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Years at Penn: 15

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Job title (and brief description of job duties):

Space Planner/Analyst, Office of the University Architect

I am responsible for updating floor plans for Penn's Real Estate holdings on and off the main campus including Morris Arboretum, New Bolton and Pennovation Works. In addition to Penn owned buildings, I also update floor plans for Penn people within leased spaces other than Penn

buildings. In combination with updating all floorplans, I also track the location for all Penn people/tenants whether they are in Penn owned buildings or leased spaces, updating all spaces with Penn orgs, functions and use of the space.

Lastly, For FRES Real Estate department, I update and create plans for retail tenants within Penn buildings.

Have you taken any classes, received a degree, or attended any lectures at Penn? If so, please describe...

Over the years, I've taken numerous classes most recently a Mandarin language course.

What is your favorite building on campus?

Skirkanich Building.

What is your favorite Penn tradition, event, or memory?

My favorite Penn tradition is Move-in. I enjoy alleviating the concerns and fears of the parents., making them feel a bit more comfortable leaving their children in our care and seeing the curiosity in the freshman's faces as they try to navigate Penn.

What three words best describe yourself:

Quiet, Intelligent, Witty.

What is your best habit? ...or best hidden talent?

Hmm...I would have to say my best talent is the ability to talk to most anyone. Although I enjoy “small talk” I occasionally am very shy when breaking the ice, but once I get going....

Who is your favorite hero (fictional or real life)?

My hero would have to be my mom. She’s everything I want to be when I grow up – smart, funny, empathic, self assured and just a generally great person to know.

What talent or power would you most like to have?

Hmm....I would love to be able to turn back time but in turning back time I wonder if I would be the same person I am today. It’s a conundrum.

What are your favorite things to do in your free time, outside of work?

I actually love to read and generally read at least one book a month. Crocheting is secondary favorite activity of mine, I recently made a sweater for a friend, it was a major accomplishment and point of pride for me.

What is the best lesson you ever learned?

I’ve learned that worrying solves nothing, it gives you grey hair. I don’t worry about situations that I can’t control, I deal with my problems head on and without regret.

What characteristic or trait do you most value in your colleagues?

Within my group, we tend to be very straight forward and precise when it comes to our numbers and floorplans. I appreciate everyone’s goals of “actuality”, we don’t provide information we can’t prove.

What is your motto, words to live by, or best advice?

Do you. Live in a way that harms no one else and makes you happy.