



Post-Master's Career Pathways Program

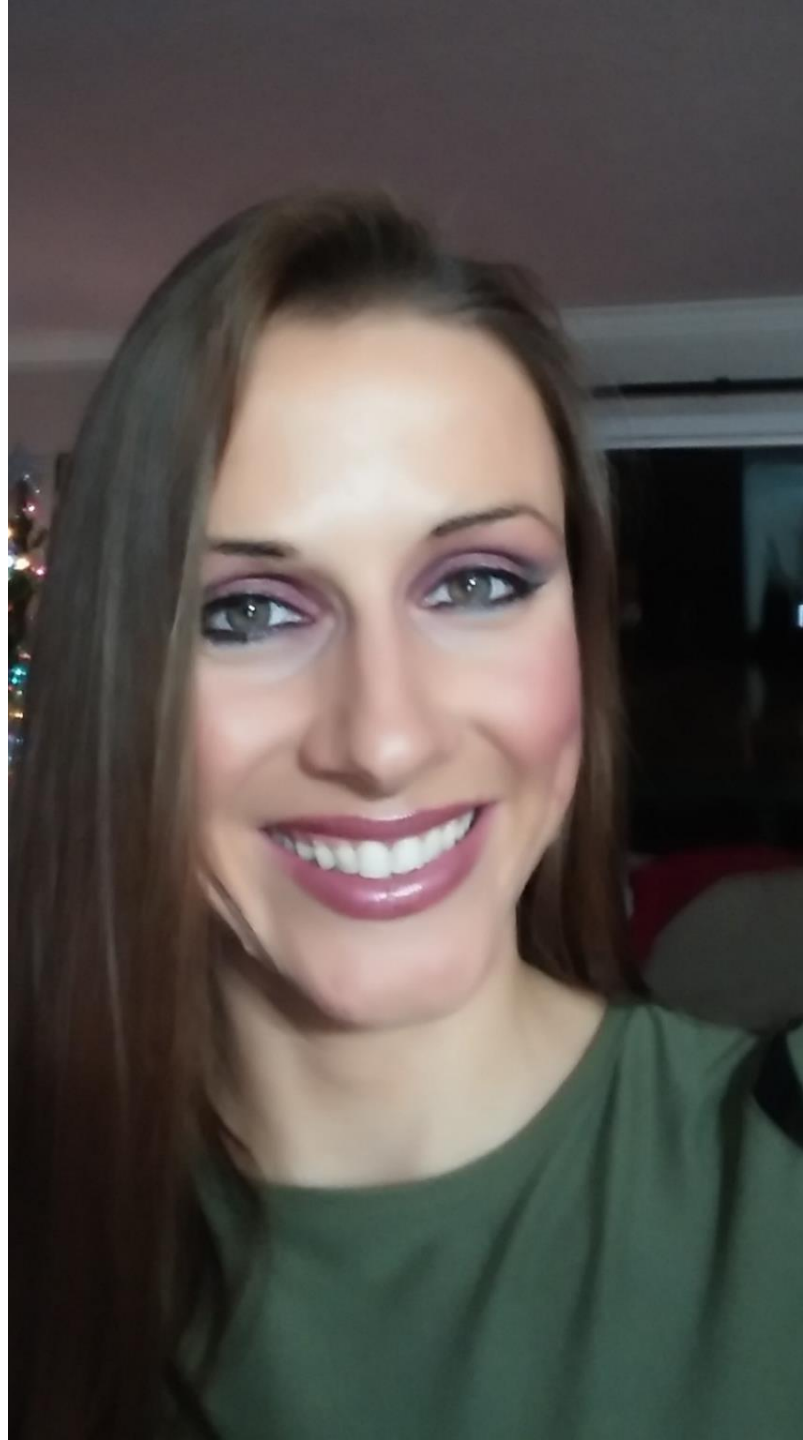
**Congratulations to our incoming
2018-2019 cohort**

