



Leaders in Action: A Panel Discussion for Successfully Navigating a Safe Return to the Workplace

Tuesday, August 25, 11-12:30

Join this unique opportunity to listen and ask questions of a leadership panel as they share their lessons learned and successes for managing a safe return to the workplace.



Melissa Curry, Assistant Vice President, UF Human Resources

As assistant vice president for Human Resources, Melissa Curry oversees the areas of Talent Acquisition and Onboarding, Employment Operations and Records, Immigration Services, Classification and Compensation, and Equal Employment Opportunity. Melissa works with HR departments and UF units to identify, hire and retain the best talent, provide streamlined and efficient employment operations and assist with the implementation of UFHR's Strategic Commitment. Melissa earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and obtained her master's degree in educational leadership at UF. She is also a Society for Human Resource Management Senior Certified Professional (SPHR-SCP).



Gerald Altamirano, Assistant Dean and Director, Disability Resource Center

As the director of UF's Disability Resource Center, Gerry is a visionary leader with extensive experience in organizations committed to diversity and inclusion. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) collaborates with campus partners to facilitate access and accommodations for UF students with disabilities through providing accessibility consulting, academic accommodations, and education on disability inclusion. Gerry earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from UT Arlington and a master's in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling from UT Southwestern Medical Center. His work centers around a social justice lens which informs how he builds organizational partnerships, leads programs and manages services to drive diversity, inclusion and equity initiatives.



Kim Blackburn, Associate Director of Business Analysis and Process at University of Florida Advancement (UFA)

Kim oversees a team that is dedicated to analyzing and capturing the details that keep the business running. With over 10 years of experience in Advancement data services, she leads a team that works cross functionally to develop business process documentation, lead business process improvement initiatives, and ensure quality assurance. When she isn't working, you'll find Kim writing her next song or spending time with her Great Dane, Homer and husband, Eddie.



Alicia Turner, UFIT Associate Director, Business Relations

Alicia Turner has been with the university for over 21 years. She started with the university in 1999, serving as Field Director for the UF Survey Research Center. Alicia joined UFIT (previously known as UF Bridges) in 2006, serving in a Management Analyst role and supported the myUFL Student Financials implementation. She then went on to become Director of Operations at the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI). Alicia supported several large-scale NIH grant applications, including the UF CTSI, VIVO and the Southeast Center for Integrated Metabolomics (SECIM), resulting in a combined total of \$44 million in sponsored funding for the university. Alicia returned to UFIT in 2015 and now oversees the UFIT Business Relations team. Alicia received her bachelor's degree in advertising from UF.