Academics

Dr. Gary Munson
Chief Academic Officer

L. William Oliverio, Jr., Ph.D.
Associate Academic Dean (AAD) and Chair of Graduate Studies (CGS)

With CAO, manages the operations of the Academic Department. Supports CAO in departmental strategic and management decisions. Supervises faculty and reviews faculty job performance. With UFC and Chairs, assigns courses to faculty. With CAO, develops and reviews academic programming and assessments. Serves on Academic Committee and Academic Council. Manages academic discipline. Oversees academic records and data management. Produces reporting on academics. Coordinates academic affairs with other departments. Represents School in wider academic world.

Tyler Huson, Ph.D. Cand
Registrar

Manages academic records and data management. Coordinates registration of classes, add-drops and withdrawals. Assesses and advises concerning degree programs for students and cohort advisors. Produces reports and data for academic records, including enrollment, graduation, return and retention rates. Supports faculty, staff and students concerning academic policies and records. Advises CAO and AAD on management of academic programs and policies.

Robby Kagarise, Ph.D.
Chair of Undergraduate Studies

Coordinates undergraduate faculty in relation to academic programs. With AAD and Chairs, assigns undergraduate courses to faculty. Monitors undergraduate student academic progress in relation to financial aid. Trains new faculty in online platforms and faculty best practices. Serves on Academic Committee and Academic Council. Supports and advises CAO and AAD in management of academic programs and policies. Supports other departments in relation to academics.

Janiyah Johnson
Academic Department Assistant

Supports entire department with administrative tasks, particularly the CAO, AAD, Registrar and UFC. Initial representative of department to students and cohort advisors. Assists Registrar with duties. Manages projects for the department.

Librarian, Gary Averill

The SUM librarian oversees learning resources available to students and faculty by researching, gathering and making available library materials. Library development and coordination with faculty to secure and ensure adequate learning support for students are critical tasks. The Librarian also advises students and faculty on research projects and assignments.

Faculty Department Chairs

Richard Cook, D.Min. – Applied Theology
Joel Hamme, Ph.D. – Biblical Studies
Kathy Frady, Ph.D. – General Education
Page Brooks, Ph.D. – Theological Studies

The Department Chairs work with the UFC to assign faculty to teaching assignments, develop learning goals and syllabi for courses, advise faculty and ensure the quality of instruction. The department chairs are also instrumental in assessment of college programs and serve on the SUM Academic Council.
The Student Life and Ministry Director provides leadership and oversight in all aspects of student ministry and student life operations for SUM’s main campus and its many cohort locations across America and around the world. This individual should excel in operations that enable predictability, scalability, sustainability and efficiency.

Juan Gonzales
Campus Pastor
Assure the spiritual, physical and mental growth of the students that are at the Sacramento campus. Make sure that all students have a church that they attend. Make sure they all have mentors and are meeting with them. Organize the student environment on the campus.

Regional Cohort Advisors

Visionary Leadership

Cohort Advisors
The Cohort Advisor (CA) serves as the liaison between the Visionary Leader, U.S. Cohort Director and SUM. The Cohort Advisor will be responsible for the direct oversight and recruitment at the cohort site. The Cohort Advisor must be willing to relocate to a church or ministry that has an open position, and work there for a year. After the one-year term, the Cohort Advisor, the Cohort Site, and the SUM Administration can determine whether this Cohort Advisor may continue on with the site.
**FINANCE**

**Bob Hornick**
Chief Financial Officer

**Judith Littleton**
Business Administrator
Payroll preparation and reporting, Independent contractor payments, Cash Receipts/Deposits, Accounts Payable, Work with student accounts, Cohort site payments, Personnel Records/leave tracking, Overseeing front desk/receptionist

**Jessica Stewart**
Collections and Student Accounts
The Collection Specialist is responsible for providing customer service regarding collections issues, payment discrepancies and payment resolution.

