

Marilyn A. Sheerer, PhD
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.
East Carolina University

Dr. Sheerer began her professional career as a high school English teacher after graduating from Bloomsburg State College in Pennsylvania. She then completed a master's degree in Student Personnel in Higher Education at Syracuse University and worked in student affairs at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

After receiving her PhD in Curriculum & Supervision from Ohio University, she served as a faculty member at four institutions of higher education; as a department chair at two; as the Dean of the College of Education at East Carolina University (1998-2006); as the Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at ECU (July 2005-June 2006); and as Vice Chancellor of Student Life at ECU from (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007). On October 15, 2008 Dr. Sheerer was appointed by Chancellor Steve Ballard to serve as the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. This appointment followed a stint as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs since July 2007.

During her tenure as ECU's Dean of Education, the College of Education received two national awards for excellence in teacher education; increased enrollments by 40%; built the largest distance education program among schools and colleges of education in the UNC System; increased grant resources by 40%; and increased endowments to over \$ 4 million, including a \$1.25 million gift from Wachovia Corporation for Partnership East, a collaborative model with community colleges.

Dr. Sheerer's emphasis has been on the establishment of meaningful partnerships, both internally and externally-among units on campus and with community colleges, public schools, community agencies and other institutions of higher education. She reflects a strong belief in collaboration and continuous improvement as important leadership strategies. Her research/publication interests are in the areas of leadership, change in higher education, and student success.

Virginia Hardy, PhD
Vice Provost for Student Affairs
East Carolina University

Dr. Hardy was recently appointed Vice Provost for Student Affairs after a successful tenure as associate dean for academic affairs at the Brody School of Medicine, a position she had held since 2005. Dr. Hardy joined the university in 1993 as a student counselor in the Brody School of Medicine. She was the university's interim chief diversity officer from 2006 to 2008, and she has taught in the medical school since 2000. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a master's in counselor education from ECU and a doctorate in counselor education from North Carolina State University. Before joining ECU, she was a teacher and assistant principal at Wellcome Middle School in Greenville. She has served on numerous university committees and is a frequent presenter at professional meetings. In addition, she is active in the Greenville community, where her activities have included

membership on the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees, the board of the Red Cross of Pitt County, the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners, and the board of the Pitt County Board of Education Foundation.

**Brian Beverly, Attorney
Young Moore and Henderson, P.A.
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Sixth District Counselor

Mighty Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity With an extensive trial résumé, Brian centers his practice on the defense of transportation liability claims involving large commercial vehicles, insurance coverage litigation and medical negligence cases. Brian has litigated cases to verdict in many state and federal courts in North Carolina and has handled appeals in both state and federal appellate courts. His trial experience also includes products liability, construction liability and premises liability cases. Brian is certified by the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission to conduct mediated settlement conferences in Superior Court cases. He is available to conduct mediations in most North Carolina counties.

Brian has held important leadership positions within the Bar and is well-connected with many lawyers and judges throughout the state. In particular, Brian served as president of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys in 2008-2009 and is a member of the elite International Association of Defense Counsel. He holds a BV Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Brian's hobbies include traveling, college and professional sports and sailing.

Practice Areas

Trucking and Transportation
Insurance Coverage Analysis and Litigation/Bad Faith Litigation
Medical Malpractice Defense
Construction Law
Retail and Premises Liability
NCDRC Certified Superior Court Mediator

Education & Bar Admissions

J.D., North Carolina Central University School of Law, 1995
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1992
Admitted in
North Carolina, 1995
U.S. District Courts for North Carolina
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit

Awards & Achievements

Listed in North Carolina Super Lawyers™, 2010
Professional & Civic Activity
N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys, past president
N.C. Bar Association, Board of Governors

Wake County Bar Association, Board of Directors
International Association of Defense Counsel
Defense Research Institute
National Bar Association
American Bar Association, Tort and Insurance Practice

Lt. S. A. Bass

C Platoon Commander

Greenville Police Department

Lt. S.A. Bass currently serves as a Patrol Lieutenant with the Greenville Police Department. She is Commander of AREA B within the city, which encompasses many of the off-campus student housing areas as well as properties adjacent to the university campus. Lt. Bass has been with the Police Department for twenty-three years and has served in Training, Internal Affairs, and various positions within the Patrol Bureau.

