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#### Toppel Advisory Board Member Directory 2016 - 2017

# **EMPLOYER MEMBERS**



## **Teri Anne Brennan**

Enterprise, Group Talent Acquisition Manager



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Teri Anne has served as Group Talent Acquisition Manager with Enterprise since 2010. In this role, she directs and oversees the development of internal and external hiring strategies for Enterprise Holdings brands and divisions in South Florida. Teri Anne earned a Bachelor's degree in marketing from Florida State University.



## **Alexis Carpinteri**

FBI, Special Agent/Recruiter



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Special Agent Alexis Carpinteri has worked for the FBI since 1998 and has worked mostly Crimes Against Children matters until being named FBI Recruiter for the Miami Division. SA Carpinteri earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice & Criminology from the University of Maryland, a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center and a Master of Science in Forensic Psychology from Nova Southeastern University.



## **Bill Fisse**

Citi, Managing Director, Senior Human Resources Officer



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Bill Fisse, a 34-year Citi HR Executive, is a Managing Director in Citi's Institutional Clients Group (ICG), leading the Global ICG Campus Recruiting and Program Management Strategy initiative. The initiative aims to define and implement a standardized global strategy across the ICG to enhance Citi's ability to attract, develop and retain top university-sourced talent and establish Citi as the "employer of choice" amongst Millennials and young professionals. Bill's passion is implementing Human Capital strategies that are aligned to the Business to help build a high performing organization, where high performance is defined as sustained business growth. He is an avid sports fan and loves to travel internationally.



## **Steve Hunsicker**

Peace Corps, South Florida Recruiter



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Steve is a founding member of Toppel's Employer Advisory Board and has served as the Co-Chair for Toppel Day of Service. Before being hired by Peace Corps, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in the South Pacific Kingdom of Tonga helping local business owners either start or improve their business. Before his service, Steve spent 23 years in television station management running TV news departments. His last position was Executive News Director for WPEC Channel 12 in West Palm Beach. Steve enjoys volunteering with the United Way, SCUBA diving and talking with other people who are interested in Peace Corps service.



## **Catherine Rodriguez**

U.S. Department of State, Diplomat in Residence (DIR)



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Catherine is the DIR at Florida International University and Miami Dade College. She engages with university and high school students on raising awareness about career opportunities in the Foreign Service and Civil Service with the U.S. Department of State. Catherine has served multiple tours of duty in South Asia including assignments in Pakistan and India. She also served as the Regional Director of the Office of Foreign Mission. Catherine began her professional career with the United States Agency of International Development where she served as an auditor for the Inspector General's Office. Her hobbies include travel, the arts, and reading.



## Ken Taylor

Citrix, Recruiting Team Lead



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Ken Taylor is one of the founding members of the Toppel Career Center Advisory Board, representing Toppel's 2013-2014 Corporate Employer of the Year, Citrix Systems. Ken serves as a Recruiting Team Lead at Citrix which involves both managing recruiters and some hands-on recruiting responsibility. While his primarily involvement is with the Americas, he also has worked this year to provide strategic support and training to Europe, Asia, and Australia. Ken was ranked by LinkedIn in October as one of the top 100 recruiters in the world to use the platform for hiring.

## **STUDENT MEMBERS**



## **Elizabeth Bocanegra**

Junior, College of Arts & Sciences



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Elizabeth is from Weston, Florida, and is currently majoring in Psychology and Sociology. She is a Peer Advising Liaison with Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology and also serves as a Dean's Ambassador in the College of Arts & Sciences. Elizabeth also has participated in Alternative Breaks and on the Homecoming Executive Committee.



## **Courtney Hamilton**

Freshman, School of Business Administration



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Courtney was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, and is enjoying the opportunity to grow and learn in a new major city. She is majoring in marketing, and her passions cover various artistic mediums but are highlighted by music, art, dance, and traveling. After graduation she aspires to work abroad in the Peace Corps or through for-profit music industry companies.

### Alec Jimenez

Sophomore, College of Engineering



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Alec is from Denver, Colorado, and is majoring in Architectural Engineering. On campus, Alec is involved with the club swim team, Frost's Maelstrom choir, and Student Government's ECO Agency in addition to representing the College of Engineering as an Engineering Student Ambassador. Alec aspires to pursue a future incorporating the creative aspects of his life into the field of sustainable design.



## Breana Ross

Sophomore, School of Communication



Breana is from Clinton, Maryland, and is a Broadcast Journalism and Political Science double major. She is a member of the Multicultural Recruitment Advisory Board and a mentor of a Booker T. Washington High School student for the Inspire U program. She is passionate about service and is in the process of forming her own service project. She is active with UMTV, the school's TV broadcast station, serving as a reporter and an associate producer for multiple shows.

## **UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND STAFF**



## **Hilary Kautter Allsopp**

Associate Director, Employer Development Washington, D.C.



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Hilary is a proud alumna of the University of Miami, where she earned her M.S.Ed. in Higher Education Administration with a concentration in College Student Life and Development. Hilary spent a year interning at the Toppel Career Center during graduate school and is thrilled to return to the Toppel team full time. Hilary is based in Washington, DC, where she oversees the UM in DC program and manages employer development. She has experience enhancing undergraduate students' career development and collaborating with employer partners through previous career center roles at Duke University and The George Washington University School of Business. Prior to her work in higher education, she coordinated a high school alcohol prevention campaign and provided support to inpatient clients at a mental health center. Hilary holds a B.S. in Psychology from Virginia Tech.



