industry (public and cable television, independent producing) before coming to Carolina in 2014. My newest film is about plants and the people who care for them, with a specific focus on China and the UK. I am interested in issues related to environmental justice, mental health, and nature’s therapeutic value.

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I am the first in my family to go to college. I’m a native of Texas and have taught at UNC-Chapel Hill in the Department of AAAD Studies for more than 30 years. I’m extremely enthusiastic about mentoring for Covenant and have done so for more than a decade. I make it my business to learn as much about graduate and professional schools as well as available scholarships so as to help my mentors as much as possible.

Romero, Robert
Department of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies
Teaching Assistant Professor

I was born and raised in Paris, France. I came to the US through an exchange/study abroad experience and made my life here transitioning to a new culture, a new country, new life without family was challenging at times. I have a Masters in English (American Studies) from France and a Masters and PhD from UNC in French from the US. I taught at Wake Forest, years ago, then returned to Carolina. I was a faculty Advisor for Academic Advising for 15 years and truly enjoy helping students about their studies and how to be successful in their coursework. Reading, going on walks, traveling and discovering new places are my favorite pastimes. My regular yoga practice inspires me every day. I really enjoy talking with students about their studies, worries and hobbies.

Proust, Valerie
Department of Romance Studies
Teaching Professor of French

I am originally from Mexico, though my family and I immigrated to the US when I was five and to North Carolina when I was six, so I consider North Carolina, and specifically Chapel Hill, home. I received my B.A. from NC State and my Ph.D. in multilingual and Latino/a literature from UNC in 2020, and I have a great love for both institutions.

I am currently a postdoctoral teaching assistant professor here at UNC, where I teach different sections of ENG 100(s) as well as courses in Latino/a studies. I have worked in various capacities during my time here at UNC, including for UNC’s Writing Center as a graduate coach, for the Center for Faculty Excellence, the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, and for Summer Bridge, where I have helped undergraduate and graduate students from diverse backgrounds and with varied interests with their writing and research.

I also work as assistant to the director of the Latino/a Studies Program, which has been incredibly rewarding for me. Not only have I learned more about my own Latino/a through my work with the URF, but my time with the program has helped me expand my sense of community and family on campus.

I am passionate about being an ally and advocate for my students and for underrepresented and minority groups more generally.

When I am not researching, teaching, writing, or doing public humanities outreach, I enjoy reading, being outdoors, camping, painting, and spending time with my spouse, Key, and children, Miles and Camila, cooking, dancing, and playing board games.

Ramirez, Genero
Department of English and Comparative Literature
Postdoctoral Teaching Assistant Professor

Hello! I am a first generation Latina college graduate, originally from Miami, Florida. I am a nurse, educator, mother, daughter, and cat lady. I graduated nursing school in 1980 and obtained my PhD in 2016. Nursing is my calling. When I am in school, I am most at home in a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU). Teaching is my passion - I love being an educator and mentor. When teaching at the nursing school and helping students navigate the challenges they face in the classroom and during their clinical rotations. My office has an unlimited supply of coffee, aromatherapy, coloring books and crayons (all great stress relievers)! I believe part of my purpose is to pass the Nightingale lamp to future generations and inspire them (YOU!) to change the world. I now live in Chapel Hill and North Carolina and spend my free-time discovering all of NC has to offer!

I am also the assistant director of the Latina/o Studies Program, which has been incredibly rewarding for me. Not only have I learned more about my own Latina/o through my work with the UTF, but my time with the program has helped me expand my sense of community and family on campus.

I serve as the Student Success and Retention Counselor in the School of Nursing here at UNC-Ch. I am dedicated educator whose faith drives my passion to success and be a positive role model for young people. In my “spare” time, I enjoy spending quality time with my family and friends, traveling, shopping, and planning events. I am active in my church, community, and local school system as a volunteer. My motto is simple, “I can.”

Bennett, Suana
UNC School of Nursing
Clinical Assistant Professor

I am a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a proud first-generation alumna of a HBCU-Winston-Salem State University with a BA Mass Communication (Public Relations), High Point University with a Master’s Degree in Public Administration for Non-Profit Organizations, and Capella University with a Master’s Degree in Human Services.

When I am not researching, teaching, writing, or doing public humanities outreach, I enjoy reading, being outdoors, camping, painting, and spending time with my spouse, Key, and children, Miles and Camila, cooking, dancing, and playing board games.

