



THE COACHING STAFF



THE BILL CUBIT FILE

HOMETOWN

Sharon Hill, Pa.

BIRTHDATE

Oct. 14, 1953

FAMILY

Wife: Nancy

Son: Ryan

Daughters: Stacey and Sheri

EDUCATION

B.S., business administration –
Delaware, 1975

M.S., education – St. Joseph's, 1981

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Delaware, 1971-74

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

2008 Texas Bowl

2007 International Bowl

1989 Freedom Bowl

1974 NCAA College Division runner-up

1971 Boardwalk Bowl

BILL CUBIT

INTERIM HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, '75

THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Bill Cubit was named interim head coach at Illinois on August 28, 2015. Cubit also will serve as offensive coordinator, his third season in that role for the Fighting Illini. He spent his first two seasons in Champaign-Urbana working with the quarterbacks in addition to offensive coordinator duties.

Illinois boasted one of the top passing offenses in the Big Ten in 2014, ranking second in the conference in passing yards per game (249.8) and completion percentage (61.21 percent), and sixth in passing efficiency. The Illini rushed for a season-high 291 yards in the regular-season finale at Northwestern, the most since running for 308 yards at Indiana on Oct. 8, 2011.

Cubit guided the Illini offense to a dramatic improvement in his first year, as Illinois jumped at least 50 spots in the national rankings from 2012 to 2013 in first downs, passing offense, long scrimmage plays, total offense, passing efficiency and scoring offense, with the biggest turnaround a 95-place leap in first downs per game. His 2013 unit ranked third in school history in passing yards per game (287.7) and fourth in total yards per game (426.7) and points per game (29.7). Quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase posted the third-most yards of total offense in a season in school history under Cubit in 2013 and broke the school record for completion percentage.

Cubit came to Illinois in January 2013 following an eight-year stint as head coach at Western Michigan. Cubit led WMU to a 51-47 overall record and three bowls during his tenure in Kalamazoo.

Cubit's 2011 Western Michigan squad set records for points (459), touchdowns (58), pass attempts (554), completions (369), passing yards (4,385), total yards (5,960), offensive plays (945), first downs (320), passing first downs (204), kick returns (63), kick return yardage (1,409) and total return yards (1,658). In 2010, two of his receivers (Juan Nunez and Jordan White) topped 1,000 yards in receiving, before White earned consensus All-America honors in 2011 while leading the nation in receiving yards and receptions.

Cubit brings 34 years of coaching experience, including 17 years as a head coach on the collegiate and high school level. He also has spent eight years as an offensive coordinator at five NCAA Division I schools



working the sidelines in five of the nation's premier conferences (BIG EAST, Big 12, Mid-American, PAC-10 and Southeastern).

Prior to returning to Western Michigan as head coach in 2004, Cubit served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Stanford in 2003, directing a Cardinal offense that ranked 28th in NCAA passing (247.3 yards per game). Prior to his time at Stanford, Cubit served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Rutgers (2001-02) and at Missouri in 2000.

In his first stint at WMU from 1997-99, Cubit oversaw an offense that ranked in the NCAA Top 25 in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense in back-to-back seasons. In 1998, the Broncos were the nation's 20th-highest scoring team with an average of 32.7 points per game, and were 20th in the nation in 1999 with an average of 31.1 points per game. His quarterback during that period was Tim Lester, who finished fifth in NCAA career passing yards (11,299) and seventh in career touchdown passes (87).

Cubit's head coaching experience includes five seasons (1992-96) at Division III Widener University in Philadelphia, Pa. He led the Pioneers to a 34-18-1 mark, two Middle American Conference championships and a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances while twice being named conference coach of the year.

Other collegiate stops for Cubit include two years (1990-91) as running backs coach at Akron, a season (1989) as quarterbacks coach at Florida, three seasons as assistant head coach (1985) and the secondary coach (1983-85) at Central Florida and two years (1975-76) coaching running backs and receivers at Swarthmore College. As a high school coach, Cubit compiled a nine-year record of 79-15-2 at three different programs - Martin County (Fla.), Academy Park (Pa.) and his alma mater, Sharon Hill.

A Sharon Hill, Pa., native, Cubit (61 years old/DOB: 10-14-1953) earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Delaware in 1975. He played quarterback and wide receiver for the Blue Hens (1971-74), earning Associated Press All-America honorable mention in 1974. He also set school records for catches in a game (10) and a season (47), along with receiving yards in a season (787).

