

Career Transitioners Forum

Agenda: Wednesday, May 13, 2009

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration & Check-in
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Introduction & Panel Discussion
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Open Panel Questions
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Open Networking



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Suggested Networking Questions

- What was the career transition process like?
- What triggered your decision to leave your former career?
- Why did you decide to make a career transition?
- What is the importance of networking and contacts to transition careers?
- What is the importance of further education?
- If you have a graduate degree, what role has that degree played in your career success?
- What advice do you have for those considering a career transition?
- Is there someone else you would recommend I speak with about the career transition process?

Career Transitioners Work Team

Career Transitioners meet on a regular basis as a:

- Peer advisory panel providing guidance about the day to day issues of changing careers
- Project support group encouraging you during the process of career change and helps keep you focused and productive
- Core network expanding your access to people who can provide you with information and contacts

The team meets once a month on a Thursday.
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
DePaul University Career Center
DePaul Center Suite 9500

For more information, contact Donna Del Giudice, at (312) 362-5712 or ddelgiud@depaul.edu

Adult Student Affairs

The Office of Adult Student Affairs is committed to serving the needs of adult students. ADULT STUDENTS are defined as undergraduate students who are 24+ years of age and all graduate and professional students.

Core Services and Programs:

- One-on-one counseling - the Director has an open-door policy and meets with adult students who need assistance with problems that affect their persistence in their academic program.
- Referrals - the staff helps adult students make connections to other university offices, services, and resources.
- Workshops/networking opportunities - quarterly events are offered on issues such as life balance, financial planning, social development and academic skill development.

For more information, visit <http://studentaffairs.depaul.edu/adultstudentservices/>

SAVE THE DATE: Just in Time Job & Internship Fair

Monday, June 15, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Lincoln Park Student Center Room 120

DePaul University's Just in Time Job Fair is designed exclusively for DePaul recent graduates, students and alumni. Recruiters from a wide variety of industries will be seeking qualified job, internship, and post-graduate service volunteer candidates of all majors and experience levels at this event.

This new fair is deliberately held following commencement weekend, in the hopes to connect DePaul candidates to immediate opportunities! Please note that this fair is NOT open to the general public. You must be a DePaul student or alumnus to attend.

Registration:

Pre-registration (through eRecruiting's "Calendar" section) is greatly appreciated. Pre-registration will be available until Friday, June 12th.

Free registration is also available onsite in room 120 (DePaul ID required).

The list of registered organizations is available at http://depaul.erecruiting.com/stu/cf_registered_employers?fhd=3790.

For a full list of employers, available positions, and to register visit <http://depaul.erecruiting.com>

Career Transition Professionals



This icon indicates that the presenter is involved with the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) volunteer network. For more information about ASK, visit <http://ASK.depaul.edu> or e-mail ASK@depaul.edu.

Note: Professionals are generally not in a position to make hiring decisions. However, they can provide insight on the proper channels for pursuing employment opportunities in their fields.

DIANE BROWN

AVP, Technology Project Manager
JPMorgan Chase & Co.



B.S., Agricultural Technology, University of Rhode Island
M.S., Computer Science, DePaul University
Masters Certificate, Project Management, George Washington University

Expertise: Project Management, Systems Engineer, Programmer/analyst

Career Transitions: Diane was caught in the economic downturn in 2001 and spent an extended period of time either unemployed or underemployed before finally landing on her feet again. During that time, she had opportunity to try on a variety of hats and consider various options for her Career. Diane also had a few false starts on new career paths. Probably the biggest surprise of it all is that she is still in her original profession.

Website: jpmorganchase.com/

DAN KESSELING

Consultant
Resources Global Professionals



B.M., Music Education, DePaul University
M.M., Music Education, DePaul University
M.B.A., Northwestern University

Expertise: Human Resources Management, Project Management

Career Transitions: Dan has successfully transitioned through a variety of positions to include: High School Band Director, Army Officer, Computer Salesman, Career Counselor, College Dean, Project Manager, Human Resources Professional, & Director of Consulting Services.

Website: <http://www.resourcesglobal.com/>

KRINA PARMAR

Sr. Marketing Manager
Stericycle



B.A., Political Science, DePaul University
M.B.A., Lake Forest Graduate School of Management (2011)

Expertise: Direct Marketing, Brand Management, Product Management, Category Management, Interactive Marketing, Customer Acquisition, Customer Retention, Loyalty Marketing, Campaign Management

Career Transitions: In April of 2008, Krina was laid-off from Fair Isaac. She spent the remainder of the year actively job searching, volunteering and doing her best to keep herself active and engaged in the marketing community. She was specific and highly targeted in her search. Ironically, it was her stint volunteering for a DePaul job fair that led to her current position at Stericycle.

Website: <http://www.stericycle.com/>

GINA SIAN BARRETT

Program Director- Alumni Sharing Knowledge
DePaul University



B.S., Computer Science-Information Systems, DePaul University

Expertise: Career coaching, training, volunteer management, program management

Career Transitions: Gina worked for 7 years at Arthur Andersen in software design, computer programming, and project management. She completed a year of Masters courses in Distributed Systems at DePaul but stopped when she felt she did not want to stay in the technology industry. When Andersen folded in 2002, Gina's department was absorbed by Deloitte & Touche but she chose to pursue an interest in nonprofit and social service instead. Gina volunteered heavily during her job search period to learn about the different social services and to build skills. She found a passion in career development and training and worked in social service for 6 years at The Cara Program, a leading Chicago nonprofit that provides career development and employment support to homeless and at-risk adults of Chicago. This year, Gina is on her third career adventure, applying her career development and volunteer management skills this time in higher education.

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JIM VALDERRAMA

Senior Manager
Grant Thornton



B.S., Accounting, DePaul University
M.B.A., Finance, Loyola University

Expertise: Industry and consulting experience executing transactions and financing arrangements. Running financial group operations for multiple entities in both the public and private sector.

Career Transitions: In 2007, Jim transitioned from a corporate position at Navigant Consulting to a consulting position at Grant Thornton.

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LYN VALLOW

Information Security Risk & Compliance Auditor
Leo Burnett USA



B.M., Music, DePaul University
M.M., Music, DePaul University

Expertise: Information technology audit, Email, network and desktop engineering and support, Instructor -Computer Information Systems

Career Transitions: Lyn's first job while still in high school was teaching music at a local junior college; She continued to teach music and play engagements until 1980. At that time she was not awarded tenure where she was teaching, and spent the next year in a complete tail-spin, having no clue what she would do for a career or job in the future. In 1981, Lyn got a job at a large Chicago medical center where she discovered that she had an affinity and talent for word processing. She continued with word processing as a career, eventually moving into management of a word processing center at a Loop law firm. As the word processing system Lyn knew became obsolete, she found herself exposed to and liking Macs, PCs, and networking, and that led her into her career in IT. She's worn many IT hats - helpdesk agent, applications trainer, desktop engineer, network engineer, and email engineer, and now, IT auditor.

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