Maria Aladjova



Clinical Mental Health Counseling, College of Education

Adviser: Dr. Katrina Harris



I received my BA in Psychology with a Minor in Marriage and Family Therapy and Human Services while competing for the UNLV Volleyball team. Born and raised in Bulgaria, I pursued a Master's degree in Sports Psychology at the National Sports Academy in Sofia. Once a Rebel, always a Rebel; I return to UNLV for my second Master's degree - in Clinical Mental Health. I work as a graduate research assistant at the Family Research and Services and TOPPS lab with Dr. Donohue and at the Gambling, Addictions, and the Microaggression Experience lab with Dr. Wong. I aspire to pursue constant education and professional qualification to meet the ever-changing needs of the variety of populations. The Post Master's Career Pathways Program is a remarkable opportunity to accomplish this goal by turning it into a meaningful career. It will provide me with the necessary tools to face the real-life challenges and the world outside of academia. I am eager to meet and shadow a future employer allowing me to obtain an informed and invaluable perspective on what my daily tasks would entail. I am looking forward to enhancing my personal and professional development through the Post Master's Career Pathways Program.

Courtney A. Barnes

**Master's student,
Department of Hotel
Administration**

**Adviser: Dr. Christine
Bergman**



Upon graduation, I hope to pursue a career as a Senior Hotel Operations Manager. I am currently working in Guest Services at the MGM Grand, and I hope to continue my career with MGM Resorts International.

By participating in the program, I want to get exposure to various management styles to see how they differ across companies. I am also looking forward to the goal setting meeting and job shadowing. Being able to learn first-hand from an employer will give me insight into the challenges and opportunities these employers face. I also think the goal setting meeting will help me find a clear direction of the steps I need to take to achieve my career goals.

Additionally, I hope to improve myself as a potential job candidate amongst various employers. I want to work on my networking and public speaking abilities through the interview practices and cohort meetings offered.

Sean Butler



**EMBA student, Lee
Business School**

**Adviser: Dr. Michael
Sullivan**



After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in logistics management. I have 3+ years of experience in supply chain logistics and hope to continue my career in this field as a logistics manager. My long term goal is to become the COO of a company.

In the Post-Graduate program, I hope to gain a wealth of knowledge on how to build a resume and interview for positions. These skills, coupled with my education, will give me the upper hand when interviewing and hopefully lead to many different employment offers. These skills will ultimately provide me with the benefit of being able to choose a career that will best suit my particular level of expertise.

Chelsey Chenoweth



**Executive MBA Student,
Lee Business School**


**Adviser: Dr. Michael
Sullivan**



After completing my Masters in Business Administration, I would like to obtain a leadership level position in an organization that is focused on growth, creativity and innovation. My ideal workplace is fast paced and open to new ideas to improve the business. My skills are vast; from customer service, to accounting, to operations and high level strategy, I am well versed in small business growth. I have worked for one organization for my entire professional career, I am hopeful the Post-Master's Career Pathway Program will help me to polish my skill set when seeking out a future employer. Through the Program, I hope to gain confidence, insight, knowledge and preparation that will enable me to obtain my future position.



Cody Grunwald


**M.Ed. Student,
Department of Higher
Education**

**Adviser: Dr. Victoria
Rosser**



Once I complete my Masters of Education in Higher Education, I would like to work on a college campus as a housing coordinator. While working in this position, not only do I want to ensure that the students I am serving have a successful transition into college life, I also want to make sure that when our students graduate they have the necessary skills to transition out of the college sphere. As a first-generation graduate student, I hope participating in the Post-Master's Career Pathways Program will teach me how to successfully transition out of college so that I may pass this knowledge onto the students I will one day serve.

Jun Jin



**Master's student,
Lee Business School**

**Adviser: Dr. Greg
Moody**



My career goal after passing the CPA(Certified Public Accountant) exam and graduating is to gain experience in accounting field through working in the accounting or finance department in the hotel or the gaming industry or working in a public accounting firm. The Post-Master's Career Pathways Program provides numerous opportunities to improve my competition. I hope to build networks with professionals in the industry by participating in the program. Also, I wish to broaden my vision for the career goal options and prepare for the transitioning from the Graduate School to Industry.

Leah Morales

**M.Ed. Student,
Department of
Educational
Psychology & High
Education**

**Adviser: Dr. Blanca
Rincón**



Some of my career goals are to gain experience in effort to aid me on my path to become an academic advisor, increase my professional knowledge and training so that I may acclimate to the field smoothly then perhaps take on a leadership role within my field of higher education, and better connect with others in my field .

