

# **Department of Chemistry** Whom Should I Contact?

# Chemistry Office Staff

<ul> <li>Nancy Adler, Academic Program Administrator   ext. 2906   <u>nbn2@rice.edu</u>   SST Room 111D</li> <li>Manages the support for the undergraduate program, working closely with the Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies</li> <li>Supervises Seminar &amp; Events Coordinator and Undergraduate Student Workers</li> <li>Manages the promotion and tenure process, including preparation of dossiers</li> <li>Prepares faculty annual reports (Faculty Information System – FIS) and technical manuscripts</li> <li>Oversees faculty and instructor searches</li> <li>Prepares undergraduate student payroll</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Vicky Nielsen Armstrong, Executive Administrator   ext. 2895   vstrong@rice.edu   SST Room 111A</li> <li>Serves as chief business and financial officer for the Department of Chemistry</li> <li>Oversees department budgets</li> <li>Maintains and manages accurate financial records for endowments, gifts and designated funds</li> <li>Approves financial statements related to research funds and other funds</li> <li>Directs and supervises the department staff</li> <li>Oversees special projects for the department</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Coordinates/assists with annual report submission, in addition to other data reporting</li> <li>Pam On, Graduate Program Administrator   ext. 5820   pon@rice.edu   SST Room 111E</li> <li>Manages the day-to-day operations of the Chemistry graduate program</li> <li>Staff liaison for the Graduate Recruiting Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee</li> <li>Staff member for CHEM GEM Committee. Oversees the graduate student sub-committee for recruiting URM</li> <li>Manages graduate student recruiting events and oversees the Graduate Student Recruiting Committee</li> <li>Processes graduate student stipends and fellowships</li> <li>Primary point of contact for current and prospective graduate students</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Pedro Prado, Lead Financial Administrator   ext. 3868   prprado@rice.edu   SST Room 111F</li> <li>Analyzes monthly financial activities posted to research &amp; discretionary funds; ensures funds are spent appropriately and within federal guidelines; reconciles funds; initiates corrections; provides financial reports; closes out funds; generates projection reports</li> <li>Reviews and approves online submitted research proposals (grants, RSA, fellowships, gifts)</li> <li>Coordinates, reviews and approves all department research effort allocations submitted via (OLR, EPAF, GEPAF)</li> <li>Reviews and approves Pcard transactions (travel &amp; general supplies; and other expenses) summited through Concur</li> <li>Tracks and reports cost-sharing</li> <li>Directs and supervises Facilities &amp; Purchasing Administrator</li> <li>Serves as back up to Executive Administrator in the areas relating to research administration, both pre-and post-award, and other financial and administrative functions</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Abby Vacek, Facilities &amp; Purchasing Administrator   ext. 5402   akv1@rice.edu   SST Room 111G</li> <li>Coordinates accounts payable, accounts receivable, and purchasing — online PO set-up, new vendor set-up, payment of invoices, etc.</li> <li>Manages Service Center internal and external billing, reconciliation of telephone charges and purchasing card statements</li> <li>Coordinates safety training; notifies of possible working deterrents in buildings occupied by chemistry faculty; submits accident reports</li> <li>Responsible for inventory: new equipment, recording move or disposal of equipment</li> <li>Arranges building access via ID card and key distribution; building outage contact person, coordinates special work order requests</li> <li>Processes petty cash/check request reimbursements</li> <li>Orders office and copier supplies and manages supply inventory</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Patricia Villanueva, Seminar &amp; Event Coordinator   ext. 4082   pv9@rice.edu   SST Room 111</li> <li>Coordinates chemistry seminars and events</li> <li>Schedules chemistry conference rooms</li> <li>Edits and maintains departmental website, social media sites, and alumni newsletter</li> <li>Supports special departmental and faculty projects</li> <li>Distributes mail for faculty and students &amp; assists with copier, fax and other shared office equipment</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Anita Walker, Chemistry Courses Administrator   ext. 4027   aawalker@rice.edu   DBH Room 243</li> <li>Prepares all class materials for chemistry courses —homework assignments, exams, answer keys, materials for teaching assignments; records grades online</li> <li>Coordinates and schedules classroom assignments for chemistry courses; Teaching Assistant (TA) office hours; exam grading sessions and Qualifying Examinations (QEs) for students</li> <li>Maintains and requests textbooks orders for campus bookstore and from publishers for faculty and TAs</li> <li>Designs and maintains chemistry course sites via Canvas Learning Management System</li> <li>Maintains CHEM 600 attendance of student presentation records and departmental seminars</li> <li>Coordinates undergraduate academic processes (transfer credit, approval of majors, degree audits, QEs)</li> <li>Coordinates appointments for TAs; Discussion Leaders and Graders including payroll issues</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Selena Zermeño, Department Coordinator   ext. 3277   selena@rice.edu  SST Room 111</li> <li>Coordinates HR process for postdoctoral research associates, research scientists, research techs, and visitors</li> <li>Coordinates Visa and HR issues, including checkout and transfers for postdocs</li> <li>Assists with Visa process and document preparation for new faculty hires</li> <li>Electronically maintains, updates, and distributes departmental directory and listservs</li> <li>Processes Concur non-travel and travel allocations for faculty and students</li> <li>Assists with special projects for the department and faculty</li> </ul>

#### **Chemistry Storeroom Staff**

	<ul> <li>Carlos Cabello, Chemistry Store Manager   ext. 3255   ccabello@rice.edu   SST 113B</li> <li>Manages/maintains the Chemistry Storeroom</li> <li>Manages special and inventory orders</li> <li>Provides customer assistance for the Chemistry Storeroom</li> <li>Supervises Storeroom personnel</li> </ul>
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1204	<ul> <li>Orders and oversees specialty gases</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Provides customer assistance for the Chemistry Storeroom</li> </ul>
	Susan Cudnik, Storekeeper I   ext. 3275   <u>scudnik@rice.edu</u>   SST 113B
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#### **Chemistry Teaching Stockroom Staff**



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