**Liliya Deshevenko**
Financial Aid Manager
The Financial Aid Manager plans, implements, and evaluates all aspects of Financial Aid and serves as the administrator of all Title IV student assistance, state, institutional and private funds to include Veterans Assistance and Vocational Rehabilitation Programs. The Manager ensures compliance with all state and federal regulations as it relates to student financial aid and manages the maintenance, configuration, and updates of SIS System’s Financial Aid Module and Student Portal.

**Rhoda Anane-Asane**
Financial Aid Counselor
Processing Return of Title IV Refunds, default Management and sending out notices to delinquent borrowers, verifying, correcting and awarding financial aid files, participating in outreach as needed, assist in creating/updating various office spreadsheets & reports, oversee, Federal Workstudy Program - monitor monthly earnings to ensure program is not overspent

**Maritza Gonzalez**
Collections and Student Accounts
The receptionist serves as the first resource for students, parents, businesses, staff and faculty. Answering inquirer’s questions and directing them to the right resource is essential to the success of the institution.


Sara Huson  
Director of Enrollment  
The Marketing and Recruitment Director is responsible to lead, build and manage a team that oversees the business, brand, customer engagement, and retention strategy for SUM’s main campus and its many cohort locations across America and around the world. This individual should excel in operations that enable predictability, scalability and efficiency.

Daniel Mullen  
Director of Admissions  
The main responsibility of the Director of Admissions is to accurately review and process all incoming enrollment information. A person in this position usually experiences situations that require sufficient interpersonal skills to handle sensitive and confidential situations (denying applicants, etc.).

Matt Reveile  
Art Director/Creative Designer  
The director will have comprehensive responsibility for internal visual communications and external marketing communications. The position will be responsible for creating and implementing the look of the SUM Brand and other comprehensive marketing and recruiting campaigns.

Victoria Gonzales  
Social Media Specialist  
Collaborate with immediate supervisor and create proposal of the design concepts for all design projects, i.e., brochures, social media, website page design and other SUM documents, based on gathered information and material.

Daniel Pagdilao  
Recruitment Specialist  
The primary responsibility of the Recruitment Specialist is to recruit new students for curriculum programs in accordance with the mission, goals, and policies of the College. The Recruitment Specialist will follow-up with prospective students and assist them through the enrollment process.
PROFILES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Richard D. Picone was raised in a Christian household and accepted Jesus at a young age. He is a long-time member of the Bethel Church in San Jose, CA, having served in a leadership capacity there for many years. In addition to serving on the official board of the church for 15 years, Richard served on the World Mission board for 6 years, and as a Sunday school teacher (the new converts class) for 27 years. Richard has also worked with outreach teams and was team leader with Bethel Builders on a number of projects around the World through the Assemblies of God. Among the countries where he worked with Bethel Builders were the Ukraine, El Salvador, Cuba, Africa, and also the United States.
Richard is a General Building Contractor and has worked in the construction business for 53 years. He is still active in his own business. He has built custom and tract homes, commercial buildings and apartment buildings. If that doesn’t keep him busy enough, he also owns a small cabinet manufacturing company in Morgan Hill, CA.

With so much constructing/building projects to look back on, two projects in particular stand out in Richard’s mind. The first is when his company built the second phase of Bethel Church Life Center, a 40,000 square foot structure comprised of a gymnasium, meeting halls, offices and classrooms. The second project that stands out for Richard is when he helped build the SUM campus in Oakland, CA.

Richard attended San Jose High School and San Jose City College, added to which he received training as a U.S Army Medical Corpsman. He served two years in the U.S. Army as a corpsman during the Vietnam conflict. Aviation is another of his talents: he has owned and piloted several of his own airplanes for business, ministry and for pleasure.

As far as his Christian service, Richard considers his teaching the new converts class at Bethel Church to be the most exciting and satisfying thing he has ever done. Richard and his wife, Caroline, are blessed to have a son, Richard, and a daughter, Lisa.

Richard serves as the current Chairman of the SUM Board of Directors.

Alfred James Trimble was raised in a strong Christian home and was saved since an early age. His knowledge and appreciation of Christianity has only increased over the years, and now he feels himself to be a more complete Christian, though he knows perfection can never be attained on this earth.

