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Staff Profile

Trent Bagley

When asked why he enjoys working at Emerson, Trent Bagley answered that he likes being surrounded by the creativity, energy, and innovative thinking of Emerson's community members. After learning about his educational background and creative pursuits, one realizes that he is right at home in such a community!

Bagley first came to the College as a part-time staff member in the Department of Professional Studies and Special Programs (PSSP) in 1996, while he was studying for a Bachelor of Music at Berklee.

After graduation, he accepted a full-time job in the PSSP Department. He went on to enroll in graduate school at Emerson. Shortly after receiving an MA in Integrated Marketing Communication, he left the College to pursue a position in the publishing industry. He was the marketing communication manager for a local performing arts magazine called *Proscenium*. It was much like *Playbill*, but was tailored for the New England area.

When the publication went under a few years later, Bagley was welcomed back to Emerson's PSSP Department.



And for the past 12 years, he has been the department's director of marketing. His duties range from writing copy for marketing materials, to scheduling and buying advertising in media outlets, to conducting and reporting on market research.

Outside of the office, Bagley has pursued his love of music through performing, teaching, and composing. He furthered his academic education in music and graduated with a master's in music from the New England Conservatory in 2007.

Over the years, he has done studio work and played in ensembles. (He sings and plays piano, keyboards, oboe and flute, piccolo, and Baroque recorder.) He has also composed music on commission and has taught piano and voice lessons.

Bagley is actually a triple threat when it comes to the performing arts. Having grown up in Poughkeepsie, New York, a small town north of New York City, he decided to "pursue the arts" at a young age. He headed to New York City to start his career as a professional singer. He ended up performing as a singer/ actor/dancer on the stage, and also acted in television soaps.

When he's not involved in musicrelated projects, he engages in some of his eclectic hobbies, which include woodworking, collecting cigar boxes (he repurposes the wood for his woodworking projects), and adding to his sci-fi film collection.

Lately he has been keeping busy with his newest endeavor: writing and researching for his blog about TV theme music at *whowrotethattvmusic. com.* He lives in New Hampshire with his two rescue cats, Bongo and Lyric.

By Nancy Howell, Creative Services

Staff Notes

Awards and Accomplishments

New Faces

- Christina Zamon (Iwasaki Library) was just elected vice-chair/chair-elect of the College & University Section of the • George Knight, On-Air Host, WERS Society of American Archivists.
- Paul Mills (Undergraduate Admission) has finished the MA in Communication • Matthew Noel, Carpentry and Rigging Management program at Emerson.
- Matthew Carney, Residence Hall Director, OHRL
- John-Albert Moseley, Administrative Assistant, Visual and Media Arts
 - Fellow, Office of the Arts
 - Danielle Oldfield, Residence Director, OHRL
 - Maria Oliver, Administrative Assistant, **Communication Studies**
 - Catherine Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, Career Services
 - Eric Van Vlandren, Campus Sustainability Coordinator, Facilities Management

Engagements

- Eric Matthews (Graduate Studies) was engaged to Shannon Connor on July 27.
- Nicole Leete (Web Services) was engaged to Michael Barrell on August 24.

Weddings

• Nicole Miscioscia, MA '10 (Communications and Marketing), married Tom Sullivan on July 20 in Cohasset, Massachusetts.

New Faces Spotlight

Another alumnus has come back to work for his alma mater! Eric Van Vlandren '90 has joined the Facilities Management Department as the College's campus sustainability coordinator.

Eric immediately started Emerson's master's program in Political Communication after finishing the bachelor's program in Communication, Politics, and Law. He ended up withdrawing from the graduate program and spent a year working in Australia. (Now that he's back at Emerson, he hopes to complete his degree by 2015.)

After returning from Australia, Eric moved back to his hometown of Charlotte, Vermont, where he volunteered for 10 years as a firefighter and EMT. While working for a medical software company, he took non-degree courses in nonprofit management at the University of

Vermont. He then started working at different local nonprofits, including the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Youth Conservation Corps, and Green Mountain Audubon.

He discovered his passion for sustainabilty education programs while working as the co-manager of the state's largest compost facility at the Intervale Center. In this role, he managed production, sales, and education programs. He expanded the facility's education programs, partnering with K-12 schools as well as colleges.

While engaged in this work, Eric thought to himself, "Wow, it would be great to do this work at Emerson." He then set about working toward Emerson creating the position of sustainability coordinator. A selfproclaimed "Emerson patriot," Eric has



remained involved with the College through raising money for scholarships for his fraternity, Phi Alpha Tau.

And, eventually, his dream became a reality! Eric is thrilled to be at Emerson and looks forward to implementing sustainability policies and educational programming on campus, beginning with a new EcoRep program of student employees as well as ideas for faculty and staff to get involved in creating a greener campus.

Staff News

Sodexo Arrives at Emerson

When Aramark's contract expired in June, a committee composed of students and Business Services, Finance, Procurement, Student Life, and President's Office staff invited three food services providers to give presentations on how they would meet the dining needs of students. Sodexo was hired because of its dedication to providing healthy and nutritious meals for students.

Sodexo is a multinational corporation that is no stranger to higher ed; it provides food services to other local colleges and universities, such as Suffolk, Brandeis, Stonehill, and UMass Boston.

Since the company arrived on August 1 (12 hours after Aramark vacated), the staff has been busy making minor changes to the dining hall setup. One change is the institution of a "My Zone" area, which will have separate utensils and heating units for those who have peanut and gluten allergies. A new labeling system on the signage at food stations will signify which menu items are gluten-free, local, and vegetarian.