Maurica Peoples



**M.A. student, Urban
Leadership
School of Public Policy
& Leadership**

**Adviser: Dr. Jace
Farmer**



Upon the completion of my Master's Program I would like to start a career in Higher Education or Community Engagement. I am passionate about urban communities, teen and young adult empowerment, and education. Therefore, I would like my career to be focused around those components. My desire is that I'll have the ability to create and execute projects that will enhance environments and the people in those environments, whether it's urban communities, college campuses, etc.

My reasoning for participating in this program primarily stems from the accessibility of professional development. I know that I'll be challenged as a professional, and from those challenges I hope to enhance my communication skills on the verbal and nonverbal level, build long lasting connections with my colleagues and professionals, and build skills that will be transferrable in the workplace. I also hope to land a career opportunity that allows me to fulfill my passions.

Eric Prall


Executive MBA Student

**College of Business
Lee Business School**

Michael Sullivan, Ph.D



After completing my Masters in Business Administration, I would like to obtain a leadership level position with an organization that allows for growth and creative thinking. One of my biggest fears is to become stagnant by performing the same job duties and tasks day after day.

I have 20 years of experience in the medicolegal field. I have been involved in several start-ups and business expansions. I feel that I have a vast set of skills, but I lack the understanding about how to leverage these skills in the corporate world. Through the Post-Master's Career Pathway Program, I am excited to acquire new tools to help me promote myself and secure a fulfilling future position

Andres Rodriguez Lombeida



**Master of Business
Administration &
Management
Information Systems
M.S,**

**Adviser: Dr. Greg
Moody**



Right after obtaining two degrees in Economics and in Communication from the University of California Davis, I wanted to expand my knowledge with an MBA to become more qualified prior to entering the job market full-time. I found UNLV, which allowed me to pursue an MBA without having years of work experience. I fell in love with this city, in which I would like to continue to grow. I also decided to add an MIS degree while at UNLV. I want to further develop my passion for business and determine exactly in which career field to work after graduation. This program will allow me to network with local employers and listen to testimonies from people who excel in different areas of business. I want to find a job in the Las Vegas area that allows me to apply my knowledge and skills in order to continue growing professionally and as a person. I want to give back to UNLV and to the Las Vegas community, which have helped me and continue to help me immensely in the pursuit of my academic and professional goals.

Stephanie Rosauri

Master's student,
Department of
Journalism and Media
Studies

Adviser: Dr. Kilker



My name is Stephanie Rosauri and I am a hardworking woman who is excited to enter the workforce in May. My career goal is to get a job in journalism when I graduate preferably in either print or broadcast. I want to be able to learn and feel the real pace of a newsroom, how it works and learn how quickly news changes. I want to learn how to write broadcast scripts and see what real behind the scenes work goes into putting on a newscast. I would also like to explore all the jobs behind the scene from editor to reporter to fact checker and more.

Amber Stephens

**M.A. student,
Communication
Studies Dept.**

**Adviser: Dr. Tara
Emma-Sommer**



I am interested in a career that will let me apply creative problem skills, allows for autonomy with opportunities for collaboration, and provides opportunities for advancement and financial security. Ideally, I would like a career involving some degree of research and data manipulation/analysis; particularly research regarding identity politics, romantic relationships, and underrepresented populations.

I am excited to network with local employers and learn the qualifications they want from prospective employees. Aside from sharpening my soft skills and strengthening my CV and resume, I hope this program will help me discover which type of career I want, and what options are available for me once I graduate. Through job shadowing and talking one on one with local employers, I hope to learn more about the current job market here in Las Vegas. Lastly, I hope that participation in this program will help my transition from academia into the workforce.

Reginald Stinson

**Master's student,
Department of
Curriculum &
Instruction**

**Adviser: Dr. Lauren
Layton**



Career Goals post-graduate school are varied.

I would like to either stay in education and achieve endorsements for teaching economics & financial literacy in elementary, middle, or high school settings.

