

Layne Shaffer and Becky Hollerman join ATS as newest staff members

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The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is pleased to announce two new staff appointments, further strengthening our organization and better positioning us to fulfill the mission and strategic priorities set by the ATS Board of Directors. Organizational enhancements such as these continue to be significant as we position ATS to best serve our membership now and into the future.

Program assistant for culture and community engagement

ATS welcomes Layne Shaffer as our new program assistant for culture and community engagement. She provides administrative and technical support for the Committee on Race and Ethnicity, the Global Awareness and Engagement Initiative, Women in Leadership, and various racial/ethnic affinity groups. She brings to this position experience in event planning, art exhibit curation, communications, and project management.

Shaffer is a University of Pittsburgh graduate with a BA in religious studies and the history of art and architecture. She honed her skills working at various nonprofit organizations in the Pittsburgh area. Her professional and personal interests lie in the intersections of modern and contemporary art and religion.

According to Elsie Miranda, ATS director of culture and community engagement, "Layne is an essential addition to our staff. She demonstrates the highest level of cultural competency, and she possesses a strong commitment to issues of diversity and equity."

Business office assistant

Becky Hollerman has joined the ATS staff in support of the business office. Her tasks include the review of billing statements, invoices, and other business-related



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documents for accuracy. She also is responsible for data entry management of accounts payable, billing, and accounts receivable. Hollerman brings a gift and love for filing and business administration, which complements her keen attention to detail and organizational skills.

Hollerman's prior experience includes working the IT help desk for Bechtel Plant Machinery Inc. She has also served as treasurer for the ARK preschool at Community United Methodist Church in Harrison City.

Hollerman earned a BS in mathematics from Penn State Behrend with minors in computer science and management information systems.

"We're happy to welcome Becky to our team," said Jeff Straits, ATS director of administration and chief financial officer. "As our organization continues to grow, it's essential to bring on team members who demonstrate precision, dedication, and a strong grasp of business operations. Becky brings all of that and more."



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