Lt. Bass received both her B.S. and M.S. in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University. She has served as an adjunct faculty member with East Carolina University, an instructor with Pitt Community College Basic Law Enforcement program, and currently as a departmental instructor for the Police Department. She also currently serves as an Assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Sgt. Stephanie Carnevale

Community Relations

East Carolina University

Sgt. Carnevale has 13 years of campus law enforcement experience and has been employed with the ECU Police Department for over 10 years. In 2002 she was promoted to Sgt. and has served as a Patrol Sgt., an Investigative Sgt. and has held her current position as Community Affairs Sgt. since 2007. She holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Mt. Olive College, has her Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, Criminal Investigator Certificate and is a certified RAD Instructor for men, women and children.

Dr. Gene Deisinger, Ph.D

**Deputy Chief of Police and Director of Threat Management Services
for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

Major Gene Deisinger, Ph.D., serves as Deputy Chief of Police and Director of Threat Management Services for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He earned his Master of Science and Ph.D in counseling psychology from Iowa State University, and Bachelor of Science from University of Wisconsin, Steven's Point.

Deisinger is a licensed psychologist, a certified health service provider in psychology, and a certified police officer.

He worked at Iowa State University in the student-counseling center from 1989 to 1998 rising to the assistant director for clinical services. He also served as deputy police chief

at Iowa State University; he has personally managed and supervised threat cases for numerous government and private agencies as well as individuals. He has been a consultant and trainer for many colleges and universities across the United States and been an invited presenter for several national organizations. He recently has co-authored the, Handbook for Campus Threat Assessment & Management Teams. It is a practical resource designed specifically for institutions of higher education. He serves as a subject matter expert and trainer for the Campus Threat Assessment Training initiative for institutions of higher education.

Dr. Deisinger was a founding member of the Iowa State University Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). This multi-disciplinary team served as a pro-active planning group and coordinates institutional responses during crisis situations. Dr. Deisinger served as the primary threat manager for Iowa State University from the team's inception in 1994, until accepting his current position at Virginia Tech.

Training/ Group membership

- Team leader for a multi-jurisdictional team of law enforcement officers who provide early intervention and crisis response to persons with mental illness.
- Provided basic and advanced training for law enforcement officers regarding the recognition of and response to mentally ill persons.
- Commander of a multi-agency Hostage/Crisis Negotiation team.
- Assisted in safely resolving numerous crisis situations. Dr. Deisinger has
- Taught numerous courses on hostage/crisis negotiation
- Served on instructor teams for courses offered through the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Provides operational support and training for several local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies
- Served as a Special Deputy United States Marshal with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.
- Volunteers with crisis support teams, providing individual and group support services following critical incidents. He has
- Responded on-scene to numerous local and national crisis situations to provide support for emergency services personnel or victims of trauma.

Susan Funk, Psy.D.

Staff Psychologist

UNC Charlotte Counseling Center

Dr. Funk is a Staff Psychologist at UNC Charlotte Counseling Center. In addition to providing individual therapy, couples therapy, group therapy, consultation and crisis management services, she coordinates the Campus Connect Gatekeeper Training program for suicide prevention, is the liaison to Housing and Residence Life, supervises and trains pre-doctoral interns and doctoral practicum students and leads the practicum training seminar. Dr Funk's clinical interests include mindfulness, training and supervision, trauma issues, relationship issues and emotion regulation. Dr. Funk has been with UNC Charlotte for a year, prior to which she worked for a federally qualified health center in the city of Philadelphia, PA providing individual, family and couples therapy to patients dealing with chronic medical and mental health issues.

Dr. Funk received her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is licensed as a psychologist in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Iowa. Dr. Funk has worked at counseling centers at both Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the University of Iowa. She is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Pennsylvania Psychological Association and the Mecklenburg County Psychological Association. She is originally from upstate New York and earned her B.A from the State University of New York at Geneseo majoring in Psychology and minoring in English Literature. She also earned her M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University in Baltimore.

Jasmin Jones
Student Body President
UNC-Chapel Hill

Jones is a senior public relations and international studies major from Atlanta. She graduated from North Atlanta High School in 2006. Before serving as student body president, Jones was chair of the “Intellectuals of Our Times” committee and co-chaired the Minority Affairs Committee and the Student Life Committee. She served on both the Carolina Union Board of Directors and Activities Board from 2007-2009. She also served on the Multicultural Council and the Diversity Board for the Health Sciences Library. She participated in Carolina United and the Leadership Institute in 2008 and was outreach committee chair for the Carolina Hispanic Association.