Cooper, Tasha
UNC Injury Prevention Research Center
Research Project Coordinator

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Hamm, Olivia
UNC School of Pharmacy
Director, PharmD Recruitment

I was born right outside of Chicago, IL but grew up in Raleigh, NC. I am a double Carolina grad, and I am THRILLED to still be on campus working with students! I studied political science and peace, war, and defense in undergrad and got a master's degree in public administration from UNC’s School of Government. I currently lead recruitment and admissions efforts for the PharmD program at UNC’s pharmacy school (which is totally different from what I studied). I’m happy to chat with you about anything, but especially the transition to college, preparing for graduate school, pursuing opportunities that may be entirely different from your major, and all things UNC. While I’m not on campus, I love traveling, exercising, and spending time with friends. We’re excited to have you as part of the Covenant family!

Roeing, Louise
UNC School of Nursing
Associate Dean

I grew up in Greenville, SC and moved to NC in 2006. I was a nursing assistant for 3 years then went back to school and became a Registered Nurse, which was one of the best decisions I ever made. Over the following 15 years, I slowly went back to school to get my Masters Degree (from Duke) and then my PhD in Nursing from UNC, and I love being a Carolina alum! I am currently the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program in the School of Nursing and love working with our amazing students and exceptional faculty. In my career, I am most proud of my 15 years as a nurse at the bedside, working in the Emergency Department and ICUs, I am married and have 3 children, 2 of which are undergraduate students here at UNC Chapel Hill. I love reading and playing with my 2 pet terrier pups.

Heck, Zachary
Department of Exercise and Sport Science
Director, Center for the Study of Sport Identities

I was born and raised in Paris, France. I came to the US through an exchange/study abroad experience and made my life here transitioning to a new culture, a new country, new life without family was challenging at times. I have a Masters in English (American Studies) from France and a Masters and PhD from UNC in French from the US. I taught at Wake Forest, years ago, then returned to Carolina. I was a faculty Advisor for Academic Advising for 15 years and truly enjoy helping students about their studies and how to be successful in their coursework. Reading, going on walks, traveling and discovering new places are my favorite pastimes. My regular yoga practice inspires me every day. I really enjoy talking with students about their studies, worries and hobbies.
I am a Teaching Assistant Professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science. My primary responsibilities are teaching and research. I received my B.A. in Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago and my Ph.D. in Exercise Science from the University of Michigan. I have published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and have presented at national and international conferences. My research focuses on the psychology and physiology of exercise and how it can be used to improve health and well-being. I am currently involved in a study examining the effects of exercise on cognitive function in older adults. My teaching interests include exercise physiology, exercise nutrition, and exercise psychology. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, cooking, and exploring new cities.
A. Harris, Patricia “Trish”  
Director of Recruitment and School of Education Student Success Group, UNC-Chapel Hill

I'm from a small town called Gay, GA (pop. 80). I am a first-generation college student and a proud HBCU alumna. I hold a B.A in Sociology and M.A. in Counseling. I am currently pursuing a doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Georgia, where I'm conducting research on the realistic experiences of Black students at PWIs. I also studied comparative higher education in China and Europe. I am a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. I can assist with resource mapping, personal branding, applying to professional schools at UNC, preparing for graduate school, and networking and building connections to help support personal, academic, and professional growth. Things I love: traveling, cooking, game nights, karaoke, being random, and making people smile.

B. Janis, Lauren  
Department of History, Assistant Professor

I am one of those rare people who is actually from Chapel Hill, but all of my family hail from western NC. My mom was a single, teenage parent, and I grew up feeling pretty different from most of my friends. It took me a long time to see those differences as strengths— and as things to celebrate. I teach in the History Department, and my research focuses on how people creatively pushed back against racism and inequality in South Africa. My husband, Al Duncan, is also a UNC prof, and we can often be spotted on campus with our two hilarious, sweet sons. After all of these years, I've got a LOT of accumulated tips for fun things to do in the area and am here to listen, talk, and encourage you to see your differences as strengths too.

C. Sasser, Elizabeth  
Department of Public Policy, Assistant Professor

I was raised in Washington, DC, but wound my way through Durham, Beijing and then New York before finally settling here in Chapel Hill, where I've lived for 14 years. My career has also taken me on a bit of a journey, from advertising, into policymaking and then finally into teaching. All of this has led me to enjoy helping students find their own way through all of the often confusing options out there. My teaching and research interests include energy and environmental policy and US politics. Outside of school, my family and I enjoy traveling, both locally and more far afield.

D. Vaidyanathan, Geetha  
Department of Economics, Teaching Assistant Professor

I am originally from India but I have lived in North Carolina for more than 30 years. I was the first in my family to go to college and I found it to be a roller-coaster adventure. I have taken many turns during my educational journey (Natural Science, Math, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Accounting and finally Economics). I got my doctoral degree in Economics from the University of Kentucky. I am a Teaching Professor and I am currently the Director of the Learning Center here at UNC. I have a passion for all things growing including students in their journey through higher education. I have enjoyed over the past 15 years helping students navigate the path to medical school, dental school and other allied health programs. My background and areas of interest are in biological sciences and public health. My family loves to also sport and have impromptu dance parties! We also spend a lot of time outside with friends.

