



Name: Mariette Buchman

Years at Penn: 10

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Job title (and brief description of job duties):

Director of Design and Construction, I manage directly and indirectly, the design and construction activities for projects that are initiated by Schools and Centers in Penn. Specifically, SVM (Philadelphia campus and New Bolton), Law, Nursing, SDM, Penn Design, GSE, Annenberg School, APPC, SSPP, and Business Services (Residential, Dining, Parking and Transportation, Morris Arboretum)

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

I have attended lectures on architecture, geology, museum collections and attended many management seminars.

Have any family members attended Penn (i.e. children, spouse)?

One son who will be Penn 2017 graduate from SEAS in Computer Science. One daughter who will be Penn 2020 graduate from SEAS, (perhaps Mechanical Engineering).

What is your proudest achievement, personal or while working at Penn?

Managing the installation of the Tree Canopy project at Morris Arboretum in 2010 and the New College House at Hill Field in 2016.

What is your favorite building on campus?

Tree Canopy project at Morris Arboretum and the New College House at Hill Field.

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

The benefit that I most enjoy and utilize is that if they don't already have it available, you can order any book(s) you want from the Penn Library interlibrary loan system. You specify online and they notify you when it can be picked up. It's terrific!

Favorite place on campus to eat/drink? ...to shop? ...to sit quietly? ...to gather with friends/coworkers?

I like the crepe place in Houston Hall, Distrito for drinks and Sweetgreen salads as often as possible. The thai fusion food cart at Sansom and 32nd is terrific.

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

I can whistle really loudly and I'm pretty good at sweating copper pipe fittings.

What is your most favorable characteristic or trait?

Honesty, integrity and practicality.

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

Go sailing, listen to NPR, laugh and eat with my three kids and husband.

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

Honesty, integrity and practicality.

If you had an opportunity to shadow another FRES employee for a day, which department/job/person would you choose?

The Urban Park Area Manager.