

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



#### Nancy Adler, Academic Program Administrator | ext. 2906 | nbn2@rice.edu | SST Room 111D

Manages the day-to-day operations of the undergraduate program, including communication channels and events

- Staff liaison for the Undergraduate Studies Committee, the Teaching Committee and the Faculty Search Committee
- Supervises Undergraduate Student Workers
- Manages the promotion and tenure process, including preparation of dossiers
- Prepares faculty annual reports (Faculty Information System FIS) and technical manuscripts
  - Oversees faculty and instructor searches



#### Corina Gonzalez, Administrative Specialist | ext. 2653 | corina.gonzalez@rice.edu | SST Room 111

- Serves as primary contact for department's Human Resources (HR) transactions
- Initiates and completes routine to complex HR transactions (i.e., hires, position and pay changes, status changes, terminations, etc.)
  - Coordinates academic visitor appointments
- Coordinates and manages visa and immigration actions for faculty, staff, post docs and academic visitors
  - Coordinates graduate student payroll transactions in collaboration with Exec. Administrator



#### Tammy Martin, Department Coordinator | ext. 3277 | tammy.martin@rice.edu | SST Room 111

- Provides support to faculty, students, and staff with day-to-day functions of the Department of Chemistry
- Provides support to faculty for purchasing card expenses and expense reports
- Provides support to students and others as needed with expenses and reimbursements
- Supports the grad program activities and processes in collaboration with graduate program administrator
  - Updates department listings/databases for faculty, students, postdocs and staff, including same updates to website



### Stacie Millas, Seminar & Event Coordinator | ext. 4082 | sm185@rice.edu | SST Room 111

- Organizes and manages the Department of Chemistry scientific lecture program
- Organizes and manages departmental events, including scientific workshops and symposiums
  - Edits and maintains department website
- Creates content for website and social media sites, including posting to social media sites
  - Manages and creates content for several screen displays in the department
- Prepares Chemistry Department newsletter for distribution to alumni
  - Supports special departmental and faculty projects
- Schedules rooms and A/V support as needed



#### icky Nielsen Armstrong, Executive Administrator | ext. 2895 | vstrong@rice.edu | SST Room 111A

- Provides support to the Chair of the Department
- Serves as chief business and financial officer for the Department of Chemistry
- Responsible for the management of all departmental staff involved in administrative operations and support to faculty, students and programs
  - Supports any of the programs as needed and oversees special projects for the department
- Oversees research funds and department budgets, including endowments and gift funds
  - Serves a primary role in the development and implementation of the annual budget
  - Coordinates/assists with annual report submission, in addition to other data reporting



### Pedro Prado, Lead Financial Administrator | ext. 3868 | prprado@rice.edu | SST Room 111F

- Analyzes monthly financial activities posted to research and discretionary funds; ensures funds are spent appropriately and within federal guidelines; reconciles funds; initiates corrections; provides financial reports; closes out funds; generates projection reports
- Reviews and approves online submitted research proposals
- Coordinates, reviews and approves all department research effort allocations
  - Reviews and approves purchasing card transactions
- 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



#### Kari Stein, Graduate Program Administrator | ext. 5820 | ks127@rice.edu | SST Room 111E

- Manages the day-to-day operations of the chemistry graduate program
- Staff liaison for the Graduate Recruiting Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee
  - Staff member for CHEM GEM Committee. Oversees the graduate student sub-committee for recruiting URM
- Manages graduate student recruiting events and oversees the Graduate Student Recruiting Committee
- Primary point of contact for current and prospective graduate students
- Processes graduate student fellowships (internal and external)



### Abby Vacek, Facilities & Purchasing Administrator | ext. 5402 | akv1@rice.edu | SST Room 111G

- Provides support to faculty for purchasing card expenses and expense reports
- Supports financial tracking for the department, in collaboration with Lead Financial Administrator and Exec. Administrator
- Manages Service Centers (i.e., copy center, etc.)
- Responsible for inventory: new equipment, recording move or disposal of equipment
- Coordinates safety training; notifies department of possible working deterrents in buildings; submits accident reports
- Arranges building access via ID card and key distribution; building outage contact person
  - Coordinates special work order requests
  - Orders office and copier supplies and manages supply inventory



# Anita Walker | Chemistry Courses Administrator | ext. 4027 | aawalker@rice.edu | DBH Room 243

- Prepares all class materials for chemistry courses —homework assignments, exams, answer keys, materials for teaching assignments; records grades online
- Coordinates and schedules classroom assignments for chemistry courses; Teaching Assistant (TA) office hours; exam grading sessions and Qualifying Examinations (QEs) for students
- Maintains and requests textbooks orders for campus bookstore and from publishers for faculty and TAs
- Designs and maintains chemistry course sites via Canvas Learning Management System
- Maintains CHEM 600 attendance of student presentation records and departmental seminars
- Coordinates undergraduate academic processes (transfer credit, approval of majors, degree audits, QEs) Coordinates appointments for TAs; Discussion Leaders and Graders including payroll issues

## **Chemistry Storeroom Staff**



Carlos Cabello, Chemistry Store Manager | ext. 3255 | ccabello@rice.edu | SST 113B

- Manages/maintains the Chemistry Storeroom
- Manages special and inventory orders
- Provides customer assistance for the Chemistry Storeroom
- Supervises Storeroom personnel



Javier Chavez, Storekeeper II | ext. 3257 | jjchavez@rice.edu | SST Room 101

- Oversees shipping and receiving
- Orders and oversees specialty gases
- Provides customer assistance for the Chemistry Storeroom



Susan Cudnik, Storekeeper I | ext. 3275 | scudnik@rice.edu | SST 113B

- Provides customer assistance for the Chemistry Storeroom
- Assists with special and inventory orders
- Oversees Storeroom inventory and accounting

## **Chemistry Teaching Stockroom Staff**



Ruxin Feng, Teaching Stockroom Manager | ext. 3488 | ruxin.feng@rice.edu | DBH Room 278

- Manages/maintains Teaching Stockroom
- Assists with teaching equipment procurement and maintenance
- Orders chemicals and supplies for Chemistry Department teaching labs
- Chemical Hygiene Officer for teaching labs

### **Chemistry Research Group Staff**

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Administrator for Professors Christy Landes' and Stephan Link's Research Groups and Center for Adapting Flaws into Features (CAFF)

### **School of Natural Sciences Staff**

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