

Spencer Frye



Spencer Frye is a small business owner, a construction manager, a non-profit executive, and a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. He has taught English in Haiti, helped to export American ambulances overseas, and co-founded Envirotech, a company that began by recapturing recyclable oil and which now operates globally. In 1999, Spencer felt called to begin working with Habitat for Humanity, to serve his home town by helping to provide more opportunities for his neighbors to work for a better standard of living, while improving the quality of life for everyone. After managing the construction program with Habitat for 7 years, Spencer assumed the responsibilities of executive director. Under his leadership, the Re-Store has doubled its sales, while Habitat has expanded its services to include installing handicap ramps, offering emergency home repair, and providing low-impact whole house recycling. Spencer also founded a program which uses the successful Habitat model to renovate neglected duplexes and apartments for working families. In addition, he is a co-founder of Create Athens, a professional group working to make the arts even more enriching for the city and the region. As a business owner and as executive director, Spencer Frye has met and worked with stakeholders from all over the community and successfully balanced the interests of citizens, private enterprise, and government.

Toussaint Hill



Toussaint Hill graduated from Morehouse College in 2008 with a degree in Economics. Upon graduating Toussaint joined the Peace Corps where he served in the Eastern Caribbean on the island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. As a Peace Corps Volunteer he worked on projects that included youth development and building HIV/AIDS awareness. In 2011, after completing his term of service as a Peace Corps Volunteer Toussaint began at the University of Georgia in the Masters of Public Administration program. During his first year in the MPA program he worked for the City of Atlanta within the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services where he worked for over a year. In 2013 Toussaint finished the MPA and began working with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department as the Assistant Police Planner before taking his current position as a Post Award Specialist at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Caroline Paris Paczkowski



Caroline Paris Paczkowski recently joined the UGA School of Public and International Affairs to fill the role of Alumni Relations Associate. In her position, she serves as the liaison between the school and its alumni, keeping our students connected and engaged. In addition, she fills a support role for the External Affairs team, assisting with special events, social media, and communication efforts. Prior to her current position, Paczkowski worked for Senate Pro Tempore David Shafer during the 2014 General Assembly Session and for the UGA Office of Government Relations from 2011-2013. As a “Double SPIA Dawg”, Paczkowski graduated with a degree in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration with concentrations in Public Management and Nonprofit Administration. While earning her degrees, Caroline volunteered with the Clarke County Mentor Program, as well as with UGA Relay for Life. Her past experience includes internships with US Senator

Johnny Isakson and the Georgia Hospital Association.

Ted Pestorius



Ted Pestorius has been with CDC since 1990, and has served as the Management Officer of NCEZID and its precursors since December 2006. Prior to that Pestorius was the Deputy Director for Management and Operations for CDC’s Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases (DVRD). He has also been the Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations at CDC’s National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP); Chief, Financial and Administrative Services Office at NCHSTP; Deputy Chief, Prevention Support Office at NCHSTP/OD; Project Officer for the Program Development and Support Branch (PDSB), Division of STD Prevention/NCHSTP; and Project Officer, Community Assistance, Planning, and National Partners Branch (CAPNPB), Division of HIV Prevention/ NCHSTP.

Early in his public health career, Pestorius served as the Director of the Connecticut STD Control Program and as Supervisor, Riverside STD Clinic in Houston, Texas. Prior to that he was a Disease Intervention Specialist in Maryland and Illinois where he educated persons infected with syphilis and HIV about their disease and performed partner notification and referral services.

Joan Prittie



Joan Prittie is the Executive Director of Project Safe, an Athens, Georgia based non-profit organization that is working to end domestic violence through crisis intervention, ongoing supportive services, systems change advocacy and prevention and educational programs.

Joan is a graduate of Bradley University and the University of Georgia School of Law, an Athens resident for 24 years, and describes herself as a “recovering attorney.” As a lawyer with the Prisoner Legal Counseling Project, Joan represented indigent inmates in the Georgia state prison system. During that time, she helped develop that Battered Women’s Clemency Project, and worked on behalf of 78 women in prison for killing their abusers, securing one sentence commutation and a dozen paroles.

Joan was the recipient of the 2014 ATHENA award for professional excellence, community service and leadership development. In 2010, she was one of just 15 people nationwide to win the Sunshine Peace award for developing resources and facilitating social change to end violence against women and children, and in 2008 she won the Shining Star award for innovation in domestic violence work. She’s the former chair of the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and is the current principal author and editor of the Georgia Domestic Violence Bench Book—a resource book for judges.

A board member of the Athens Nurses’ Clinic and high school Sunday school teacher at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Joan also teaches classes in fundraising and grant proposal writing at the Non Profit Institute at UGA.

Tracie Sanchez



A classic late bloomer, but a well-rounded one; Tracie Sanchez completed her BA at UGA in 1988 and moved to DC to intern for her Senator, a move that tested her public servant desires and thus led her to a 2 decade career in the private sector as a graphic designer for McKinsey & Co. in DC and SF. Returning to Georgia in 2003 she joined the newly formed Institute for Leadership Advancement at UGA as a Coordinator of Leadership and Service Efforts. Experiencing the values based leadership development curriculum reawakened her desire to serve the public and she completed an MPA in 2011. Devotion and practice of alternative transportation solutions had always been her passion and she focused her public policy course work in that arena and now works on multiple efforts. She founded the Georgia Trail Summit and in October 2016, joined the Southeastern Trust for Parks and Land as Director of Community Relations & Outreach.

David Tanner



Mr. David Tanner is the Associate Director of Governmental Services and Research at the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Mr. Tanner manages the division's faculty and staff and coordinates a wide range of customized technical assistance and research projects conducted for state and local governments. The work of the division includes demographic and economic analysis, survey research, human resource assistance, personnel testing, environmental impact analysis, planning, and project support. Prior to joining the Institute, Mr. Tanner served as the deputy director at the Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), where he helped the State address key budget and policy issues for more than 12 years. While at OPB he worked with three Governors and played a central role in development and

management of the Governor's annual budget, health care reform, agency restructuring, design of state budgeting and performance management systems, HOPE scholarship redesign, and school facility construction and finance. In addition to his budget and policy expertise, Mr. Tanner is an experienced project manager and was part of developing the management information systems that support state's budget and planning processes. Mr. Tanner has hired and interacted with many MPA and MPP graduates in his work in state government and at the Institute of Government. His experience in running the business of government provides practical knowledge of how public administration students can be best prepared to succeed in their careers in government. Mr. Tanner has a bachelor's degree in History and his Master of Public Administration from Brigham Young University.