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Re-Imagining Summer Funding – Confronting Challenges & Brainstorming Solutions

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Discussion facilitators:

Claire Klieger, EdD, Senior Associate Director, Penn Career Services



Dr. Claire Klieger relates particularly well to students who are unsure of what they want to be when they grow up because that is how she felt as an undergraduate double majoring in English and Anthropology at the University of Virginia. Since then, she has worked in different areas of student services including admissions, student activities, and Career Services, where she has been an advisor since 2006. She believes strongly in the value and versatility of a liberal arts education, and enjoys working with students on identifying their transferable skills. Claire has also done international development consulting work in Morocco. Claire has a doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania, and spent her formative years living abroad in the Middle East and North Africa.

A. Mylene Kerschner, Associate Director and co-host CS Radio, Penn Career Services



Mylène started her professional career here in Career Services after graduating from the University of Richmond with a double major in English and history. After holding several roles in Career Services including On-Campus Recruiting Coordinator and Information Resources and Web Manager, Mylène ran away to the Caribbean and planned weddings and events at the Ritz-Carlton in St. Thomas for three years. Marriott hotels brought her back home to Philadelphia, and after one more year in hospitality she returned to Penn and Career Services. Mylène completed her Master of Arts degree in history at Penn and wrote her thesis on Philadelphia food markets. She works with College students in all stages of the career planning process and especially enjoys speaking with students who are in the early days of exploring. Mylène has also been a lecturer and Wharton writing instructor.

Ann Vernon-Grey, PhD, Senior Associate Director for Undergraduate Research, CURF



Ann Vernon-Grey received her BS in Biology from the University of Tulsa before traveling to the University of Cambridge, England, on a Marshall Scholarship where she earned her PhD in Developmental and Cancer Biology. Her research interests have included the coordination of cell division, differentiation and migration, and subsequent investigation of how the normal processes of development are subverted during tumor formation and progression to metastasis. Ann is an enthusiastic supporter of Penn's college life and has spent a decade living and working in Penn's College House system, currently as Associate Faculty Director of Lauder College House. At CURF, Ann is responsible for helping undergraduates find meaningful and exciting research opportunities with Penn's outstanding faculty, assisting students identify and secure unique summer research possibilities, and supporting their search and application for national and international grants.

Erica Sebastian, Senior Associate Director, Penn Abroad



Erica serves as the deputy director of Penn Abroad and oversees the management of the Penn Global Seminars (PGS), the Global Research & Internship Program (GRIP), marketing and outreach initiatives, and new program development. Erica joined Penn from Princeton University, where she served as the Associate Director of Study Abroad. Prior to Princeton, Erica held positions in international education at Drexel University and the College of Global Studies at Arcadia University. Erica holds a BA in International Studies and Spanish from the University of Oregon, and an MS in Global and International Education from Drexel University. As an undergraduate, she studied abroad in Spain and completed a semester-long internship in Cuba, and after graduation went on to live and work in Argentina.