Chris Kempf
Office of Special Information
Fayetteville Police Department
Graduated from UNCP with Bachelors in Criminal Justice

Been with FPD for 7 years

Assigned to Intelligence Unit for 4 Years

Secretary for the North Carolina Gang Investigators Association

John Mountz
Director of Greek Life
North Carolina State University

John Mountz is the Director of Greek Life at North Carolina State University, the largest institution in the University of North Carolina system. He is responsible for directing programs and services for a fraternity and sorority community with 49 chapters, 5 governing councils and 13 University-owned chapter houses. He received his Bachelor’s degree in History from Penn State University where he joined the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and held numerous leadership positions within the chapter. John began his work in higher education in 1993 at the University of Florida where he worked in both the Student Activities and Dean of Students offices while pursuing a Master’s degree in Student Personnel in Higher Education. He spent five great years at the University of

Michigan in Ann Arbor working with fraternities, sororities and student organizations before moving to Raleigh, NC in 2000. John is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education degree in Higher Education Administration at NC State.

John has served his Fraternity as a chapter advisor, house corporation president, and national committee member. He is an active member of the Association of Fraternity Advisors and serves on the Board of Directors for the AFA Foundation. His professional research and work interests include creating innovative leadership development programs, mentoring student leaders, and guiding new student affairs professionals.

Tina M. Nelson
Risk Assessment Case Manager
North Carolina State University

Ms. Tina M. Nelson is the Risk Assessment Case Manager for North Carolina State University. She is also a licensed clinical social worker certified in the state of North Carolina and Alaska. She is an active member of the National Association of Social Workers, Women in Military Service For America Memorial, and Military Officers of America Association.

Ms. Nelson has specialized training in sexual assault forensic interviewing and investigation, traumatic stress response, Critical Incident Stress Management, domestic violence, threat assessment and suicide prevention.

Audiences for her presentations include; but are not limited to:

- Davidson County Community College, North Carolina
- North Carolina Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators 2009 Summer Conference
- Campus Safety Symposium 2009
- Air Education and Training Command Commanders, Chiefs and Spouses Conference, Randolph AFB, TX
- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Victim Advocates, Tyndall AFB & Spangdahlem AFB

Dr. Margaret Olszewska
Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
East Carolina University

Dr. Margaret Olszewska currently serves as the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities at East Carolina University. She received her B.S. in International Area Studies from Drexel University, her M.Ed. in College Student Affairs Administration from the University of Georgia, and her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership in Higher Education from East Carolina University. She has professional experience in the areas of student conduct, campus housing, community service, and commuter student programs.

Dr. Olszewska is a frequent presenter on topics involving the university student conduct process, student behavior in the academic environment, academic integrity, and conflict resolution in the workplace. Dr. Olszewska serves on the East Carolina University

Student Safety and Concerns Committee as her professional interests surround issues of student safety, threat assessment, and background checks of student applicants

Peter Romary
Director Student Legal Services
East Carolina University

Peter Romary serves as the Director of Student Legal Services at East Carolina University. He has been working, in some capacity, with students at ECU since 1994. He is an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina, the District of Columbia and before the US Supreme Court as well as being a Certified Arbitrator and Mediator.

Peter has been a certified mediator with the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission since 1999. He holds both British and American law degrees from the University of Reading and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill respectively. Originally from the UK, Romary is a naturalized US citizen, making him a dual national.

In practice Romary concentrated in civil and criminal litigation, alternative dispute resolution and risk management. In 1998 he obtained a, then record, \$525 Million wrongful death jury verdict. His work also included consulting on the designing of personal, corporate and educational safety and risk management plans and he lectured on these topics as well as on conflict resolution, mediation, threat assessment and violence prevention around the US and overseas.

For his work, in 2004 Romary received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in the same year he also received a Knighthood that was “apostolically blessed” by Pope John Paul, II. In addition to this, in 2002 the National Law Journal (the highest subscription legal newspaper in North America) named Romary one of the “Top 40 Trial Lawyers under 40 Years Old in the USA.” In the same year, they also awarded Romary their Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award.

Romary has been honored by 14 States with some of those States highest civilian honors, these include The Order of the Long Leaf Pine (NC); The Order of the Silver Crescent (SC); Colonel Aide De Camp to the Governor (NM); Honorary Citizen and Honorary Colonel of Alabama; Honorary Texan; Honorary Lt. Governor of Alabama and Honorary Lt. Governor of Oklahoma. He is also a Life Member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and has received the Honor Medal for Distinguished Public Service from the American Police Hall of Fame.

In 2003 Romary was one of only 52 Men from around the world honored in the Times Square Project for their work combating violence against women--- the project was sponsored by, among others, Lifetime Television, NASDAQ, Hershey’s, Liz Claiborne, Reuters, The City of New York and CNBC.

In 2006 Romary conceptualized and helped found the North Carolina Higher Education Safety Symposium, an event designed to provide education and training in safety related issues to faculty, staff and students in Institutions of Higher Education in North Carolina.

