Dr. Bobby Kunstman | Director of Student Life and Leadership

Dr. Bobby Kunstman (he/him/his) has over 17 years of experiences working in non-credit programming, residential life, leadership development, student organization management, volunteer programming, teaching, student governance, diversity programming, and student union administration. Dr. Kunstman currently serves as the Director of Student Life & Leadership. In his current role, he is responsible for leading, advising, supporting and oversight of the following teams in SLL; Student Organization, Leadership Development, Student Activities Office, and Assessment & Employee Development. He graduated from Florida State University with his B.S., North Central College with his Master of Leadership & Ethics, and his doctorate in Higher Education & Student Affairs Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado in 2017. I love and appreciate spaces where I am able to engage in conversations that challenge the status quo and lead towards change. This passion initially grew from my experiences with my own identities and has continued to grow well beyond my identities. If and when there is free time, Bobby enjoys amateur photography, exploring coffee shops, shopping, traveling, facilitating with LeaderShape, and spending time with friends.
Brian Lackman | Associate Director of Student Life and Leadership
Brian Lackman (he/him/his) has spent his career working across in a range of areas of student affairs including residential life, leadership development, student organization development, diversity & inclusion programming, and more. Brian serves as the Associate Director of Leadership Development and is responsible for leading and supporting the Leadership Development team in addition to advising the Graduate and Professional Student Government in addition to serving areas of leadership development across the UNC community. Graduate with his B.A. in English Literature from Chestnut Hill College and obtained his M.S. in Educational Leadership Studies from Oklahoma State University. Brian is a practitioner and scholar who works to improve educational environments and has completed original research focused on graduate supervision, asexual student identity development, and more. Brian has spent the past decade as a StrengthsQuest facilitator working to ensure that individuals can fully deconstruct and reconstruct their strengths given their lived experiences. Outside of work you can catch Brian enjoying state parks with his dog while listening to a lot of podcasts, cooking, baking, spending time with friends, staying active, and relaxing.

Tammy Lambert | Assistant Director for Student Organizations

Tammy Lambert joined the Carolina Union staff in 1997, serving in various roles until taking on her current position as in 2013. As the Assistant Director for Student Organizations, Tammy leads the Student Organizations team within Student Life & Leadership. Along with her staff, she works to provide student organizations with the services, resources and information necessary to be successful. Tammy received her bachelor?s degree in education from UNC-Chapel Hill and holds a master?s degree in higher education administration from NC State University.
Sarah Levine is our Student Activities Program Coordinator here in the Student Life & Leadership office. A few key areas of her position include advising the Carolina Union Activities Board (CUAB), partnerships for campus wide programs & initiatives, and collaborations for Heritage Month programming. Sarah came to UNC-Chapel Hill from Appalachian State where she received her Master's Degree in College Student Development and prior to that at Florida Gulf Coast University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, minors in Interdisciplinary Studies & Gender Studies. Sarah loves spending time outside of work playing with her Husky puppy, cooking, and exploring her new hometown with her partner.

Jared Ward | Co-Curricular Learning & Assessment Program
Jared T. Ward was born raised and educated in Boston, Massachusetts, before moving to Athens, Georgia to pursue a Master’s of Education from the University of Georgia? Go Dawgs! His passion for assessment and development lead him to his the role as Co-Curricular Learning & Assessment Program Coordinator in Student Life and Leadership at the Carolina Union. Jared loves to help others tap into their strengths and maximize their potential. Jared uses data-driven storytelling to explore: learning, leadership, & professional development outcomes assessment; accessible, individualized, and equitable education experiences and environments; and the impact of data informed decision-making on college campuses.

Natasha Young | Leadership Development Program Coordinator (Co-Curricular Leadership Retreats & Programs)
Natasha graduated with a B.A. in Studio Art and a B.A. in Sociology from Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire in 2016, and an M.S. in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 2018. Within Student Life & Leadership, Natasha will be responsible for programmatic and strategic efforts around co-curricular leadership initiatives that foster learning and development outside of the classroom, such as the annual SPARK Leadership Retreat, Carolina United, the ACC Leadership Symposium, and more. Outside of work, you can find Natasha planning adventures in Dungeons and Dragons, taking care of her plants, and spending time with her partner and their two dogs.

