



**Virtual Work and Life Skills Boot Camp**  
***Life, Study and Work in the Time of Pandemic***  
**Friday, September 25, 2020 10am–3:30pm (approximate)**  
**Agenda**

**10:00-10:10am**      ***Welcome Remarks***

- **Mick Weltman, Executive Director, Associated Colleges of Illinois**
- **Lyn Bulman, Chairman, Associated Colleges of Illinois, Executive Vice President, Global Human Resources (retired)**
- **Leslie Joan Millenson, Director, Special Projects, Associated Colleges of Illinois**
- **Cindy Morales, Manager, Operations & Research, Associated Colleges of Illinois**

**10:10-10:50am**      ***Identifying and Managing Stress in the Time of Pandemic***

**Gabriel Ruiz, MA, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)** serves on the faculty of the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis, the Institute for Clinical Social Work, and visiting faculty at the Saint Louis Psychoanalytic Institute. He maintains a private practice in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy with children, adolescents, and adults in Chicago. His areas of interest include technique, development, culture, and dreams. Ruiz is a first-generation college graduate, earning his BA at Texas Tech University and his MA at ACI-member Concordia University-Chicago. He also holds a Certificate in Psychoanalysis from Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis.

**10:50am-11:30am**      ***Virtual Opportunities Knock – Part One -- Internships for the Virtual World***

How can you build a resume rich in authentic on-the-job experiences even when a world-wide pandemic confines you to your bedroom? With Micro-Internships, you don't have to miss out on opportunities than can support a successful career launch.

**Kristin Schrader, Director of University Engagement for Parker Dewey** collaborates with universities and nonprofit associations across the country who are interested in engaging students, employer partners and alumni in Micro-Internship opportunities. She also serves as an adjunct professor for University of Maryland Global Campus teaching courses on college success and career planning. Schrader earned her BS in business administration at The Ohio

**Parker Dewey ([www.ParkerDewey.com](http://www.ParkerDewey.com)) provides career launchers (college/grad students and recent graduates) the opportunity to participate in Micro-Internships.** These professional, paid, short-term assignments help students demonstrate their skills and grit, explore careers and develop their networks as they seek internships and full-time roles. For institutions of higher education, data from Parker Dewey Micro-Internships can help align curricula with in-demand job skills. For companies, Micro-

Internships provide immediate support, while also helping identify and evaluate job candidates, including those from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds and programs.

**11:35am -12:25pm      *Virtual Opportunities Knock – Part Two -- ACI’s Career Mentoring Program***

Associated Colleges of Illinois’ virtual Career Mentoring Program matches students with business leaders who can help them build their brands and guide them through basic business etiquette and other key success factors.

**Aaron Adams is a Partner and Mentoring Expert at Mentoring Complete.** Described as a passionate and motivated professional with a variety interests in the field of industrial organizational psychology and helping people in the workplace, Adams has a wide breadth of experience in talent development/ management roles, including consulting with large, small and start-up organizations. He was previously Director of People Solutions for IMPACT Group, Organizational Development Consultant for Express Scripts, and consulted with Polaris Assessment Systems, Inc., Right Management, and many others. Adams earned a master’s in industrial/organizations psychology from Wayne State University.

**MentoringComplete is the most comprehensive mentoring solution on the market today.**

MentoringComplete’s system uses focus areas, personal characteristics, mentoring roles, and other criteria to make sure that a match is “right” for the mentee and the mentor.

**12:30 – 1:00pm      *Lunch Break***

**1:00pm – 1:45pm      *Getting Started in a Virtual Work World***

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many people have started new jobs and internships remotely, without the benefit of learning the job in-person, supported by colleagues working together in an office. What challenges have they faced, and how have they dealt with those challenges?

**Moderator: Jerry Pinotti is Director of Career Services at Concordia University Chicago,** where he helps students acquire the skills necessary to find their vocation and passion. During his more than a decade at Concordia, the university has increased the number of professional career opportunities, as well as the number of students who feel more certain about their career path. Previously, Pinotti taught marketing, management and finance at MacCormac College and Purdue University Calumet.

**Panelists:** *(Panel in formation; additional participants TBA)*

- **Sarah Johnson, a neurobiology and English literature major at Northwestern University ('22)** recently completed a remote internship at Lynn Hazan & Associates. She worked summer 2019 as Assistant Camp Director for Little Beans Café activity and play space.
- **R'Mon Harvell, Marketing Analyst, Citi (Berea College '20)** began his first post-graduation job remotely at Citi, June 2020. Harvell has held summer jobs with J.P. Morgan Chase Co., City of Berea (Kentucky) Economic Development Department and Entrepreneurship for the Public Good. On campus, he led the Black Male Leadership Initiative, a seminar series developing emotional intelligence, strength and independence among undergraduate men.

**1:50-2:30pm**

***The Job Market in the Era of COVID-19***

What can you expect from the job market in the wake of the pandemic? What are the hot jobs? Where should you look for them? What should you expect? What do employers expect?

**Lynn Hazan, President, Lynn Hazan & Associates, Inc. has been an executive recruiter for 35 years.** Her philosophy of recruitment is built on relationship marketing – maintaining long-term relationships with both clients and candidates to ensure successful placements. Deeply involved in the professional community, Hazan was awarded the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award by DePaul University's Driehaus College of Business-Marketing Advisory Council and serves on the council's executive board. She has spoken before many business, marketing and communications groups. A professional storyteller and published author, Hazan performs throughout the United States, Canada and around the world for audiences of all ages.

**Lynn Hazan & Associates (LH&A) is an award-winning executive search and consulting firm** specializing in marketing and communications placement. The firm represents employers nationwide, with a focus on Chicago and the Midwest. Clients include Fortune 500s, corporations, agencies, entrepreneurial firms and not-for-profits. It places candidates in full-time, part-time, project-based and temp-to-perm positions. LH&A offers employers recruiting, outplacement consulting and workshop presentations.

**2:40-3:30pm**

***Understanding and Taking Control of Your Personal Finances***

How will you manage your student loan debt and build your financial future in an uncertain landscape?

**Brian Walsh, Manager of Financial Planning, leads SoFi's financial planning efforts.** A self-proclaimed financial-planning nerd, Walsh leverages research, member feedback and past experience to deliver advice that is both meaningful and practical. He is currently a student in Kansas State University's Personal Financial Planning PhD program, and is a Certified Financial Planner™ Professional. Brian also has his Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU) and Chartered Advisor for Senior Living (CASL) designations and Master's in Financial Services from the American College. Prior to joining SoFi, Brian was the director of financial planning solutions at TIAA and was responsible for the planning approach used to deliver over 100,000 financial plans per year to clients.

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**3:30-3:35**

***Wrap Up***

- **Leslie Joan Millenson, Director, Special Projects, Associated Colleges of Illinois**