In 1981, he earned a master's degree in education from Saint Joseph's University. Cubit and his wife, Nancy, have three grown children: Stacey - who was married on March 3, 2007 - Sheri and Ryan, who is an assistant coach for the Fighting Illini. Cubit also has three grandchildren.



The Cubit Family in August 2015 (left to right): Bill, Nancy and Ryan. Not pictured: Stacey and Sheri

THE BILL CUBIT FILE

CUBIT'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-	Illinois (interim head coach/offensive coordinator)
2013-14	Illinois (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2005-12	Western Michigan (head coach)
2003-04	Stanford (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2001-02	Rutgers (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2000	Missouri (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1997-99	Western Michigan (offensive coordinator)
1992-96	Widener (head coach)
1990-91	Akron (running backs)
1989	Florida (quarterbacks)
1985	Central Florida (assistant head coach/secondary)
1983-84	Central Florida (secondary)
1975-76	Swarthmore College (running backs/receivers)

CUBIT'S DIVISION I HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONF.	CONF. FINISH	BOWL
2005	Western Michigan	7-4	5-3	T-3rd (MAC West)	
2006	Western Michigan	8-5	6-2	2nd (MAC West)	International
2007	Western Michigan	5-7	3-4	T-3rd (MAC West)	
2008	Western Michigan	9-4	6-2	T-2nd (MAC West)	Texas
2009	Western Michigan	5-7	4-4	3rd (MAC West)	
2010	Western Michigan	6-6	5-3	3rd (MAC West)	
2011	Western Michigan	7-6	5-3	3rd (MAC West)	Little Caesars
2012	Western Michigan	4-8	2-6	5th (MAC West)	
2015	Illinois	0-0	0-0		
TOTAL	8+ YEARS	51-47	38-27	-	3 BOWLS



Cubit was named 2005 MAC Coach of the Year in 2005, his first season as head coach at Western Michigan.



Cubit has rejuvenated the Fighting Illini offense since coming to Illinois as offensive coordinator in 2013.

CUBIT VS. OPPONENTS (as Division I head coach)

Akron.....	3-1	.750	Minnesota.....	0-1	.000
Ball State.....	3-5	.375	Missouri.....	0-1	.000
Bowling Green.....	3-0	1.000	Nebraska.....	0-1	.000
Buffalo.....	3-1	.750	Nicholls State.....	2-0	1.000
Central Connecticut State.....	1-0	1.000	North Carolina.....	0-0	
Central Michigan.....	3-5	.375	Northern Illinois.....	3-5	.375
Cincinnati.....	0-1	.000	Northwestern.....	0-0	
Connecticut.....	2-0	1.000	Notre Dame.....	0-1	.000
Eastern Illinois.....	1-0	1.000	Ohio.....	1-1	.500
Eastern Michigan.....	4-4	.500	Ohio State.....	0-0	.000
Florida State.....	0-1	.000	Penn State.....	0-0	.000
Hofstra.....	1-0	1.000	Purdue.....	0-1	.000
Idaho.....	1-1	.500	Rice.....	0-1	.000
Illinois.....	1-2	.333	Southern Illinois.....	1-0	1.000
Indiana.....	0-3	.000	Temple.....	4-0	1.000
Iowa.....	1-0	1.000	Tennessee Tech.....	1-0	1.000
Kent State.....	2-2	.500	Toledo.....	4-4	.500
Massachusetts.....	1-0	1.000	Virginia.....	1-1	.500
Miami (OH).....	3-0	1.000	West Virginia.....	0-1	.000
Michigan.....	0-2	.000	Western Illinois.....	0-0	
Michigan State.....	0-2	.000	Wisconsin.....	0-0	
Middle Tennessee State.....	0-0		Total.....	51-47	.520



TIM BANKS

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / SECONDARY

CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 1995

FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE BANKS FILE

HOMETOWN

Detroit, Mich.

BIRTHDATE

Dec. 16, 1971

FAMILY

Wife: Robin

EDUCATION

B.S., industrial management –
Central Michigan, 1995

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Central Michigan, 1991-94

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl
2011 Liberty Bowl
2010 GMAC Bowl
2008 Motor City Bowl
2007 Motor City Bowl
2006 Champs Sports Bowl
2004 Gator Bowl

Tim Banks is in his fourth season at Illinois in 2015, serving as co-defensive coordinator and coaching the Fighting Illini secondary. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois. In 2015, he participated in the Championship Forum hosted by the NCAA and NFL.