As a young man, Alfred served as a deacon in his Presbyterian church in Illinois. While there, he also sang in the choir and served on the personnel committee. At Saratoga Federated Church, he served 12 years on the Council of Elders, part of that time as Chairman. In addition, Alfred has led a small group study for 10 years, having been part of that same group for over 20 years! Moreover, he has been a member of a local outreach team for more than 5 years.
Alfred is President and also a board member of Emmaus Ministries of Silicon Valley. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for BAUN (Points of Light, Mighty Blaze, etc.).

In addition to his Christian service experience, Alfred boasts an impressive and extensive secular career track record: for two years he served as an Active Duty Officer in the United States Navy, serving one year as an executive officer of a ship; worked at Corporate Financial Roles FMC Corporation as a Corporate Manager and Controller of a machinery group; Equipment Division Manager for FMC Airline; Executive VP and Board Member of Systems Control Technology for 2 years; Division President at Jetway Systems Division for 5 years; President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Flight International in Newport News, VA for over a year; President and CEO of Pengo Corporation and Chairman of the Board of Pengo, Australia and Pengo Europe (after which, he retired).

Al serves as the current Treasurer for the SUM Board of Directors.

**Gene Haun** growing up in a Christian home fostered his faith at an early age. The son of an Assembly of God minister, Gene Haun was involved in church and youth activities, as well as various ministries, including Bethel Builders. Gene’s Christian upbringing also provided him the opportunity to participate in a travelling music ministry, sing in his local church choir, and take part in overseas missions projects. In fact, most of Gene’s extended family have been or currently are involved in full-time ministry.

As a youth, Gene also found time to branch out from church activities. Athletics has been a major part of Gene’s life, both as a participant and as a fan. In addition, Gene also wrote a column for a bilingual newspaper for many years. Professionally, Gene has worked as a HVAC Contractor where he worked on over 33 properties; he was actually involved in the construction of the SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary Oakland campus. Later, he was the owner of a real estate brokerage firm for over 25 years, in addition to owning other businesses.

Gene graduated high school in San Bruno, CA, and took specialized courses at San Jose State University in business, trade, tax education and real estate. His knowledge and skill were put to good use, serving on the SUM Bible College and Seminary Board of
Directors and Executive Board, an experience Gene considers to be particularly rewarding.

Gene serves as the current Secretary for the SUM Board of Directors.

Jack S. O’Brien has had a career of 48 years in the financial services industry, including financial counseling, investment planning, retirement income planning, and estate planning. Many of these years have been in leadership positions including agency management, Regional Vice President for insurance and investment firms, and Vice President of Sales. Jack has recruited over 550 advisors and sales personnel in over 35 years of management experience. Jack now serves as Senior Sales and Service Advisor for Principal Financial Group, an international firm headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jack is affiliated the National Association of Agents and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) for 45 years, where he has served in the local chapter, NAIFA Silicon Valley, as a board member for eight years, including President in 2011-2012. He has also been involved with the Western Association of Agency Officers, serving on its Board of Directors for eight years, including President and Chairman of the Board. Other affiliations include service on the YMCA Board of Directors, Youth Athletics, and youth sponsors in the local community of San Jose, Ca.

Jack attends Bethel Church of San Jose, Assembly of God, and has served on numerous Boards, including the Board of Deacons (Leadership of the Church), Financial Board, Youth Board, Usher leadership, and has membership in this church for 39 years.

Jack graduated from Northwest University, Kirkland, Washington in 1964. He received two degrees, Bachelor of Arts in Theology, and a Bachelor of Theology, in 1964. He served in ministry positions for eight years, prior to his career in financial services. He also has attended The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and has received several designations in the financial services industry.
Dr. Cheryl Elliott, prior to moving into a ministry-related career path, worked as a legal secretary in a law firm, a judicial assistant in the Municipal Court, and also as a real estate broker. Then, God called her out of the secular arena to serve as an assistant pastor at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland. She was also in charge of Pastoral Care and Life Enrichment at that same church.

Dr. Elliott founded a non-profit ministry, STREAMS, Inc., an organization that trains chaplains and focuses on the prevention of domestic violence. Her Doctoral dissertation was entitled, “Breaking the Silence: the Role of African American Clergywomen in Addressing the Issues of Domestic Violence Against Women.”

