

Andrew G. Schmidt



Andrew Schmidt is the Development Officer in the Office of Advancement and adjunct faculty in the Department of English, Technical Communications, and Media Arts at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) in Marietta, Georgia. For eight years prior to joining SPSU in May 2010, Andrew worked as a fundraising professional for several nonprofit organizations in the Atlanta area. Previous positions include Development Officer at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Associate Director at The Carter Center, and Development Coordinator at Kennesaw State University (KSU).

Andrew's work experience began in higher education and broadened to include cultural and humanitarian organizations. This breadth of opportunities has provided a solid background for him to return to his passion: working for the advancement of higher education. In addition to his fundraising duties, Andrew also teaches an undergraduate course in technical writing at SPSU.

Fundraising activities in his current and previous positions have included major gifts solicitation, annual fund management, and capital campaign development. Andrew has traveled throughout the country meeting with donors, potential donors, and alumni; he finds the experience of meeting new people with whom he shares a common interest to be the most valuable element of his career.

Academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution and a Master of Arts degree in Professional Writing, both from Kennesaw State University. During the 2009-2010 academic year, while enrolled in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in the Coles College of Business at KSU, Andrew was awarded the W. Wyman Pilcher, Jr. Scholarship.

In addition to various graduate student and alumni associations, Andrew is an active member of the Greater Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the Georgia Education Advancement Council, the Georgia Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution, and is registered by the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution as a neutral in the State of Georgia.

When he finds spare time, Andrew enjoys walking to bars in his Virginia-Highland neighborhood, catching up with friends, swimming, and spoiling his goddaughter. Previous pastimes have included riding his motorcycle through north Georgia and sailing his Catalina 22 on Lake Allatoona. The Schmidt family includes two dogs (Rocco and Lola), a brother who lives in London, and parents who live in Alpharetta.