



Shawn Bullard

Certificate of Nonprofit Management '00, MPA '02
President, Duetto Group, LLC

Industry Expertise: Lobbyist specializing in emerging technologies, disruptive innovation, and unmanned robotics.

Shawn Bullard is the founder and president of Duetto Group, which is a Capitol Hill-based government relations shop that advises CEOs who specialize in disruptive technologies, entrepreneurship and philanthropy.

He's a former VP of government relations for one of the oldest public relations firms in America, and before that served as a senior congressional staff member to a long-serving member of the House Armed Services Committee and Transportation Committee. He was an in-house lobbyist for the National Association of Counties for nearly a decade representing the nation's top 100 counties with annual budgets in excess of one-billion-dollars, including Fairfax, Montgomery and Arlington. He began his career as a television reporter at an ABC-TV affiliate 60 miles east of New Orleans, and continues to show his appreciation for the forth estate by serving as a leader at the National Press Club for more than 20 years. As a National Press Club committee chairman and elected member of the Board of Governors, he has sat down with some of the world's most recognizable newsmakers, such as Sir Richard Branson, JK Rowling and Henry Kissinger.



Chantée Christian

BA Communication '05
Senior Associate, Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC)

Industry Expertise: Communications; Public Relations; Strategy and Government Relations

Chantée received her B.A. in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations from George Mason University (GMU) and went on to attend Webster University where she graduated with an MBA. She has spent over 10 years in Federal Consulting specializing in Program Management earning her PMP, ITILv3 and CSM certifications along the way. Chantée currently serves as President of the Black Alumni Chapter at GMU; and as a board member for the GMU Alumni Association. She is also an extremely active volunteer for with the American Heart Association and MATHCOUNTS. As an Army brat born in Kansas, she considers herself a city girl with a country heart and a "foodie" who loves giving recommendations for the best places to eat, drink and explore throughout the Washington, DC metro area. When she's not working, Chantée spends as much time as she can traveling and trying out new activities.



Yoshie Davison

Master of Social Work '09
Chief of Staff, American Psychiatric Association

Industry Expertise: Mental Health; Executive Management; and Association Management

Yoshie Davison, M.S.W. is the Chief of Staff at the American Psychiatric Association (APA). She provides strategic leadership and direction for the Office of the CEO/Medical Director, and manages critical issues that have an impact on the membership organization and the mental health field. She was previously the Deputy Director of Leadership and Advocacy Initiatives and provided senior level support to APA leadership and assisted senior staff in implementing advocacy initiatives related to the Affordable Care Act, integrated care, mental health parity, and other initiatives that support APA members in their practice of psychiatry. Yoshie possesses over 18 years of medical association experience. While at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) from 2010 to 2014, she was the Director of the Research, Training, and Education Department where she managed programs that included pediatric psychopharmacology, workforce and recruitment, career development and awards, and federal grants and contracts. Prior to AACAP, she was with the APA from 1998 to 2010 working in the areas of research, governance, and government relations. Yoshie earned her BA from the University of Virginia and a MSW from George Mason University. She also served as an adjunct professor at George Mason University, Department of Social Work, instructing field practicum seminars on organizational design, systems transformation, leadership and change management, ethical decision-making, and conflict management.



Peter J. Farrell

BS Business Administration '79, MBA '85
Professor of Information Sciences and Technology,
George Mason University

*Industry Expertise: Business Management; IT;
Government Contracting*

Pete Farrell is a faculty member and course coordinator for Senior Design capstone courses in the Information Sciences & Technology Department. He has both a BS and MBA from Mason. Since his graduation from Mason he has served in many volunteer roles for George Mason University including Chair of the Annual Fund Committee, Member of the Leadership Committee for the 2005 Capital Campaign, President of the GMU Alumni Association, and currently as a member of the Volgenau School Alumni Board. He has been working at the University for eight years, initially as Alumni Relations Director, now as a member of the faculty. Mr. Farrell returned to Mason after military service, and a career in commercial and government IT consulting. He has had roles as a Business Analyst, Vice President of Finance, Vice President and General Manager, and Senior Vice President of IT Consulting. During the summer he volunteers as a sailing coach for Special Olympics.



Andy Gibson

BA History '92

Senior Consultant, Microsoft

Industry Expertise: Business, IT

Andy Gibson's start in IT began in 1987 when he enlisted in the Army Reserves as a 74D Computer Systems Operator where he learned to make punch cards, maintain giant impact printers, and support armored main frames on wheels. Since then Andy has held over a dozen jobs in IT ranging from "dot coms" to non-profits. He joined Microsoft four and a half years ago, and has supported Microsoft's federal government customers based out of Washington, DC. Andy's primary focus is on server infrastructure/platforms with a strong background in active directory.

Andy has been happily married for 20 years and has three beautiful children ages 17, 15, and 4. In his spare time, he is active with the George Mason University Alumni Association, where he has served on the Executive Board for the previous two years as both treasurer, and currently as secretary. Andy spent his childhood in Germany, the homeland of his mother, and has traveled throughout most of Europe. After his term in the Army, Andy took up a job as a tour manager for a rock band and has also travelled extensively throughout the United States.

Andy enjoys a challenge, meeting people, and helping people use technology to solve problems.



