

Christy Boyles



Christy grew up outside of Birmingham in a small town called Oak Grove. She currently resides in Cullman, Alabama. She attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham and graduated in 2002 with a Bachelors in Marketing. After graduating, she worked for Wells Fargo Financial as a manager and then went on to work for a small law firm heading up their marketing, tax preparation and legal document production. While working for the law firm, she went back to school in 2007 to get a Bachelors in Accounting from Athens State University. In 2013, she attended Troy University where she obtained a Masters in Taxation. She has her Enrolled Agent license and has been in the tax and accounting field for several years. She opened her own bookkeeping and tax business in 2016. The practice focuses on small businesses and tax advice. Currently, she works remotely for Intuit as a QuickBooks Live Manager. She has a team of 17 bookkeepers and 4 team leads. The team assists in getting small businesses started in their bookkeeping journey with Intuit QuickBooks Live Bookkeeping. She enjoys networking with other teammates throughout the organization to find solutions to everyday problems.

During her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, golfing, and playing violin. She is married with two kids, a son and a daughter and has her first grandbaby on the way.

She also enjoys volunteering for non-profits. She has served on the Board of Directors for Flourish of Cullman, The Alabama Autism Assistance Program/Hands, and the Autism Society of Alabama. She has also assisted efforts in getting legislation passed for Autism insurance coverage in 2012.

Michael Davidson



Ph.D., Chemistry, (Biochemistry) Texas Tech University, 1986

M.B.A., Operations/Management Control Systems, Tennessee Tech University, 1989

B.S., Chemistry, Tennessee Tech University, 1981

Post-doctoral Fellowship, Mount Sinai Research Hospital, NY, NY, 1988

1990-Present: Vice President Finance/Operations: ION Corporation, Eden Prairie, MN

Enjoy expediting and managing tough situations. Problem resolution and overall organization goal accomplishment scenarios really spark my interest.

1987-1989: Assistant Chemistry Professor: Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN

Enjoyed teaching chemistry to undergraduate students and incorporating real life scenarios into everyday problem resolutions. Enjoyed convincing students that the ability to find answer more important than memorizing facts.

1981: All-American Track and Field Team - Middle Tennessee State University

1978-1981: Four-Time All-Ohio Valley Conference Track and Field Teams - TTU & MTSU

The biggest joy of his life was participating in team sports specifically track and field. He had the opportunity to travel and meet athletes from around the world and share many memories. He will always cherish time spent with multiple teams and excelling in athletics.

Currently he works in Huntsville, AL, and travels to MN monthly. He never sees himself fully retiring as he enjoys the daily interactions with co-workers and customers.

Johan Eriksson



Johan Eriksson is the Director of Entrepreneurship and visiting instructor in Ouachita Baptist University's Hickingbotham School of Business. A native of Molkom, Sweden, he earned a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in management from Ouachita in 2001, a MA and MBA from Webster University in 2012

Eriksson joined the Ouachita faculty in Fall 2021 after serving more than 18 years in the corporate offices of Walmart, where he served as a learning leader and program manager in Data, Finance & Strategy, Real Estate, Supply Chain, and Walmart U.S.

He is married to Candace; together, they have Emelia (18) and Elias (16).

Johnathan Fuller



Johnathan started out his adult professional life with a five-year enlistment in the navy as a Sonar Technician on the USS Rhode Island, a ballistic missile submarine. He learned computer skills, electronics maintenance and repair, and conflict resolution skills during this time. From there he floundered quite a bit academically, ultimately finding that he didn't mesh well with traditional undergraduate schooling.

He kept afloat with odd jobs as he pursued an online degree, picking up a wide array of technical skills along the way. He also found some reprieve from that lifestyle once he found he was well suited to dental insurance coding. He now manages a small dental office in Boaz, Alabama, and finds himself using most every skill he developed by circumstance in a more deliberate manner. The office and its clientele are predominantly bilingual, presenting unique challenges with language and cultural differences at times.

He currently does consulting work for creative professionals on the side, though mostly it involves more coaching and encouragement than statistical breakdowns. He is an amateur artist, a competent woodworker specializing in handcut joinery, and an active humanist.

Marcus Hill



Marcus' professional area of expertise is in Program management. He enjoys the journey of idea creation, execution and implementation. Over the course of his career he has had the opportunity to serve as the IT PMO & Portfolio Manager, work with the Army Game Studio and lead several projects & teams in support of the Department of Defense. One of the key highlights of his career has been leading the largest M&A effort for the IT organization. His biggest enjoyment is leading, engaging and working with teams.

He has a B.S in Aerospace Science Engineering from Tuskegee University, and an MBA from Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College.

While in graduate school, he was selected to be part of a cohort to do work on a project with a South Korean company and spent a week in Seoul.

He currently resides in Gurley, AL with his wife of over 20 years. He is the father of two kids, a daughter who is a freshman in college and a son in middle school.