Or, pursue qualifications for becoming a Corporate Trainer in the Financial, Hospitality, or Educational sectors.

I would like to be in this program in order to hone my networking and professional development skills.

My communication abilities, attention to details, resilience, self-managing, persistence, and flexibility will aid me in this professional developmental program and beyond.

Jiahui (Jovita) Sun



**Dual MS in
Management
Information System &
Hospitality
Administration**

**Adviser: Dr. Tony
L.Henthorne**



As a graduate student in the Dual MS in Management Information System and Hospitality Administration program, my ultimate career goal is to become an innovative business strategist in the business industry. The position that I am seeking post graduate school is business analyst. Through this program, I hope that I will be able to improve my communication and interpersonal skills, gain more real world knowledge in the business intelligence realm, and enhance my interview techniques. In addition, understanding the expectations from the employer side will definitely help me to better prepare myself for getting my ideal job in the future.

Lisamarie Tomassetti

**M.Ed Student,
Department of Higher
Education**

**Adviser: Dr. Nancy
Lough**



After completing my Master's degree in Higher Education, I want to work in Housing and Residential Life as a Residential Life Coordinator. I also want to advise a Residence Hall Association or a National Residence Hall Honorary during that time. This will allow me to work with both Resident Assistants and emerging student leaders on campus to help create change. After working in housing for a few years, I plan on pursuing my Dietetic Internship to earn my Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credentials and work either in wellness promotion, or, within a living learning community for residential life. Since my background is in Nutrition Science, making the switch to education for a graduate program was difficult; My hopes for this Post-Master's Career Pathways Program is to network with folks who can assist me with gaining more confidence in myself and future, narrow down my passion areas, and participate in more professional development opportunities.

Stephanie Willes


Master of Arts student

Department of
Communication
Studies

Dr. Emma Frances
Bloomfield



I aspire for a lucrative career in the communication field and I would enjoy a job that involves public speaking, leadership potential, and engaging with people on a regular basis. Whether working with politicians, athletes, corporate managers, advertisers, or marketers, I will be seeking any opportunities that suit my strengths as a strong communicator who is passionate and dedicated to fostering a positive environment with coworkers and clients. I look forward to strategizing and implementing the internal and external messages of a corporation while maintaining a professional and public image.