D. Bruce Johnsen, Ph.D.

Professor of Law,

Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University

Industry Expertise: Law and Economics

Bruce Johnsen is a Professor of Law at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University, a leading center for Law & Economics scholarship. Professor Johnsen holds a B.A, an M.A., and a Ph.D., all in Economics, from the University of Washington, as well as a J.D. from Emory University. His scholarship focuses on the economics of property rights, which allows him to address topics as diverse as antitrust, principal-agent relations, native American institutions, environmental practices, corporate finance and financial institutions, securities regulation, and business ethics. Professor Johnsen has held positions in the Department of Management at Texas A&M University, the Office of Economic Analysis at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commissions, and, before coming to George Mason University, the Department of Legal Studies at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He has published widely in peer-reviewed social science journals, law reviews, and the popular press.



Jake Hanson

BA History '01
Manager, Merito Group, LLC

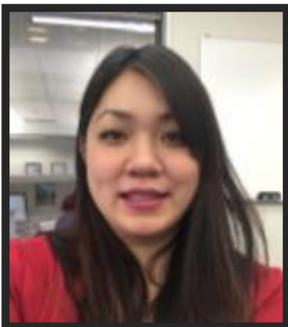
Industry Expertise: Human Resources; Talent Recruitment/Acquisition (IT, Accounting/Finance, Architecture, and Executive Search)

Jake Hanson has resided in the Washington, DC metro area since 1995 and has been an Executive Recruiter since 2004. He grew up on the East Coast of the United States as well as Europe giving him an appreciation of differing viewpoints and diverse cultures.

Jake has a well-rounded background in recruiting having spent half of his career in executive search and the other half in global talent acquisition in NORAM, EMEA, and LATAM. Jake has supervised and lead teams of recruiters, consultants, and talent acquisition professionals. In addition to supervising, Jake actively recruits professionals in accounting, finance, IT and other related disciplines.

Jake has managed and created pipeline strategies for several major National accounts and VMS programs. He is customer-focused and results driven. Jake combines his knowledge and experience in recruiting with passion and a strong sense of urgency for his clients.

Jake excels in matching and meeting client and candidate needs in order maintain a high level of client satisfaction. He enjoys coaching candidates through transition, helping them to understand the change can be a positive experience.



Emily Mark

Master of Public Administration '09
Program Manager, Transportation Security Administration

Industry Expertise: federal employment, acquisitions, program management, training and development, human resources

Emily Mark currently works at the Transportation Security Administration as a Program Manager supporting the acquisition of Transportation Security Equipment. She has worked within several agencies within the federal government as an Acquisition Program Manager including the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the Department of State. Emily Mark graduated from George Mason University in 2009 with a Master's in Public Administration.



Jason McDonough

MS Real Estate Development '15

Senior Vice President and Real Estate Lending Officer, Cardinal Bank

Industry Expertise: Real Estate, Finance, Fundraising, and Business Management

Jason R. McDonough is a senior vice president and real estate lending officer at Cardinal Bank. McDonough has been with Cardinal Bank since 2006 and has served in various positions on the Retail and Commercial side of the Bank. McDonough has been in the Real Estate Department since 2010 and specializes in financing residential acquisition, development, and construction projects for home builders and investors in the Northern Virginia market. A native to Northern Virginia, McDonough holds a BS from Virginia Tech, and was a 2012 Honors Graduate of the Virginia Bankers Association School of Bank Management, where he also served as Class Secretary. McDonough recently received his Master of Science in Real Estate Development from George Mason University where he was named Most Outstanding Student in the program in 2015. He represented Mason as the coach in the 2015 NAIOP Capital Challenge Real Estate Case Competition where his team took top honors. McDonough gives back to the business community through his service as a board member of HomeAid Northern Virginia, and as a Steering Committee member of the Cardinal Bank Charity Classic, Cardinal's signature fundraising event. McDonough also serves on the board of the Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association (NVBIA).



Rachel Schott

Master of Public Policy '14

Senior Consultant, BRMi

Industry Expertise: Federal Government, Information Governance, and Information Security

Rachel works as a strategic planning consultant for the Federal government. Her focus includes information governance and information security, and consults for a number of Federal Agencies on policy implementation surrounding the classification and maintenance of the government's information. Rachel is also a board member of the Schar School Alumni Board and serves as the Events Chairperson. Prior to moving to the D.C. area, she lived abroad in England, Switzerland, and South Korea.

Rachel graduated from George Mason University's Master of Public Policy program in May 2014 with an emphasis in national security policy. During her time at GMU, she served as the President for the Graduate and Professional Student Association. Rachel's hobbies include exercise and travel, and she is a huge believer in facts. She is originally from New Orleans and received her undergraduate degree in Political Communications from Louisiana State University.



Ngai Zhang

Intellectual Property Attorney
Pillsbury Law

Industry Expertise: Intellectual Property Law; Global Sourcing Law; Virtual Worlds & Video Games Law; and Blue Tech

Ngai Zhang is a counsel in the Pillsbury Law's Intellectual Property practice and advises clients of all sizes—from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies—on many aspects of intellectual property, internet, and technology law, including matters involving patents, copyright, trademark, trade secrets, open source, technology transactions, terms of service and privacy policies agreements, and sweepstakes and contests.

Given his engineering and science background and his years of work with clients developing their intellectual property around their different products, Ngai has a keen understanding of diverse technological areas, including artificial intelligence and machine learning, bitcoin and blockchain, cybersecurity, cloud computing, connectivity, consumer products, navigation and geolocation, medical devices and health-related applications, speech recognition and natural language processing, social media, virtual, augmented, and mixed realities, and video games.

Ngai has extensive practice working with technology transactions, patent portfolio management and prosecution, and patent post-grant review and litigation. He received a B.S. in Computer Engineering from the University of Maryland, College park; and earned his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law, graduating cum laude.