

DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:



**Samara Reynolds** has been invested in the field of career development for nearly 15 years and has held related roles at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), University of Richmond, University of Washington Bothell, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, North Carolina State University, Meredith College, and Virginia Tech. She is an Associate Editor for the National Career Development Association's *Career Convergence* web magazine, Past-President of the North Carolina Career Development Association (NCCDA), and an alumna of the NCDA Leadership Academy. Samara was a member of the MPACE conference committee while living in Seattle and has been involved in VACE as a member of the Professional Development Committee. She grew up in Richmond, VA, earning her B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies from Virginia Tech and her M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from NC State. Outside of work, Samara is a proud toddler mom, full-time vegan, and occasional yogi.



**Jenna Rowlands** serves as an Assistant Director in ODU's Career Development Services (CDS). She is the supervisor for Career Commons, their drop-in center and Liaison to the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies at Old Dominion University. She has been with ODU full time since July 2016 and prior to joining the ODU team full time she served as the CDS graduate assistant for the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies. She previously was the graduate assistant for Assessment and Planning and interned for the Office of Study Abroad. In addition to her responsibilities with Career Development Services, Jenna also serves on the Student Engagement and Enrollment Services (SEES) Professional Development Committee, SEES New Professional Council, and the Majors Fair Committee. She currently serves as a board member for the ODU Association of University Administrators as the Programs Committee Chair. Jenna has been involved with the Virginia Association of Colleges and Employers for over 2 years. She currently serves on the 2019 conference local arrangements committee. Jenna has her EdS in Educational Leadership with a concentration

in Higher Education, her MEd in Secondary Education and her BA in History all from ODU. In her free time, Jenna enjoys going to ODU athletics event, running, traveling, and going to the beach. Jenna describes herself as energetic, organized, and creative.

#### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE-ELECT:



**Dorothy Hayden** has been a member of VACE since 2013. Dorothy has worked in higher education within academic learning support and career services. Dorothy currently serves as the Industry Advisor for Engineering Careers at George Mason University. In her time as a member of VACE, Dorothy has worked within and led a number of committees. She most recently serves as a member of the VACE Newsletter Committee. Dorothy previously served as the Director of Technology and Communications, and as the Google Account Manager for VACE. Dorothy has been an active member within the Commonwealth and Region. Dorothy serves as a Co-Chair of the EACE Technology Committee. Dorothy has been an active volunteer in her community, volunteering more than 200 hours in 2018. If elected, Dorothy will be honored to work as the Director of Finance-Elect.

#### EMPLOYER DIRECTOR:



**Christina Brooks** is the Senior Director of Youth Services at the Hampton Roads Workforce Council where she oversees the development of innovative workforce development programming for over 5,000 youth per year. Previously, she was the Student Employment Coordinator at Old Dominion University, served as a Counselor for the YWCA and as a Volunteer Recruiter/Trainer for the Guardian ad Litem program. Christina has a M.Ed. in Counseling from Old Dominion University and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina Asheville. She has previously served as the Director of Technology and Communications with VACE as well as members of the Technology and Conference committees.

PRESIDENT-ELECT:



Kimberly Phillips has served as Director of Career Services at Eastern Mennonite University since 2014. She advises students in all aspects of the career development process and works directly with employers, faculty and alumni. She gives career-related presentations for classrooms and other campus programs, teaches a career exploration course and supervises undergraduate and graduate level interns. Prior to her experience at EMU, Kimberly was a Career Advisor and Assistant Director of Career Development at Washington and Lee University for six years. At W&L, she focused her efforts on career advising for students, managing the on-campus recruitment program and acting as a liaison to several academic departments. Kimberly joined VACE in July, 2008 and has served as the newsletter editor (2011-2016), chair of the Awards Committee (2014-2016), Director of Finance-Elect (2016-2017), Director of Finance (2017-2018) and a member of the Newcomers' committee (2018-2019). Kimberly received a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2006 and an M.S. in Professional Counseling from Georgia State University in 2008.