He enjoys spending time with family, reading, and watching television. He is a Dallas Cowboy and LA Laker fan.

A few fun facts: his first job was at Sea World in Orlando, FL where he is from, he also worked on a political campaign after he graduated college, and he has attended the Global Leadership Summit every year since 2008, to help provide a boost in leadership from different speakers.

David Jaeger



David is originally from Huntsville, Alabama, and has worked in the private sector in addition to having over 20 years of experience in retail (stores, field operations, corporate office, and consulting). He is currently employed by RetailGIS, where he has been the Director of Professional Services for the past five years. Prior to joining RetailGIS, he was employed at Walgreens Boots Alliance where he was a Corporate Manager and oversaw Promotional and Seasonal Macro-space within their 8000-plus stores.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Technical Management with a concentration in Information Technology from DeVry University in Chicago. He has completed two Master of Science programs from DeVry University's Keller Graduate school in Business Administration and in Information Technology Systems Management. Most recently he completed a Post Graduate Program in Data Science and Business Analytics from the University of Texas at Austin.

In his spare time, he enjoys spending time between Alabama and Florida, where he loves being in the great outdoors. He spends most of the summer months on Lake Guntersville fishing and camping. When he is not spending time on the lake he travels throughout the US; hiking, fishing, and visiting historic sites with his parents and 7-year-old niece.

Chris Lenoir



Chris lives in Calera, Alabama – which is about 25 miles south of Birmingham. He has been married to his wonderful wife, Bridget for 19 years. They have 3 kids – Zoe, 17; Xander, 13; and Topher, 9.

He earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Samford University in 1997. And finished his M.B.A at the University of Alabama, Birmingham this past May (2022).

He has worked in the banking industry most of his life, exclusively in the back-office operations functions focusing on productivity analysis and process improvement. He recently made a change to the corporate side through accepting a position at Regions Bank working in Real Estate Banking Fulfillment which is responsible for the due diligence/regulatory compliance in commercial real estate lending.

When not working or shuffling around between the kids' extracurricular activities, he enjoys running and reading – although not at the same time.

Ashley McLeod



Ashley was born, raised, and currently lives in Tuscaloosa, AL. She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from The University of Alabama. Her education background consists of an undergraduate degree in Banking & Financial Services, Master of Arts degree in Applied Economics, Master of Science degree in Family Financial Planning & Counseling, and a Data Analytics Certificate. She also holds an Alabama Real Estate Salesperson license and has been pursuing the Certified Financial Planner designation as well.

Professionally, she is a full-time educator. She has been a full-time instructor at Shelton State Community College for 14 years and an adjunct instructor at The University of Alabama for 12 years. Her teaching focus is on microeconomics, macroeconomics, business statistics, and personal asset management courses. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she also serves as the chair of the Business, Health & Wellness department at Shelton State.

In her free time, she generally enjoys being outdoors; biking (road and mountain) and hiking or just sitting on the patio with her cats and dogs.

Fred Middleton



Fred has an undergraduate degree from Troy State University at Montgomery in Resource Management and an M.S. in Management from Troy University, Montgomery Campus. He owns PMG Planning - an investment advisory and financial planning firm located in Auburn, Alabama. He has been in the investment industry since 1999. He began his career at Morgan Stanley and in 2006 was asked by the owner of an investment banking firm to help open a retail advisory firm in Montgomery, Alabama. He opened his own company, PMG Planning Inc. in 2011 and moved to Auburn, Alabama where he now operates the company. In 2018 he opened a tax preparation service for clients to assist them with tax planning and filing income tax returns.

He has been married for 27 years and has two children that attend Auburn University. In his spare time he rides horses with his wife and enjoys reading.

Pamela Mitchell



Pamela was born and raised in Mississippi, and has a Bachelor of Science in Office Administration and an MBA from Mississippi Valley State University. In addition to these degrees, she has taken additional undergraduate courses in Mathematics and Information Systems. She has also taken additional graduate courses in project management.

She has 17+ years of experience working in higher education, specifically HBCUs. Over the last five years, she has been working in institutional/university advancement. She is currently employed at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi. In addition to her work in advancement, she has also presented at national conferences, including CASE, on fundraising / advancement services.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading and crocheting.

Robert Moxley



Robert was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, but his undergraduate years were spent in Tallahassee, Florida.

For the better part of the past two decades, he's been a resident of Huntsville, Alabama, and a contributor to the generation efforts of the nation's largest public power utility.

Educated in Electrical Engineering as an undergrad, he spent the first half of his career as a Systems Engineer at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

After completion of master's studies in Business & Management, he transitioned to roles in Business Performance Analysis and Project Management.

Recently, he pivoted to Corporate IT Project Management and enjoys learning and shepherding Enterprise level efforts in this space.

