



Welcome / Welcome back – whichever suits your circumstances. It will be great to see all of you. The OpSci faculty are ready to lead you in instruction in new material in your courses this Fall 2021 semester. What is especially great is that we get to do in person. Of course, we have to wear these annoying masks in the classroom, but in my opinion that is not too bad because of the safety that they provide.

Academic programs (AP) is planning and assisting with some fun events at the start of this semester including a BBQ sponsored by the College of Engineering, an Eegees' welcome back freeze event, a BBQ sponsored by the Student Optics Chapter (SOck), and a Meinel scavenger hunt. Amber will be providing details of these events in Light Bytes.

What is Academic Programs? It is the office in Optical Sciences which you will likely interact the most when it comes to your academic career at The University of Arizona. Here are the people along with photos of the members of AP.

	<p>Brian Anderson Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs</p> <p>He is the Koshel of the graduate studies program. He also studies in the field of optical physics, in particular the area of Bose-Einstein condensates. He teaches a couple graduate courses, including OPTI 570 which is an introduction to quantum. You can find him in room 622 and at bpa@optics.arizona.edu.</p>
	<p>Ruth Corcoran Academic Office Assistant</p> <p>Ruth is likely the first AP person you will see when you enter the AP offices in 403. She can assist you with all things Optical Sciences or put you on track to get your questions answered. You can find her in room 403 and at rcorcoran@optics.arizona.edu.</p>



Jini Kandyil
Senior Academic Advisor

Jini is the Amber of the graduate program. She assists the graduate students with all the form, rules, policies, and their other requirements. You may want to chat with her if you are considering graduate school in Optical Sciences. You can find her in room 403B and at jini@optics.arizona.edu.



John Koshel
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs

He is the Anderson of the undergraduate domain. Visit with him when you need to talk undergrad issues. He teaches OPTI 306 – Radiometry, Sources, and Detectors; OPTI 100H – What is Light?, and OPTI 4/585 – Illumination Engineering. You can find him in room 403A and at jkoshel@optics.arizona.edu.



Hillary Mathis
Manager, Instructional Laboratories

Hillary runs the Teaching Labs and provides a wealth of assistance on outreach. So, if you need optics equipment, she is a go-to person in the College. She provides most of the equipment when we go out to do outreach in the community. You can find in her in room 434 and at hmathis@optics.arizona.edu.



Mike Nofziger
Professor and Outreach Coordinator

Dr. Mike knows OpSci. He teaches a number of undergraduate courses, including OPTI 201R, OPTI 201L, OPTI 202L, OPTI 380B, and also is a mentor for ENGR 498. You already know him or you will get to know him as you start taking optics courses. You can find him in room 412A and at nofziger@optics.arizona.edu.



Cindy Robertson
Distance Learning Program Coordinator

Cindy handles the distance learning program for the College. Currently the distance learning is only for the graduate program, which some 400-level courses take advantage of when they co-convene with the 500-level version. You can find her in room (419 but often in rooms 305 and 307) and at cindyr@optics.arizona.edu.



Mark Rodriguez
Manager, Academic Programs Finance and Operations

Mark handles a lot of the administrative and financial side of AP. For the administration this includes setting up of classes, reserving classrooms, and generally working with other units on campus. On the financial side he gets the TAs and RAs setup, and he can lead in the correct direction if you are a student worker. You can find him in room 412 and at mrod@optics.arizona.edu.



Katherine Schumann
Senior Events Coordinator

Katherine runs the events for the College, which includes Industrial Affiliates, Graduation, social get-togethers, and many other events. She also oversees the Optics Ambassador program. Finally, she just joined us this summer, so stop in and welcome her to OpSci. You can find her in room 406A and at katschu@optics.arizona.edu.



Amber Soergel
Senior Academic Advisor

Amber is the Jini of the undergraduate program. She assists you, the undergraduate students, with all the form, rules, policies, and other requirements. She is also the career advisor for the College. You may want to chat with her if you need assistance with something in the undergrad program. You can find her in room 403D and at asoergel@optics.arizona.edu.

Once again it is great to have you back. In the future I will talk about many others things. If you want to know about anything in particular, please just drop me a line.