2017 Staff Council Ballot

KATE ALOISIO
Kate has worked full-time in the Office of Institutional Research since 2014, where she began as a student worker in 2012. Kate has been very happy at Smith as both a student and employee and wants to do her part to make it an enjoyable place for all staff. She would be honored to serve on Staff Council in order to give back to and become more involved with the community, while keeping Smith a great place to work.

JENNIFER BLACKBURN
Jennifer is an Administrative Assistant working with the Department of French Studies and the Poetry Center/Concentration. Having had the opportunity to work with Staff Council since 2015 has been a highlight of her five years at Smith because it's brought her outside of her office of one, and has led her to meet dedicated people from many different departments. Jennifer has particularly embraced the chance to discuss issues impacting staff across the college and has enjoyed the challenge of trying to find creative, useful solutions for these issues. She says it would be a joy to serve on Staff Council for a second term.

KARLA BORECKY
Karla has worked at Smith in some version of ITS since 1988; she currently labors behind the scenes as part of the Systems and Networking group. Karla hopes to help Staff Council with her institutional knowledge, sense of humor, and problem-solving skills (it's an occupational hazard).

MICHELLE BOULEY
Michelle has worked at Smith since January 2013; she is an administrative assistant in the Office of Admission. She thinks having the opportunity to serve on Staff Council would allow her to meet more people across campus, and learn about the college in general.

IAIN BRADDAK
Iain has been at Smith since the summer of 2015; he currently serves as the head volleyball coach and lecturer in Exercise and Sport Studies. He's enjoyed serving on several different committees and groups while here at Smith, including the Smith College Inclusivity and Diversity taskforce within athletics; several hiring committees; and the athletics department committee on Student-Athlete Leadership Development. Iain is very interested in serving on the Staff Council as a way to broaden his connections across campus and further serve our community. Iain is "passionate and driven" to help Smith in any he can and would bring "leadership, organization, and enthusiasm" to this position.

DENISE BROWN
Denise currently serves as the Program Coordinator to the Ph.D. Program at Smith College School for Social Work. She is also Adjunct Professor and Academic Advisor at Springfield College-School of Professionals and Continuing Studies, along with serving as Adjunct Professor and Advisor, at her Alma Mater, Bay Path University. Denise wants to serve on Staff Council to insure that the Smith College-School for Social staff voice is heard and maximized in decisions that affect the staff. She thinks Staff Council is a great conduit to serve as a positive influence on so many levels on campus.

JESSICA DRAWE
Jessica has been working in Smith's Office of Admission since June of 2016. Being new to the College staff, Jessica would like to serve on the Staff Council as a way of meeting colleagues across campus, to learn as much as she can about the Smith community, and to help in whatever way she can to ensure that Smith is a great place to work.

DEBBY GHEZZI
Debby is the Program Coordinator for Student Affairs. Though she has been at Smith only a short time, she thinks it is a wonderful place (which she contributes to the wonderful staff). She would be honored to serve as a voice advocating for all staff so that they are represented, informed and educated on all campus issues, from benefits and campus environment to social activities and professional development.

DONNA GINGRAS
Donna has been at Smith since 1990, working in several offices including Admission, Development, International Study, and Student Engagement before joining the Athletic Department in 2016. Donna has served on Staff Council in the past and enjoys collaborating with colleagues from across campus.

MAYA GOUNARD
Maya became a Smith staffer in June 2015, working in the Gift Accounting and Alumnae Records teams within Development. She is excited to have the opportunity to serve on Staff Council and looks forward to connecting with staff across the College and contributing to the Council's mission of creating a cohesive, positive work environment in which we all can thrive.
ERIC JENSEN
Eric has been at Smith for more than 18 years. He is a mechanical engineer who had a career change that brought him to the Science Center as an IT specialist, and is running for reelection to Staff Council because he want to continue to serve the staff. He says that being on staff council is a very rewarding experience and it's nice to contribute in a small way to the betterment of staff at Smith.

THOMAS LARK
Thomas has been at Smith College for two years. He would like to serve on Staff Council in order to help improve the employee experience at Smith. Having worked at two other colleges, Thomas has some insight into how different schools operate, and looks forward to bringing some new ideas to the table.

ANN MAYO
Ann is a member of the class of 1983. After a brief stint working at Neilson (1983) the rest of her work life at Smith has been at the museum. She served on Staff Council back in 2001-2003 and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She is proud of Smith and her fellow, hard-working staff members, and will be happy to serve on Staff Council if elected.

LINDSEY McGRATH
Lindsey began working at Smith in October 2013 as a program coordinator for the Office of Alumnae Relations mainly working on Reunion 2014. She later moved into the program specialist role where she now aims to engage the alumnae community around career and professional development programming. Lindsey is interested in serving on staff council because she believes strongly in building bridges and collaborating across departments in order to have a happier environment on campus.

CHRI S NIE MIE C
Chris is a Tech Systems Analyst, working in Information Technology Services since January 2002. For the past two years, he has been active with Staff Council and served as the Chair of the Activities Committee. His favorite campus event is the Soup and Spuds.

MART IN SAW YER
Martin has worked at Smith for about five years. He would like to serve on Staff Council in order to meet people from different areas of the college, and to give something back.

LEO SELVAGGIO
Leo is new to the Smith Community and excited at the prospect of serving on Staff Council. As the Prototyping Studio Coordinator for the Design Thinking Initiative at Smith, Leo is charged with helping to cultivate and develop the maker culture throughout campus and with all departments. With a background in Interdisciplinary Arts, Leo welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with other staff members to foster a community of making here at Smith, and believes serving on Staff Council is an excellent place to begin.

ROB SIMMONS
Rob works in the Office of Residence Life as the Area Coordinator for the Lower Elm residential area. Professionally, Rob thrives in a space that allows him to engage people at the nexus of education, social justice, and international relations. Overall, he loves working with his team and community here at Smith and is excited for the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from the diverse Staff Council cohort.

ERIN SMITH
Erin has worked in the Science Center since 2009, when she helped establish the Stockroom in Ford Hall. She truly appreciates Staff Council and everything it does to help with communication and enrichment. She would love to participate and get to know the rest of the staff, and find out about their corners of the campus.

JOHANNA WALTER
Johanna has worked at Smith College since 2015. She has attended Staff Council, Diversity Committee meetings since she started working at Smith. She believes in the mission and purpose of Staff Council and would like to help realize its goals while getting to know the Smith community, promoting diversity on campus, and advocating for the needs of staff.

JEANETTE WINTJEN
Jeanette started at Smith as a temp in April 2016 and then was hired full time as the Gift Planning Administrative Coordinator in August 2016. Jeanette says that serving on Staff Council would allow her to better understand how Smith works, while networking with other staff members. She looks forward to sharing her higher education work experiences as well as listening to the veteran staff of Smith College. She is specifically interested in policy transparency, fluid interdepartmental communication, and community-building.