He is grateful to be the husband of an incredible wife, Camille, for nearly 19 years, and a father to three amazing kids, two boys and a girl, ages 10, 7, and 2.

A once avid golfer, he looks forward to occasional returns to the links of North Alabama when family, work, & *studies* allow.

Chris Smith



Chris is originally from Snellville, GA - just east of Atlanta. He attended Auburn University and graduated with a BA in Political Science in 1995. He moved to Columbia, SC where he took a position with BCBS of South Carolina as a Medicare Fraud Analyst. Three years later he moved to Birmingham and took a position with BCBS of Alabama as a Medicare Fraud Investigator. While at BCBS of Alabama, he transitioned from Medicare Fraud work to Internal Audit and worked primarily with Medicare contracting compliance. He eventually took a position within the Pharmacy Benefit Management unit and focused on contract compliance. He left the company in 2011 to take a position with a consulting company performing federal compliance audits for Medicare contractors. In 2013 he decided to go back to school and obtained an MBA at the University of Montevallo. He also began working as a Senior Audit Analyst with Catamaran Inc. In 2015, the company was acquired by United Healthcare Group and he worked for their PBM segment as Senior Audit Analyst supervising 3 other auditors in the performance of Medicare Part D compliance audits.

In August 2016, he took a position as the Operations and Product Manager at Ozan Vineyard and Distillery in Calera, AL. As a small farm winery and distillery, they produce approximately 5,000-8,000 cases of wine and spirits annually. He was responsible for Marketing, Accounting, State and Federal Compliance, and Distribution. After six years at Ozan, he was recruited by a former classmate to join ValueHealth Benefit Administrators, a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) for health benefits, as the Senior Compliance Specialist. In this role, he is responsible for coordinating the corporate Disaster Recovery Plan, the annual SOC 1 & 2 Type 2 audits, as well as maintaining HIPAA compliance documentation.

He married his wife, DeAnna Smith, in August 2004 and they live in Montevallo, AL. DeAnna is a professor of accounting at the University of Montevallo, where Chris also teaches management courses as an adjunct instructor. They have one son, Aidan, who is currently in middle school.

Marie Smith



Marie has a diverse academic and professional background, holding an MBA in Organizational Management, with graduate and undergraduate degrees in Women's Studies (minors in History & African/Caribbean Studies) and Business Administration, as well as Certificates in Business Studies and Management. She has a keen interest in both Business and History, and has taught several courses in both disciplines over the years.

Prior to academia, she held leadership roles in a few small to mid-sized firms, managed staff of up to 25 employees, conducted staff development training, as well as co-authored the training materials for Customer Service and General Business Etiquette.

She has over 18 years of experience teaching, facilitating, designing, and delivering course curriculum at the collegiate level. Currently she is a full-time Instructor/Lecturer at Louisiana State University- Shreveport (Management & Marketing Department) where she teaches several Undergraduate level Business courses to degree-seeking students.

When she is not teaching, she volunteers on a few outreach projects, enjoys listening to a wide variety of music, attending concerts and plays, traveling to different countries, learning/participating in various dance forms, sketching/drawing/painting, reading, and watching a bit of TV. She is originally from the beautiful island of Jamaica, but has been living in the USA for a little over 27 years. She has a 29-year-old son who makes for the best travel companion.

Carrie Wilkerson



Married to the same man for over 25 years, Carrie Wilkerson is a mom of 4 as well as best-selling author, international speaker and a sought-after television & radio personality.

Featured on CNN and Fox Business News, in Success & Entrepreneur magazines and named by Forbes as a top small business influencer, Carrie has consulted with Google and other business thought leaders on growth strategies, productivity and current trends.

Carrie works with clients 3 ways:

1. She's a keynote speaker
2. She's an optimization consultant for coaching & training companies
3. She coaches high performing business owners & executives on personal and professional excellence

Carrie loves showing people how to transform their lives, bodies, relationships and bank accounts. Whether you hang around for her tough-love, her hysterical no-filters humor or her big-as-Texas heart, she'll inspire you and help you make a plan to be more productive and more profitable, without sacrificing your priorities.

Seth Williams



Seth lives in Baxter, Tennessee, with his wife, Anna, and two kids, Abby and Jack. He attended college at Tennessee Tech University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's in Business with a concentration in Information Systems. He then completed his MBA, also in I.S., while starting his working career. He worked in the I.T. industry at the local Police Department for seven years before accepting a position at Tennessee Tech as a Lecturer. He now teaches full-time at TTU while doing IT contract work on the side. He is also interested in computer forensics, network security, and blockchain and cryptocurrency.

When he's not teaching, you can find him and his family on their farm! They have a working cattle farm with chickens, a donkey, a dog, and a cat. He loves being outside, working with animals, working on equipment, and anything else that he can get my hands on. He also enjoys watching football (Go Vols!), coaching his kids' sports teams, and playing guitar at their church.