E. Sullivan, Tricia  
Department of Public Policy, Associate Professor & Director of the Academic Counseling Program Coordinator, Summer Bridge

I am originally from Columbia, South Carolina but lived in Tallahassee, Florida and Los Angeles, California before settling in North Carolina with my husband and three children. I have the pleasure of serving as the Biology Learning Specialist in the Learning Center here at UNC. I have a passion for all things growing including students in their journey through higher education. I have enjoyed over the past 15 years helping students navigate the path to medical school, dental school and other allied health programs. My background and areas of interest are in biological sciences and public health. My family loves to also sport and have impromptu dance parties! We also spend a lot of time outside with friends.

F. Boalston, Hayes  
Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Senior Assistant Director

As a two-time Carolina graduate (undergraduate degree with a major in Political Science and law degree), I'm excited to serve as a mentor for Carolina Covenant Scholars. In my role as Associate Director of the Carolina Center for Public Service, I work to promote opportunities for community engagement for students, staff, and faculty at Carolina. My career path also includes 18 years in nonprofit organizations.

G. Chavis, Euna Victoria  
Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling, Program Coordinator, Summer Bridge

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H. Blanton, Robin  
Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling, Specialist, The Learning Center

Hi Carolina Family! I am a proud Tar Heel and a proud HBCU alumnus. Other than a couple of years spent in the lovely college town of Athens, Georgia, where I earned my master's degree in school counseling, I've lived and learned here in North Carolina. I grew up both in rural Henderson County (in the northeastern corner of the state) and in Charlotte, studied journalism at Carolina, and later worked in Asheville, near the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. I've been back "home" in Chapel Hill for several years now, serving in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Playing a role in bringing in our next classes of Tar Heels is hugely rewarding and I'm so excited to work with you and support you through your unique Carolina journey!

I. Bolson, Hayes  
Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Senior Assistant Director

I am originally from Moultrie, NC, a small town in Robeson County. I am a citizen of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and a first-generation college graduate. My role at UNC is to coordinate the Summer Bridge program and provide programming and support for Bridges as they matriculate through Carolina. I am a Double Tar Heel alumni, graduating with my B.A in Psychology and Master of Social Work degrees. Counting undergrad, grad school, and employment, I have been at Carolina for 10 years. Currently, I am enrolled in a PhD program at NC State University in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Human Development. I love cooking, baking, family time, taking pictures, and watching sports!
I greatly enjoy my job as an Academic Advisor and primarily work with STEM majors. My original career path was Counseling Psychology and I was a mental health therapist for eight years prior to shifting gears into higher ed about three years ago (but I’m definitely still a psycho nerd!). I grew up in Iowa and was a first-gen college student. As an adult, I have lived in Indiana, Ohio, and South Carolina. I enjoy yoga, hiking, biking, the beach, reading, DIY projects, and gardening.

I was born into a military family in the state of CA. We moved around a lot (to TX and Mississippi while I was young and then my family settled in NC). I was born a first generation college student and worked my dad’s hard to earn my MBA while I was young. I have spent most of my professional career at UNC working with transfer students and I love what I do. I really enjoy the outdoors, traveling, and spending time with family. I am a proud Tar Heel, and my most treasured memory is meeting my future husband as a first-year student!

I grew up just down the road in Pittsboro, NC and attended UNC Wilmington for undergrad. I completed a BA in History and a minor in American Indian Studies. I also earned my MSW and a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership all from UNC! In my free time I love to cook, bake sweet treats, karaoke, and hanging out with my husband & two daughters.

I was born in Lima, Peru. I came to the US at the age of 6 with my parents and 2 brothers. I grew up in Northern New Jersey in a household with limited financial resources but an abundance of encouragement. We had to overcome some of the typical immigrant struggles, but we always could turn to family for support. As a first gen-college student, I am excited to support our organizations focused on racial equity, environmental justice, affordable housing, and social justice.

I am an academic advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences. I love sports, particularly basketball. I can help with supporting you academically and guide you in the path of reaching your full potential.

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I'm from Snow Camp, NC and found my way to UNC as a transfer student from a NC Community College. At Carolina, I completed an BA in History and MEd in School Counseling. Currently, I work with the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program within the Undergraduate Admissions Office. I can help students navigate transfer/earn credit, connect to resources, and answer general questions.