In 2007 the Student Government Association of East Carolina University presented Romary with their "Cupola Award" for his service to the students of ECU.

In 2008 Romary designed a for credit course entitled "Personal Safety Issues". This one credit hour course brought together trainings for students in areas related to safety and personal risk management. Romary continues to consult and provide trainings in Threat Assessment, Violence Prevention and Conflict Resolution to the K-12 and Higher Education sectors.

David Spano, Ph.D.
Associate Vice Chancellor and Director
UNC Charlotte Counseling Center

Dr. Spano is an Associate Vice Chancellor in the Division of Student Affairs at UNC Charlotte. Dr. Spano directs the day-to-day operations of the Counseling Center, supervises the director of the Student Health Center, and coordinates comprehensive health and wellness programming for the Division. He is chair of the UNC Charlotte Campus Safety and Security Committee and a member of the Campus Behavioral Intervention Team. Dr. Spano served on the UNC Campus Safety Task Force.

Dr. Spano holds a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from UNC Chapel Hill and is licensed as a psychologist in North Carolina and New York. Dr. Spano has worked at counseling centers at the University of Texas at Austin, St. Edward's University in Austin, and Ithaca College in New York. He served for eight years as Counseling Center director at Ithaca before moving to Charlotte in 2003. Dr. Spano is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Association of College and University Counseling Center Directors. He was program chair for the 2009 AUCCCD Conference in Asheville.

Originally from Ohio, Dr. Spano earned a B.A. in English from Oberlin College and an M.A. in Student Affairs Administration from the Ohio State University.

Beth Stathos
General Counsel for Chi Omega

Beth Stathos is the General Counsel for Chi Omega Fraternity headquartered in Memphis, TN. She has a degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. She is licensed to practice law in Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Her varied work with Chi Omega Fraternity as a traveling national consultant to college campuses, full-time chapter services staff member, and national volunteer spans over 20 years. Prior to becoming General Counsel for Chi Omega, Beth served for 10 years as the Associate Director & Panhellenic Advisor for Student Life at her alma mater.

Dedicated to providing students with a safe and rewarding college experience, Beth has volunteered her time and skills presenting legal and risk management workshops on college campuses across the United States throughout her career.

Laura Ward Sweet
Senior Associate Dean of Students
East Carolina University

Education

M.S. - Psychological Counseling, 1974, University of Southern Mississippi

B.S. - Communications/English, Southern Literature, 1972, University of Southern Mississippi

Professional Experience

Senior Associate Dean of Students, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, November, 2007 to present

Ombudsman, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, July 2000 to October 2007

Associate Dean of Students, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina 1998 to July 2000,

Advisor to the Panhellenic Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council and sorority members 1978 - 2000

University Residence Counselor, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, 1973 to 1984

Volunteer Sorority Service

Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority

National President, June 2004 to present (term ends July 2010)

National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, 1995- 2004

Sorority Executive Council, 1992 – 2004

National Panhellenic Conference

NPC Executive Committee, 2001 – 2003

NPC College Panhellenics Chairman, 2001 – 2003, oversight of 830 college Panhellenics

Center for the Study of the College Fraternity, 1994 - 2001

Fraternity/Sorority Community Assessment Task Force, 2006 – present

Professional Service

Association of Fraternity Advisors, 1982 – present

American College Personnel Association (ACPA), 1988 – 1995

North Carolina College Personnel Association, 1985 – 1995

North Carolina Leadership Consortium, charter member

National Association of College Personnel Administrators (NASPA), 1999 – present

University and College Ombudsman Association, 2001 - 2005
The Ombudsman Association, 2001 - 2005

Honors and Awards

Southeastern Panhellenic Conference Distinguished Service Award, April 2006
Alpha Sigma Tau McCoy Order of Interfraternity Excellence Award, October 2004

Brad Teasley

SGA Vice President

East Carolina University

Brad is a senior in the Construction Management Department. He has played a major role in assisting with campus safety issues since he began his education at East Carolina University. He started the Student Safety Committee and was the chair for two consecutive years. He has been involved in the Student Government Association since his freshman year on campus and has served on numerous committees and boards which have impacted East Carolina University's institutional makeup. During the 2008-2009 year he served as the SGA Chief of Staff. During the 2009-2010 year he became the SGA Vice President. In April of 2009, he was awarded The Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels. This award is conferred by the Governor and Secretary of State of Kentucky and is the state's highest civilian award. He is a founding member of Phi Gamma Delta. Last year he was the risk management chair and this coming year he will serve as the corresponding secretary for his fraternity.