### **Kim Burr**

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Kim provides career advising and programming for students in the School of Business Administration. In addition, she works with employers and stakeholders to create and maintain robust employment and internship opportunities for School of Business students. Kim joined Toppel in July 2015 and brings experience in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Brigham Young University- Idaho and a Master of Public Administration from American University. Prior to joining the University of Miami, Kim lived and worked in Washington, DC, where she developed a strong passion for public service.



## **Richard Combs**

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Richard is a higher education professional with over 10 years of experience in a variety of areas including career development, fundraising, alumni relations, and sports marketing. In his current role, he is responsible for building partnerships between the university and external stakeholders in order to expand both internship and full-time employment opportunities for business majors. Additionally, he provides career advising and coaching to business students and alumni. A self-proclaimed ACC basketball aficionado, he enjoys following the Hurricanes.



## Eddy Cruz

Toppel Career Center Director, Career Education



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Eddy oversees the Toppel Career Center's efforts in training and empowering UM students and alumni through various career exploration, experiential education, pre-health and pre-law initiatives. In this role, he supervises the Career Education team. Eddy earned a MA in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and had an assistantship in the Career Development Center. He joined the staff in June 2008 and served as the AD for Graduate Student & Alumni Programs. In addition to career services, he has worked in residential services.



## **Christian Garcia**

Toppel Career Center, Associate Dean & Executive Director



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Christian is a higher education professional with nearly 20 years of experience in a variety of areas within student and academic affairs. He currently serves as the Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Toppel Career Center, where he is responsible for the management and strategic direction of one of the country's most innovative and dynamic career centers. Previously, Christian served as Associate Director of Employer Relations, responsible for creating and maintaining relationships with employers representing a wide range of industries. Christian currently sits on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) and is very active on the local, national, and international career services stage.



## Ali Rodriguez

Toppel Career Center Director, Employer Engagement



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Ali oversees the Toppel Career Center's efforts to build a strong recruiting program and provide students, alumni, and employers with opportunities to connect. In this role, she supervises the Employer Relations team. In addition, she works to develop partnerships with employers and oversees the Toppel Advisory Board and the Toppel Employer Partner Program. She joined the staff in July 2000 and led Toppel's Career Development team for 13 years, overseeing career and walk-in advising, programs and workshops, and assessment testing. In addition to career services, she has worked in Academic Advising and Residence Life.



## Devin Rogan

Toppel Career Center Assistant Director, Recruiting Services



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Devin oversees all on-campus recruiting at Toppel, including company information sessions and on-campus interviews. He focuses on creating and planning interactive events between students and prospective employers. Prior to joining Toppel, Devin worked in corporate recruiting focusing mainly on Information Technology, Pharmaceutical, and Biomedical industries. He is originally from Central New Jersey and received his Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Monmouth University. While attending Monmouth, he was also apart of Sigma Pi Fraternity. Devin plans to pursue a graduate degree from the University of Miami and is excited to be a part of the Hurricane family.



## **Mark Shapiro**

UM School of Business Administration Lecturer, Business Law Department Director of Academic Enhancement & Student Engagement



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Dr. Mark Shapiro is a full-time Lecturer in the Business Law Department and is also Director of Academic Enhancement and Student Engagement for the School of Business Administration. From 1997-2015, he was a partner at the law firm of Akerman LLP, a national law firm of more than 600 lawyers, and practiced as a litigator in the areas of insurance coverage, bad faith, ERISA and contract/tort disputes. He was recognized by Best Lawyers in America in 2013, 2014 and 2015 as one of America's best lawyers in Insurance Law. Dr. Shapiro attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he earned his Juris Doctor degree and was a Legal Writing Instructor and a member of the National Moot Court Team.



## **Carly Smith**

Toppel Career Center Associate Director, Career Readiness



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Carly received a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration at the University of Miami and a Bachelor of Science in Human and Organizational Development from Vanderbilt University. In her current role, she creates professional development track for UM students to ensure they are better prepared for the workforce. Carly previously served as Assistant Director for Career Education and while completing her Master's degree, she was a Graduate Assistant at the Toppel Career Center.



## **Margot Winick**

University of Miami, Media Relations Assistant Vice President, Media Relations



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As Assistant Vice President for University Communications, Margot Winick serves as an executive in the central communications and marketing office for the University of Miami, overseeing media relations and multimedia communications with an advisory position for university medical, marketing and social media. Winick strategizes, writes and executes promotion of UM's areas of excellence and campaign communications. With a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from the University's School of Communication and a master's in liberal studies from the College of Arts and Sciences, she has worked for The Miami Herald, where she was a writer and copy editor on the news and features desks and was part of the team that won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Meritorious Public Service for coverage of Hurricane Andrew. She serves an adjunct professor in the School of Communication and is also a voice-over artist.



## **Betty Zambrano**

Toppel Career Center Assistant Director, Career Events



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Betty is responsible for coordinating a variety of events that benefit UM students and alumni, most notably the Spring and Fall Career Expos that occur every semester on campus. Through her role, Betty aspires to help others find meaningful and gainful employment experiences at the meet-ups, fairs and other networking events coordinated through Toppel. Prior to joining the staff in December of 2014, Betty served as a Peace Corps volunteer in northern rural Peru, where she worked with local youth promoting higher education and college preparedness. Betty has additional experience in event management, program coordination, grassroots campaigns and public relations.



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