Three players from the 2012 Illini defense were selected in the 2013 NFL Draft, with Akeem Spence going to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the fourth round, Terry Hawthorne being picked by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the fifth round and Michael Buchanan being selected by the New England Patriots in the seventh round.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Banks spent two seasons at Cincinnati as a co-defensive coordinator and the previous three as defensive coordinator at Central Michigan.

Under his guidance, the Bearcats improved 33 spots from 2010 to 2011 in the rushing defense national statistical rankings, from No. 39 to No. 6, and moved up 21 spots in total defense, from No. 63 to No. 42. Cincinnati led the nation in tackles for loss in 2011 after ranking No. 38 the year before and also ranked No. 2 nationally in sacks in 2011, up from No. 38 in 2010. UC improved 48 spots in scoring defense from No. 68 in 2010 to No. 20 in 2011 and jumped 110 spots in turnover margin from No. 119 in 2010 to No. 9 in 2011, largely as a result of forcing 33 turnovers in 2011 compared to 14 in 2010.

Cincinnati also improved 62 spots in pass efficiency defense from 2010 to 2011, moving from No. 106 to No. 44. After finishing 4-8 in 2010, the Bearcats rebounded to post a 10-3 record in 2011, including a win over Vanderbilt in the 2011 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

At Cincy, Banks coached 2011 Big East Co-Defensive Player of the Year and current Denver Broncos defensive end Derek Wolfe as well as first-team All-Big East selections Drew

Frey and JK Schaefer. Following the 2011 season, he was nominated for the Broyles Award for assistant coach of the year.

Banks' 2009 Central Michigan defense led the Mid-American Conference in scoring defense (18.9), ranked second in rushing defense (122.8), third in pass efficiency defense (117.4), and fourth in total defense (344.2) as the team went 12-2 overall and 8-0 in the MAC.

The Chippewas led the MAC in rush defense in both 2007 and 2008, and the 2008 defensive unit led the conference in sacks with 35.

Four players earned first-team all-MAC honors during Banks' tenure: linebackers Red Keith and Ike Brown in 2007 and linebacker Nick Bellore and defensive end Frank Zombo in both 2008 and 2009.

CMU generated five turnovers in a game three times during a two-season span, including a seven-turnover effort against Army in 2007. Cornerback Josh Gordy tied a school record with three interceptions in that game against the Cadets.

Following the 2007 season, Banks was invited to participate in the NCAA Expert Coaches Academy.

Prior to CMU, Banks spent four seasons at the University of Maryland (2003-06) before returning to his alma mater. He coached the Terrapins' secondary in 2006 after spending his first three seasons with the inside linebackers.

Under his guidance, linebacker D'Qwell Jackson was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference first-team selection (2004-05), ACC Defensive Player of the Year (2005) and a Bednarik Award finalist (2005).

Jackson (Cleveland Browns) is one of three players Banks coached at Maryland who played in the NFL. The others are linebacker David Holloway (Arizona Cardinals) and cornerback Josh Wilson (Seattle Seahawks).

Prior to Maryland, Banks spent two seasons as an assistant at the University of Memphis (2001-02) and two years at Bowling Green (1999-00). At Memphis, the Tigers ranked ninth in Division I-A in pass defense in 2002 – his only season working with the cornerbacks.

Banks was a four-year letterman and two-time All-MAC second-team selection (1993-94) at Central Michigan. Banks was a co-captain for the Chippewas' 1994 MAC championship team and led the 1993 team in tackles with 105. He graduated from Central Michigan in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in industrial management.

BANKS YEAR-BY-YEAR

2012-	Illinois (defensive coordinator/secondary)
2010-11	Cincinnati (co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs)
2007-09	Central Michigan (defensive coordinator)
2003-06	Maryland (defensive backs, 2006; inside linebackers, 2003-05)
2001-02	Memphis (defensive backs, 2002; outside linebackers, 2001)
1999-2000	Bowling Green (defensive backs, 2000; running backs, 1999)
1997-98	Ferris State (defensive backs)
1996	Bowling Green (graduate assistant)



MIKE PHAIR

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / DEFENSIVE LINE

ARIZONA STATE, 1994

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE PHAIR FILE

HOMETOWN

Mesa, Ariz.

