



Career Week 2008

Something for Everyone!

Nonprofit Careers

The Marquette University Career Services Center strives to assist all students and alumni in discerning, developing, and pursuing meaningful traditional and non-traditional career paths.

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Thank you to our panelists and their respective employing organizations.

Program Schedule

- 12:00 p.m. Welcome and introduction by either Career Services
- 12:05 p.m. Introduction of panelists, five-ten minutes each covering background, career goals
- 12:35 p.m. Open for questions
- 12:45 p.m. Closing remarks
- 12:50 p.m. Event end

Panelists

Mr. Jim Otepka
Dean of Students
Carmen High School of Science & Technology
www.carmenhighschool.org

Jim feels that he has the good fortune of working as the Dean of Students for Carmen High School of Science & Technology, a first year non-instrumentality charter high school that focuses on college preparation and professional work skills. He grew up in Omaha, Nebraska where he attended a Jesuit high school and then moved on to Saint Louis University for his undergrad degree in Management

Information Systems. After graduating Jim ended up in Milwaukee as a Jesuit Volunteer where he worked as a project manager and trainer at Homeboyz Interactive, a nonprofit focused on engaging at-risk youth in technology related careers. The three years he spent working with these youth and seeing first-hand the struggles of a grassroots nonprofit deeply impacted him. He ended up back in school at Marquette University in the Trinity Fellows program where he received a Master's in Public Service with a focus on Nonprofit Management. While in the program, Jim served as a fellow at the Badger Association of the Blind & Visually Impaired where he worked on a variety of projects in his role as Program Development Director. Upon wrapping up his grad degree, he found the position at Carmen which allows him to work extremely close with 80 students while playing a large role in the operation of a unique startup. He hopes to continue with Carmen for awhile and is currently applying to educator and administrator licensure programs.

Ms. Melissa Herguth

Development Director

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.milwaukeehabitat.org/>

Melissa Herguth is 2005 graduate of the College of Arts and Science with a major in Social Welfare and Justice, with minors in Sociology and Theology. After graduation she moved to Maryland and worked for a Homeless shelter for mentally ill and HIV positive adults. She moved back to Milwaukee in 2006 to work as a Community Organizer for the YMCA-Community Development Center. She worked on the NW side of Milwaukee and helped residents to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. Recently, Melissa started with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity as their Development Director where she is responsible for fundraising for the 35+ homes they build annually as well as grant writing and other major gifts solicitation.

Meaghan Schroeder

Lead Outreach Program Coordinator

16th Street Community Health Center

www.sschc.org

Meaghan Schroeder works for The Sixteenth Street Community Health Center as the Lead Outreach Program Coordinator. After graduating from Marquette University with a degree in Spanish and Communications, Meaghan returned to Atlanta to work for Siemens Energy and Automation. It wasn't long before she decided to switch career paths and join the nonprofit sector. As a Jesuit Volunteer, Meaghan developed a desire to promote social and economic justice through service. As an Immigration Consultant, a Latino Outreach Center Director and Program Coordinator, Meaghan's focus has been in providing outreach and education to the Latino community. She recently received a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management from Marquette University in order to further develop her skills as a public servant. If you are interested in talking with Meaghan about her experiences in the nonprofit sector, she can be reached by email: Meaghan.schroeder@sschc.org

Mr. Ken Leinbach
Executive Director
Urban Ecology Center
<http://www.urbanecologycenter.org/>

As the Executive Director of the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee, Ken Leinbach is a leader in promoting community-based environmental education. In seven years Ken led the community effort to build the Urban Ecology Center from an old trailer in a crime-ridden city park, into a state-of-the-art five million dollar “green” community center that this year is on track to host over 50,000 visitors. The Center, known for its innovation and creative approach to environmental education, provides consistent contact to natural land for many thousands of central city students. The school program, combined with the wide array of adult and community programs, have changed this once urban blight into a college level field research station and grade school outdoor classroom that is being modeled across the country. In this formula environmental education becomes the tool for urban revitalization.

Ken has over 20 years experience directing, teaching and developing science and environmental programs in Wisconsin, Michigan, Virginia and Kentucky. In 1995 Ken was awarded the National Nature Educator of the Year Award from the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in New York. This followed his receipt of the Thomas Jefferson Medal for outstanding contributions to natural science education for an innovative Outdoor Laboratory he set up for schools in Virginia. Many more awards have followed with his work at the Urban Ecology Center. Ken, a certified high school science teacher, received a Masters degree in Environmental Education from Prescott College in Arizona and holds a Bachelor of Science from Antioch College in Ohio.

Ms. Julie Leutenegger
Associate Director
Hunger Task Force
www.hungertaskforce.org

Julie has worked in the not-for-profit field for the past 25 years, including in various positions at the YMCA. Her current job is as associate director of the Hunger Task Force, a food bank that serves the poor in Milwaukee County. She believes in working for a mission-driven organization in which like-minded and driven individuals can affect social change. She feels it takes time and dedication to work for not-for-profits because one doesn't always see the fruit of his or her hard labor. However, in her time working at a not-for-profits, she feels that she has had the opportunity to make a real difference in the community in which she lives and raises her children.