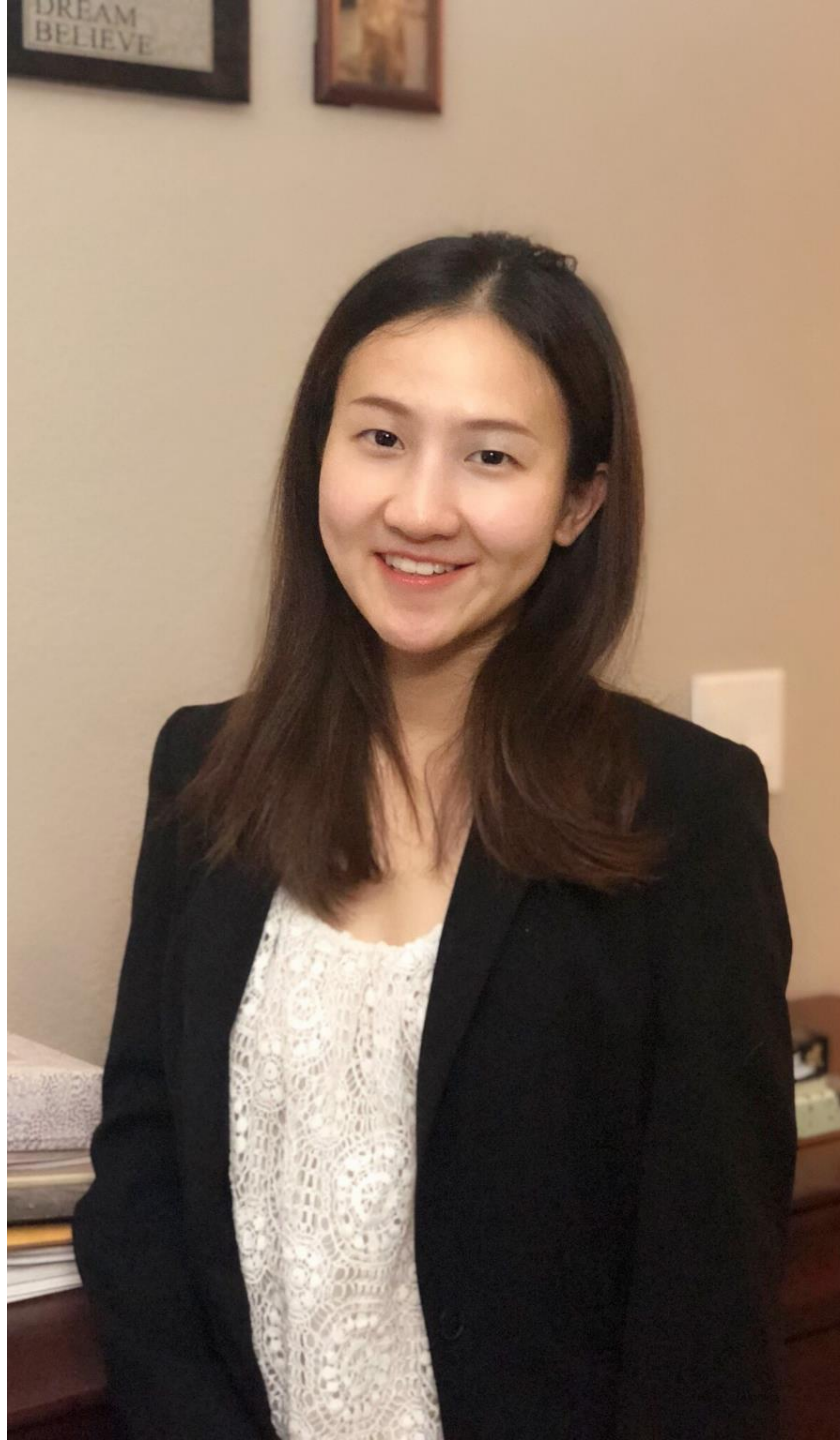
During this program I anticipate learning how to polish my resume and LinkedIn profile. I look forward to job shadowing so that I can experience what a workday in the communication field looks like. Now that I have a strong educational backing, I hope to continue growing and acquiring the skills needed for an exciting and challenging career.

Hongyu Wu


Master Student

Dual in MBA & MIS
Lee Business School

Lisa Davis



My career goal is to seek a position in the accounting field and to get the Certified Public Accountant license. I want to apply my accounting knowledge and technical skills to the real world. In the long run, I want to become a professional and ethical business leader.

The reason I am in this program is that I want to build up networks with industry professionals and to improve my interpersonal skills. Additionally, meeting with an employer can help me brush up on my communication skills. Moreover, I wish I can get more career guidance and explore more job opportunities.

Yunxuan (Carrie) Zhang


**Master's Student,
Department of Hotel
and Department of
Business**

**Adviser: Dr. Tony
Henthorne**



My career goal is to work for data analysis in the hospitality industry. Finishing my first year, I found that I am interested in data and sensitive to numbers when I study Operation. I hope I can build the networking with local employees in this program, which helps me understand more about the real industry in Las Vegas, and I can understand what the challenges and opportunities in the hospitality industry for me. I have some experience in the hospitality industry before, and I am working as a finance intern now. I eager to participate the Post-Mater's Career Pathways Program and understand the hospitality industry deeply from this program. Thus, in the future, after I graduate, I can combine the experience from the finance intern and this program together. This can help me transfer from master study to work in a practical environment smoothly and quickly.

Fande Zhao



**MBA Program, Lee
Business School**

Adviser: Lisa Davis



My career plan is to start with a project management and/or information system management related position. After two to three years, I can reach the management position and learn as much as possible of the industry. During the first couple of years, I also want to see if what I am doing is what I really like. If I decided to stay in the industry, I would work there for another three to four years to build up my connections and savings, and start my own company based on my experience in the industry and the current market.

By participating in the Post-Master's Career Pathway Program, I can develop my interpersonal skills by involving in career events and meetings. Furthermore, I can improve my leadership skills by shadowing employers and communicating with career counselors.