BIRTHDATE

Nov. 8, 1969

FAMILY

Wife: Jen

Sons: Parker, Coleman

Daughters: Maisy, Ava

EDUCATION

B.A., sociology – Arizona State, 1994

M.S., secondary education curriculum and instruction – Arizona State, 2000

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Mesa Community College, 1988-89

Arizona State, 1990-92

BOWL GAMES

1989 Valley of the Sun Shrine Bowl

1999 Aloha Bowl

2000 Aloha Bowl

NFL HIGHLIGHTS

2002 Super Bowl Champions

(Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

2005 NFC Champions

(Seattle Seahawks)

Mike Phair is in his first year as the co-defensive coordinator and defensive line coach at Illinois after being hired in February 2015. Phair came to Illinois following 13 years in the NFL, including the last seven as an assistant coach.

Phair spent the 2014 season as assistant defensive line coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he helped coach a group that tallied 33 sacks, tied for the fourth-most by any defensive line in the NFL. The Buccaneers defensive line, which included former Illini Akeem Spence, accounted for 91.7 percent of the team's total sacks - second-highest in the league. He also coached Gerald McCoy, who was selected to the Pro Bowl and recorded 8.5 sacks.

Phair joined the Buccaneers following three seasons with the Chicago Bears (2011-13) as the defensive line coach. While with the Bears, Phair coached Pro Bowlers Julius Peppers (2011, 2012) and Henry Melton (2012). His 2012 defense led the NFL with 44 takeaways.

Prior to joining Chicago, Phair spent six seasons with Seattle, three as a coach (2008-10) and three as an area scout (2005-07), working with the team during its 2005 NFC Championship season. Phair began his NFL coaching career in 2008 with Seattle as an assistant linebackers coach. In 2009, Phair became the assistant defensive line coach and in his last season with Seattle (2010), Phair worked with the defensive line as the defensive assistant.

In his first stint with Buccaneers (2002-04), Phair spent time in the front office as a college scout, including working with the staff during the 2002 Super Bowl XXVII championship season.

Before getting into the NFL ranks, Phair started his coaching career as a graduate assistant (1999-2000) for his alma mater, Arizona State, working with the defensive line and coaching Terrell Suggs, who earned All-America honors. After coaching at Arizona State, Phair went on to be the linebackers and special teams coach at Tiffin University (Tiffin, Ohio) in 2001.

Phair played collegiately at Arizona State (1990-92), earning a starting spot at linebacker after joining the team as a walk-on. He began his playing career with Mesa Community College (1988-89), where was an all-conference linebacker.

Phair earned his bachelor's degree in sociology at Arizona State in 1994 and a master's in secondary education curriculum and instruction from ASU in 2000.

PHAIR YEAR-BY-YEAR

2015-	Illinois (co-defensive coordinator/defensive line coach)
2014	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (assistant defensive line coach)
2011-13	Chicago Bears (defensive line coach)
2010	Seattle Seahawks (defensive assistant coach)
2009	Seattle Seahawks (assistant defensive line coach)
2008	Seattle Seahawks (assistant linebackers coach)
2005-07	Seattle Seahawks (Area Scout - West)
2002-04	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (College Scout)
2001	Tiffin (Ohio) University (linebackers/special teams coach)
1999-2000	Arizona State (graduate assistant/defensive line)



MIKE BELLAMY

WIDE RECEIVERS

ILLINOIS, 1990

FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Mike Bellamy begins his fourth season on Tim Beckman's staff and third in a coaching role, as he was promoted to wide receivers coach in February 2013 after serving one year as assistant director of player personnel and relations.

Under Bellamy's guidance, freshman receiver Mike Dudek burst onto the scene in 2014, as the newcomer posted a team-high 76 catches with six touchdowns and 1,038 yards, which broke Arrelious Benn's school record for receiving yards by a freshman (676 in 2007). He was named second-team All-Big Ten, first-team Freshman All-America by Scout.com and first-team True-Freshman All-America by ESPN.com and 247sports.

In 2013, Bellamy molded an unheralded group of receivers into one that helped Illinois record the most total passing yards in a season in school history (3,452) and third-most passing yards per game (287.7). He guided Steve Hull's transition from defensive back to receiver in Hull's final season, helping him rank in the top 10 in school history in season receiving yards (993), season touchdown catches (seven) and season 100-yard receiving games (five). Hull also was the nation's most prolific receiver over the final four weeks of the season, posting 653 yards and six touchdowns on 40 catches (16.3 ypc) during that span.

