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Job title (and brief description of job duties):

Administrator of institutional real estate leases in which Penn is the Tenant.

Penn leases @1,500,000+ square feet of various types for programs and uses that are not accommodated on Penn's actual campus. These spaces are located in other areas in Pennsylvania, such as Harrisburg, Lamb's Gap, Glenolden, Bryn Mawr, Berwyn, and the New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, in other states including New Jersey, California, Washington, DC, and internationally, in Gaborone, Botswana, and Beijing, China.

Each of these spaces involves a lease, a landlord (or several, over time!), obligations, payments, paperwork, issues, resolutions, and the development of relationships to make the best of the years of interactions supporting the many needs and missions of the University. Most importantly, there is an "end user", a School/Center, whom we support in managing documentation, negotiation, obligations, payments so that these users can stay focused on their purpose.

Additionally, we provide reports – information and tools that are used by the Schools/Centers in budget and occupancy planning, year-end reports for the Comptroller's Office and the University's Auditors. We reconcile estimated annual operating expenses for each calendar year.

My purpose is to serve the University and support the rest of its excellent team in the Institutional Real Estate department.

Have you taken any classes, received a degree, or attended any lectures at Penn? If so, please describe... A random lecture from (long) time to (long) time

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

I thought there was a chance that my great-great uncle, a doctor, had attended the Medical School, but I cannot find any actual evidence of that. Oh, well!

What are your favorite things to do in your free time, outside of work? Writing, drawing/painting, reading, Adventures with my Grandson (who, since he was 1-1/2, thought he worked for FRES, and aspires one day to drive the Baby Streetsweeper).

What is the best lesson you ever learned? "A year from now we will know how this all turned out, if we even remember to think about it."

– A good lesson when stressing over something you think you can't deal with or live through.

What characteristic or trait do you most value in your colleagues? Intelligence, kindness, loyalty.

What is your motto, words to live by, or best advice? "Look forward to looking back on this."

If you had an opportunity to shadow another FRES employee for a day, which department/job/person would you choose? David Hollenberg, the University Architect.