Menu changes include offering more vegetarian and vegan options. A registered dietician will help chefs make freshly made food, prepared to order. Later in the fall, the C-store convenience store will move and a sushi and mein bowl station will take its place.

Sodexo has a strong commitment to sustainability. Patrons will have the opportunity to buy reusable take-away containers called "greenware" for \$5. They can then bring back used greenware and exchange it for new containers. Staff will also establish a composting station and post monthly composting results for the community to review. Communication is very important to Sodexo. Three electronic billboards will be installed in the Dining Hall, some of which will be used by a number of campus departments to display announcements. Patrons are encouraged to give feedback in person to the manager on shift, and through the "napkin notes" station where patrons can submit written suggestions.

One thing hasn't changed much, and that is the staff. More than 90 percent of the Aramark staff accepted jobs from Sodexo, including catering manager Colleen Boland.

Regarding catering options, staff will have two menus to choose from: a regular menu and a premier menu. The CaterTRAX website address is https:// emersoncatering.catertrax.com/.

Pricing for staff meal plans remains the same: 25 meals for \$175.00 and 50 meals for \$287.50.

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Department Name Change Announcement

Emerson Counseling and Psychological Services (ECAPS), formerly known as Emerson College Counseling Center, has undergone a name change to more accurately reflect the breadth of services. ECAPS is still located on the second floor of 216 Tremont Street. ECAPS is staffed by licensed therapists and graduate interns, and services are available free of charge to undergraduate and graduate students. ECAPS is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm, and the department welcomes and encourages staff and faculty to speak with a therapist for consultation around a student of concern. A consultation may focus on possible strategies to address particular student concerns or situations. Please refer to its website section for faculty and staff, which provides additional information on why and how to refer a student of concern to ECAPS.

For more information or to speak with one of the ECAPS clinicians, please call 617-824-8595 or visit *emerson.edul* student-life/support-services/counselingcenter/faculty-staff-resources.

HR and You

HR Advisory Council

The HR Advisory Council continues to meet and discuss initiatives. We highly encourage all staff members to visit the Council's page on the *emerson.edu* site to stay up to date on its discussions and to submit feedback or ideas.

HR Spotlight

The Employment team has moved offices! Members are now located in the suite immediately adjacent to the HR office, where the Office of Diversity and Inclusion was located. If you have an appointment with anyone on the Employment team, please still check in with the main HR front desk. However, if you are in the area, please stop to say hello and check out the team's new space!

SHREDDED

A BREAKDOWN OF THE RESULTS FROM EMERSON COLLEGE'S CLEAN OUT YOUR OFFICE DAY

WE FILLED **10 BINS** WITH SHREDDED PAPER.

EACH BIN CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY 250 POUNDS OF PAPER.

SO IN TOTAL, WE SHREDDED 2,500 POUNDS OF PAPER!



2,500 POUNDS OF PAPER RECYCLED EQUATES TO 5,125 kWh OF ENERGY SAVED!

EACH BIN HOLDS ABOUT **14,000 SHEETS** OF PAPER, WHICH EQUATES TO **1.5 TREES** THAT ARE 6–8 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 40 FEET TALL.

SO WE SAVED 15 TREES' WORTH OF PAPER!



Top Purges

EMERSON POLICE: 2.5 bins (625 lbs)

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES: 1.5 bins (375 lbs)

INTERNATIONAL STUDY & EXTERNAL PROGRAMS: 1 bin (250 lbs)

Thanks to the following offices for their participation:

Robbins Clinic Iwasaki Library ArtsEmerson Max Mutchnick Campus Center Iournalism Athletics

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars! September 3: Fidelity September 16: TIAA-CREF September 24: VALIC

A registration email will be sent out soon. Slots fill up quickly so don't delay!

Have any questions that you would like answered in "HR and You"? Please send your questions to blaine_butler@emerson.edu.

Sustainable Emerson

Save the Date

All staff and faculty are invited to attend a service project on September 18. We will be doing cleanup and maintenance projects for the Esplanade Association. Join us for the whole event from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, or just drop in when you can! Meeting place details are forthcoming.

Lights Off!

Please help the College save energy by turning off your lights when you leave your office. If you do not have motionsensitive lighting installed, put in a work order for the request.

Lunch Break

"Q Restaurant. Hands down my favorite. Second is Salvatore's because I can get steamed mussels and a huge Caesar salad for \$15."

Joe Arbeely (Development and Alumni "I like Souper Salad on **Berkeley Street.**"

Jennifer Stevens (IT)

"My Thai Vegan Café on **Beech Street serves** bubble tea and cheap Thai food, plus vegan cake for dessert, in its upstairs space."

Mia Seidner (Admission)

"I like Marliave for a more formal lunch and the Clover food truck on the Common for a quick and healthy meal."

Matthew Finn (Academic Affairs)

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Tech Spot

New IT Website Launched

IT has launched a new website in which services and tools are more centralized. Staff has its own portal.

http://it.emerson.edu/page/staff-portal/

Wireless Network Update

ECwireless has been changed from a WPA/ TKIP Enterprise encrypted network to a WPA2/AES Enterprise encrypted network. If you missed the email from the Help Desk, you can check out the blog about this here:

http://press.emerson.edu/it/2013/08/14/ updating-security-and-roaming-onecwireless/

Send news or suggestions to Nancy Howell at nancy_howell@emerson.edu.