In his role with the Fighting Illini in 2012, Bellamy coordinated all former player events, assisted with on-campus recruiting and recruiting mailings, helped coordinate the annual Illinois high school coaching clinic and coordinated all functions with Block I, fraternities and sororities. He immediately served as a bridge between Beckman's staff and former Illini players, coaches and staff across the country, building numerous relationships.

As a player at Illinois (1988 and '89), Bellamy was a second-team All-American and a first-team All-Big Ten receiver in 1989. He recorded 59 receptions for 927 yards and eight TDs for the Illini that season, the fourth-most TD catches in a season in school history and the ninth-most receiving yards. He also returned 16 kickoffs for 459 yards, an average of 28.7 that ranks second in school history.

Bellamy stands second in Illini history in career kickoff return average at 26.4 yards per return, and his 170 kickoff return yards against Indiana on Nov. 18, 1989, remain the single-game school record. He was named one of the top 10 receivers in Illinois history in 2008 and was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Hall of Fame in 2007 for his achievements at the College of DuPage in suburban Chicago.

After earning a bachelor's degree in speech communication from Illinois in 1990, Bellamy was a second-round selection by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1990 NFL Draft, playing two seasons for the team. He also played for the Indianapolis Colts, Chicago Bears and Oakland Raiders from 1992-95 before playing for Frankfurt Galaxy of the World League in 1995-96, winning the World Bowl in 1996.

Bellamy came to Illinois after serving as the receivers and specialists coach at Clark-Atlanta University in 2011. Prior to that, was the passing game coordinator, receivers coach and specialists coach at Sprayberry High School from 2008-10. Bellamy has assisted at camps at Illinois, Virginia and Georgia State, as well as the 2010 and 2011 Under Armour Combine and the 2009 and 2010 Georgia High School All-Star game.

Following his playing career and before joining the coaching ranks, Bellamy and his wife, Tanya, built a successful business in the beauty industry in the Atlanta area. The couple has three children: Mike, McKenna and McKoy.

THE BELLAMY FILE

HOMETOWN

Chicago, Ill.

BIRTHDATE

June 28, 1966

FAMILY

Wife: Tanya

Sons: Mike and McKoy

Daughter: McKenna

EDUCATION

B.S., speech communication –
Illinois, 1990

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois, 1989-90

BOWL GAMES

2014 Xaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

1991 Hall of Fame Bowl

1990 Citrus Bowl

BELLAMY YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013-	Illinois (wide receivers)
2012	Illinois (assistant director of player personnel and relations)
2011	Clark-Atlanta University (receivers/specialists)
2008-10	Sprayberry High School (passing game coordinator/receivers/specialists)



TOM BRATTAN

OFFENSIVE LINE

DELAWARE, 1972

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tom Brattan is in his second year as the offensive line coach at Illinois after being hired in July 2014. Prior to Illinois, he spent 13 seasons at Maryland, where he helped the Terrapins to eight bowl games. A 38-year coaching veteran, including 32 at the collegiate level, Brattan has been a part of record-setting offenses throughout his career.

In his 13 years with the Terps, Brattan produced five players who earned six All-America honors. His linemen also garnered 17 All-ACC laurels, including seven first-team accolades. He helped guide Maryland to eight bowl games and three consecutive 10-win seasons from 2001-03. He also helped the Terps break the school's single-season scoring record in 2001 and the single-season total offense record in 2003.

Brattan also has prepared a number of players for the next level with 18 former players reaching the NFL, including Bruce Campbell, a fourth-round choice of Oakland in the 2010 NFL Draft.

Brattan mentored four All-Americans in his first three seasons at Maryland, as Melvin Fowler (2001), Matt Crawford (2002), Todd Wike (2002) and C.J. Brooks (2003) all earned third-team honors. In 2007, Andrew Crummey notched second-team All-America accolades from Sporting News and third-team honors from Associated Press. And in 2005, Brattan mentored Jared Gaither to third-team Freshman All-America honors.

He produced three All-ACC honorees in 2008, including first-team pick Edwin Williams. While Crummey earned second-team All-America honors in 2007 and All-ACC laurels in 2006 and 2007. Brooks was a first-team All-ACC honoree in 2003, while Crawford and Wike were All-ACC first teamers in 2002. Wike and Fowler earned first-team All-ACC honors in 2001.

