



# Adding a layer of management without alienating everybody

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for Academic Affairs



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The [Academic Affairs Office](#) coordinates

-course and exam scheduling

-student registration

-honor code issues like cheating,

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The [law library](#) offers law-related resources and services to support your teaching and scholarship, and fulfill the information needs of students. Our law library faculty are enthusiastic partners:

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Full time  
faculty  
administrators





Full staff directory

# Senior Staff

## **Russ Shaffer**

*Assistant Dean for Operations and Planning*

## **Stephen G. Barnes**

Assistant Dean of Graduate and International Programs

## **Amanda DiPolvere**

Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid

## **Magen K. Mihok**

Assistant Dean, Career Services

**Rod Schultz**, Director of Development and Alumni Relations

**Kim Wyatt**, Financial Officer

**Amy Fellin Caputo**, Director of Marketing and Communication



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# STAFF critical to our academic mission



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Matt's team handles classroom technology, and our digital systems like Outlook, shared drives, and Canvas.

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*Assistant Dean for Operations and Planning*

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## Additional faculty Associate Deans

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Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion; Associate Dean for Research and Partnerships

#### **Eleanor Marie Brown**

Associate Dean for External Affairs and Corporate Partnerships

#### **Andrea M. Matwyshyn**

Associate Dean for Innovation and Technology

#### **Ross Pifer**

Associate Dean for Clinics and Experiential Learning

#### **Nicole Chong**

Associate Dean and Professor of Legal Writing



All directly report  
to the Dean, plus  
40-ish others



## LEADERSHIP TEAM

### FACULTY

#### **Hari M. Osofsky**

Dean, Distinguished Professor of Law, Professor of International Affairs, and Professor of Geography

- **Jill Engle**  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- **Eleanor Marie Brown**  
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- **Nicole Chong**  
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# *Disruptive Innovation?*

- Change is constant, but requires communication
- Communication does not happen without a structured flow
- “Alliances”
  - Relationships
  - Communication
- Empathy
  - Listening LONG and HARD
  - Compassion
  - Self-awareness



*One step at a  
time*