Additionally, Dr. Elliott served as Chaplain and Spiritual Care Coordinator at Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice where she did ministry and counseling. Dr. Elliott was also President of the Oakland Interfaith Coalition of Congregations. Dr. Cheryl Elliott is a 1983 graduate of the University of San Francisco, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1999, and in 2006, received her Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Al Roever is a preacher’s kid who grew up in South Texas in the 50’s and 60’s. He graduated from Rice University in Houston, Texas in 1965. During those years his faith was severely tried and found wanting. Al became an atheist his senior year at Rice. The study of Philosophy contributed a great deal to this failure. However, as a result, when he was saved in April 1965 at the age of 22, he committed his life to building a faith that would be unshakeable.

After graduating with a B. A. in Romance Languages, he taught French at Southwestern Assemblies of God College and took 23 hours of Bible, Theology and related courses. Then he followed up with 12 hours of Philosophy at the University of Texas, Arlington. On October 21, 1968 he married his sweetheart Arneta Roever. They will celebrate 50 years this coming anniversary!
He was called to the ministry in January 1966. Since then Roever has pastored three churches and worked eight years for his evangelist brother, Dave Roever, including five years as general manager of his ministry. He currently works with his brother Dave ministering in Viet Nam and with a Military School of Ministry. He also currently works for REAP International. Al Roever is driven by a passion to prevent young people from falling into the same trap he did. His teaching is designed to force people to think deeply about everything they believe and to develop an ability to communicate their faith clearly and powerfully.
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Rev. Teresa J. Reiger, Ph.D., is the Lead Pastor of St. Luke Assembly of God. She was ordained through the Assemblies of God in 1998, and a few years later earned her B.S. degree from Southwestern Assemblies of God University. She continued her education earning an M.Div., Th.M., and her Ph.D. from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Throughout her academic career Dr. Reiger has served as Children's Pastor at First Assembly of God, Associate Pastor at Hope Assembly of God, and Lead Pastor at New Orleans East Assembly of God. She is Founder and President of Elan Ministries (2004-present), Founder of HisHands2Go (2006-present), Founder and Lead Pastor of St. Luke Assembly of God (2006-present), and Founder of Garden on Marais
Dr. Gary Munson was a small business owner in California from 1980 to 1993. At that time he began work for Shiloh Church of Oakland, CA as a staff pastor and Vice President of Shiloh Bible College. During those years he travelled extensively starting or enhancing theological training programs in the Philippines, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Japan, Hong Kong, China, India, Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Mexico. In 2008 he and his family moved to Ethiopia where he became the president of Shiloh Bible College Ethiopia and took that college through the accreditation process. He moved back to the U.S. during 2016 and has taught online courses, travelled as a conference speaker, and worked with Fire Over Africa. Dr. Gary is president of Fire Over Africa, a U.S. non-profit through which many programs are supported such as children’s programs, Women with HIV support, training and support of many local missionaries and pastors, and ongoing projects of various kinds.

Rod Whitlock serves as Vice President of Cohort Development for SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary. Rod has authored two books, several discipleship related resources and ministry training materials. He speaks around the world in churches, conferences, camps and training events, encouraging and equipping ministry leaders and students. Rod has served as National Student Discipleship Director for the Assemblies of God, in District ministry, churches and Christian school. He and his wife, Kim have been married 34 years, have four children and six grandchildren. He is currently working on his Masters Degree in Christian Leadership. He is President of Rod Whitlock Ministries.
Bob Hornick has worked in financial management for the past forty years, most recently as the Corporate Treasurer for Randa Accessories, a privately held men’s fashion company with sales exceeding $650MM. Bob has overseen the commercial office leases in both Chicago and New York City markets, and coordinated the construction and permanent financing on several facilities. During his years of service in financial management, he has overseen all facets accounting and financial management, working directly with lenders of the largest banks to respond to the growth needs of his organizations. Bob earned his accounting degree in 1980 from the University of New Orleans and his CPA certification in 1986.