Jamie Breen. A fourth generation Angelena who spent way too much time on the East Coast, Jamie serves as the Assistant Dean for MBA Programs for Working Professionals, which includes the MBA for Executives program and the Evening & Weekend MBA program. Prior to Haas, Jamie was a Managing Director at Accenture, working with clients on large-scale organizational change.

Emma Hayes Daftary. A Bay Area transplant with Midwestern sensibilities, Emma is the Director of Academics and Student Experience. Previous to joining EMBA, Emma ran a National AmeriCorps Program, staffed a member of the Obama Administration, and earned a MSW and Masters in Theological Studies from Boston College. She spends her free time keeping up with her 5 month old son.

Kirsten Berzon. An Oakland/Berkeley native, Kirsten is the Associate Director of Events and Experiential Learning. Previous to joining EMBA, Kirsten spent 22 years in the event management field working for a variety of non-profit and event management firms, including the Berkeley-Haas Entrepreneurship Program. Kirsten plans and implements your five Field Immersions, working with our world-class faculty to create transformative experiences outside of the classroom.

Vanessa Martini. A San Jose native with an East Coast sense of humor, Vanessa spent four years on the EMBA admissions team, and is currently the Associate Director of Student Experience. She looks forward to connecting students to resources available at Haas and UC Berkeley, and to helping the Class of 2019 develop a deep sense of community and connection.

Lisa Robinson: Originally from the Seattle area, Lisa manages the electives component of the EMBA program as the Associate Director of Academics. When she is not actively supporting EMBA students, Lisa can be found competing in triathlons and marathons (finances and knees permitting!) and searching for the perfect marinara sauce.

Adrian Ramos. Born and raised in the Bay Area, Adrian joined the EMBA Program in May as the Assistant Director of Academics. Previous to working with EMBA, Adrian spent 20 years working in a number of Student Services roles in higher education, including five years with the Haas Office of Financial Aid. Adrian orchestrates the academic details and logistics for your Core EMBA Experience.

Andrew Scarbeary-Simmons. Originally from Denver, Andrew spent several years in Manhattan before moving to Berkeley. Andrew has served as a Program Coordinator for 2.5 years, planning and implementing EMBA’s hotel, transportation, and catering logistics. Prior to joining EMBA, Andrew held roles in tech, bakeries, and insurance companies, and graduated from University of Colorado in 2009 with an MBA.

Lorena Ferguson. Originally from Northern California, Lorena is a UC Berkeley alum with a degree in Cognitive Science. She joined EMBA as the Experiential Learning Project Coordinator in 2017, and supports Kirsten in the planning and implementation of the EMBA Immersive Learning Experiences. Lorena plans on applying to Neuroscience PhD programs to begin in Fall 2019, with a focus on Alzheimer’s research.