Vacant | Leadership Development Program Coordinator (Curricular Leadership & Fellows Programming)

Applications will be accepted until September 15, 2021 (Updated).

Lee Roberts | Student Organizations Programs Coordinator

Lee Roberts is our Student Organizations Programs Coordinator here in the Student Life & Leadership office. They get the unique opportunity to work directly with the 800+ student organizations registered on-campus
through a variety of ways. A few key areas of this position include overseeing the University registration process for returning and new organizations, leading leadership development opportunities with the student organization members and officers, and supervising a team of undergraduate and graduate students in overseeing the Heel Life website. Lee received both of their degrees from Bowling Green State University, a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Master of Arts in College Student Personnel. They spend most of their free time riding their bike, spending time with their partner and dog, and attending concerts in the Triangle area.

Vacant | Administrative Support

Erin Harvey | Student Organizations Graduate Coordinator

Erin Harvey (she/her/hers) is from Orlando, Florida. She attended the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she studied Creative Writing/English and Religion. Currently, she is a Master of Library Science student within the School of Information and Library Science. Erin works as the Student Organization Graduate Coordinator. In this role, she works with a team of Heel Life Coordinators to support Carolina’s student organizations, student leaders, and faculty advisors. In her free time, Erin enjoys crocheting, reading, and getting to know the Carolina community.

Sarah Brom | Student Activities Graduate Coordinator

Sarah Brom was born and raised in a small town outside of Chicago, IL called Riverside. She serves as one of the Student Activities Graduate Coordinators for the Office of Student Life and Leadership in the Carolina Union. In this role, she works with David Gagnidze and Sarah Levine to advise the undergraduate students of the Carolina Union Activities Board (CUAB). She is currently a Master of Health Administration candidate at the Gillings School of Global Public Health. Prior to coming to UNC, she studied at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and graduated with a BS in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences in 2021. She is very excited to broaden her advising and program development skills during her time in this role.
David Gagnidze | Student Activities Graduate Coordinator

David Gagnidze is one of two Graduate Coordinators for Student Activities this year. He was born in Tbilisi, in the Republic of Georgia, where he lived until the age of 7 after which he permanently immigrated to the United States with his family. He still speaks Georgian and has family residing in Georgia, but he’s lived in upstate New York for most of his life where he attended Hamilton College and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology and Government. After graduating in May of 2020, he began pursuing his Master’s in Global Studies at UNC Chapel Hill and plans on pursuing his J.D. after graduating in May of 2022. He enjoys playing on the club waterpolo team, biking, socializing with friends, and traveling as much as possible.

Suzanna Larkin | Communications & Marketing Graduate Coordinator

Suzanna Larkin hails from Portland, Oregon, where she lived until moving to North Carolina to attend Duke University and earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Health and International Comparative Studies and a minor in Cultural Anthropology. Upon her graduation in May 2021, Suzanna entered the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health as a Master of Public Health candidate with a concentration in Maternal and Child Health. At the Office of Student Life and Leadership, Suzanna acts as the Communications & Marketing Graduate Coordinator, where she develops and executes the communications strategies for the office. Outside of her role at SLL, Suzanna enjoys spending time with friends and family, traveling the world, and experimenting with new cooking recipes.

Melissa Yu | Leadership Development Graduate Coordinator
Melissa Yu is our Leadership Development Graduate Coordinator at SLL, where she takes part in the planning, development and execution of various leadership development programs including our large-scale retreats, such as Spark and Carolina United. She was born and raised in Belize, Central America, before moving to Tampa, Florida where she pursued her undergraduate degree in Public Health and Biomedical Anthropology at the University of South Florida. She is currently a Master of Public Health candidate with a concentration in Health Behavior at UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Outside of school and work, Melissa enjoys hanging out with friends, trying new food recipes, binge watching TV shows and is excited to explore the Triangle area.

Source URL: https://carolinaunion.unc.edu/departments/student-life-leadership/our-staff

Links
[1] https://carolinaunion.unc.edu/sites/carolinaunion.unc.edu/files/LDPC%20%28Fellows%29_0.pdf