Young Professionals Panel
3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
Conference Room C

Moderator: Carl Wainscott, Director of Graduate Admissions at Marquette University

Carl Wainscott is the Director of Graduate Admissions at Marquette University Graduate School. Prior to his current role he has also held the positions of Assistant Director for Student Records and Assistant Director for Recruitment. Carl completed both a bachelor’s degree in Marketing and a master’s degree in College Student Development and Administration at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership at Marquette University. He has held leadership positions with the Jesuit Graduate Admissions Professionals organization as well as the Southeast Wisconsin Education Consortium and is a member of the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals.

Panelist: Colin Atkinson, Coordinator for Residence Life Operations at Marquette University

Before starting his current position as Coordinator for Residence Life Operations, Colin acted as a Residence Hall Director at Marquette University from 2009-2011. He has served on the Division of Student Affairs Professional Development committee and on search committees for various professional positions within Residence Life. Before moving to Milwaukee, Colin was a residence hall director at Ohio State University (2008-09) and at University of Central Missouri (2006-08). In 2007 he completed a summer internship through ACUHO-I at University of the Pacific and remains involved with ACUHO-I, NASPA (Region 4-East) and with UMR-ACUHO. Colin’s undergraduate degree is from Indiana University at Bloomington and he holds a Master of Science in College Student Personnel Administration from the University of Central Missouri.

Panelist: Katherine Atkinson, Career Development Counselor at Mt. Mary College

Katherine Atkinson earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Leadership Certification from Wartburg College in 2008. In 2010, she graduated with a Master of Science in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University. For two years Katherine worked at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, as a Resident Director. In September Katherine began her current position as a Career Development Counselor at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Panelist: Kirstin Leih, Assistant Director of Student Involvement at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Kirstin Leih currently serves as the Assistant Director of Student Involvement in the Center for Student Involvement at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Originally from the Milwaukee area, she recently returned to the city after working at Saint Louis University as the Coordinator of Fraternity/Sorority Life for four years. She has received a B.A. in Journalism & Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a M.Ed. in Higher Education from Iowa State University. Kirstin has also completed her doctoral coursework and comprehensive exams at Saint Louis University, and will be proposing her dissertation later this semester.
Panelist: Jessica “Jes” Lothman, Study Abroad Coordinator at Marquette University

Jessica (Jes) returned to Marquette’s Office of International Education in the capacity of Study Abroad Coordinator after two years of international experiences. Previously she served as a Graduate Assistant and later as an Office Associate for OIE while earning her Masters of Education in Higher Education Administration. Her interest in international education began as an undergraduate at Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) in Bloomington, Illinois where she majored in sociology and studied abroad in Dublin, Ireland as well as Beijing, China. She left OIE in 2010 to pursue an internship at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. Enamored by the people and geography of South Africa she remained abroad for one term as a Student Advisor for the Stanford University Cape Town program. Determined to further her second language skills in Spanish, she later spent six months in Talavera de la Reina, Spain teaching English. After an enlightening short-interim position at the Center for International Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, she is poised to share her energy, knowledge and professional experience with the Marquette community. She remains connected to IWU as a founding member of the Alumni Women’s Council, as well as serving as a regional President. Locally, she remains involved with Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin where she worked for two years in Development and Fundraising.

Panelist: Laura Stark, Academic Advisor at University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Laura Stark is a 2009 graduate of Marquette’s College Student Personnel Program. While completing her graduate studies Laura worked as the Graduate Assistant for Recruitment at Marquette University Graduate School and an intern in the university’s Office of Student Development. Additionally, she complimented these experiences with internships in international studies, career services and academic advising at Mt. Mary College, Carroll University and University of Wisconsin-Parkside. After graduation she secured a role as an Academic Advisor at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. In 2011, she returned to Milwaukee to serve as a Continuing Student Advisor in the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Panelist: Jeremy Tiedt, Career Counselor at Cardinal Stritch University

Jeremy Tiedt is an experienced career counselor at Cardinal Stritch University where he assists students, faculty and alumni with their career development including internship and job search strategies, mock interviews and resume/cover letter development. He also administers and interprets the Campbell’s Interest and Skills Inventory as well as the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessment. Jeremy has held previous positions in academic advising in athletic departments at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Maryland Baltimore County.