Brattan's offensive line opened holes for four of the top eight running backs in Maryland history and three of the top rushing seasons ever in College Park. Lance Ball piled up 2,487 yards from 2004-07, Bruce Perry gained 2,424 yards from 1999-2003, Davin Meggett posted 2,411 yards from 2008-11 and Da'Rel Scott gained 2,401 yards from 2007-10. In addition, Perry's 2001 season (1,242 yards), Chris Downs' 1,154-yard campaign in 2002, and Scott's 1,133 yards in 2008 account for three of the eight 1,000-yard seasons in Maryland history.

Prior to coming to Maryland, Brattan spent two years (1999-00) at Stanford, where he served as the Cardinal's line coach in charge of centers and guards. Stanford went 8-4 in 1999 en route to a Rose Bowl bid. The 1999 Stanford offense scored at least 31 points in all but three games and hit the 50-point plateau three times. That year, Brattan's offensive line allowed just 15 sacks in 385 passing attempts (one sack for every 27 attempts).

Brattan took his first full-time job at the collegiate level at William & Mary in 1983 as an offensive backfield coach. After just one season, he was promoted to offensive coordinator and served the remainder of his tenure (1984-91) in that capacity. He also worked with the offensive line at William & Mary. In that time, the Tribe advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs on three occasions. From 1986 to 1990, William & Mary earned national rankings in three seasons (No. 9 in 1986; No. 13 in 1989; No. 7 in 1990).

The success was largely a product of Brattan's offensive design as his unit ranked in the top 20 in offense in 1985 and 1986, while it had the top-rated attack in Division I-AA for the 1990 season and the sixth-best in '91.

Brattan took his success at the I-AA level to his next job, Northwestern, where he resided from 1992-98 as offensive line coach. In Brattan's first three years at the school, the Wildcats continued to struggle, pushing their streak of seasons without a winning mark to 23.

Then in 1995, the Wildcats were in the national spotlight as they came seemingly out of nowhere to win the Big Ten championship for the first time in 47 years and advance to the Rose Bowl where they ultimately fell to USC. They finished the year ranked No. 7 in the nation with a 10-2 mark. Brattan's line allowed just eight sacks all year while helping propel Darnell Autry to a new school rushing record. Northwestern finished fifth nationally in rushing.

The Wildcats posted a combined 15-1 league record in 1995 and 1996, taking the Big Ten crown both years after having won just five league games in the previous three years. In 1996, they earned a bid to play Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl.

Brattan got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Delaware, in 1972. After one year in Newark, he took his first full-time coaching post at Highland Springs (Va.) High School as an offensive line coach. After three years (1973-75) at Highland Springs, he moved back to his home state of Delaware and took his first head coaching job at McKean High School in 1977. He spent one year at McKean - the same high school that helped produce Maryland legend Randy White - before moving back to Virginia and taking over as the head coach at Lloyd C. Bird High School. After serving at Bird in 1978, he returned to Highland Springs -- this time as a head coach -- for his final four years (1979-82) at the prep level.

A native of Newark, Del., Brattan is a 1972 graduate of his hometown school where he earned his bachelor's degree in history and later earned his master's degree in education in 1977. He was a member of the Blue Hen football team, lettering in 1971. He and his wife, Anne, have three daughters, Kristen, Kate and Megan.

THE BRATTAN FILE

PRONUNCIATION

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HOMETOWN

Newark, Del.

BIRTHDATE

Oct. 14, 1950

FAMILY

Wife: Anne

Daughters: Kristen, Kate and Megan

EDUCATION

B.A., history -- Delaware, 1972

M.S., education -- Delaware, 1977

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Delaware, 1971

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

2013 Military Bowl

2010 Military Bowl

2008 Humanitarian Bowl

2007 Emerald Bowl

2006 Champs Sports Bowl

2004 Gator Bowl

2002 Peach Bowl

2002 Orange Bowl

2000 Rose Bowl

1997 Citrus Bowl

1996 Rose Bowl

BRATTAN YEAR-BY-YEAR

2014-	Illinois (offensive line)
2001-13	Maryland (offensive line)
1999-2000	Stanford (offensive line)
1992-98	Northwestern (assistant head coach/offensive line, 1997-98; offensive line, 1992-96)
1983-91	William & Mary (offensive coordinator/offensive line, 1984-91; offensive backfield, 1983)
1979-82	Highland Springs (Va.) High School (head coach)
1978	Lloyd C. Bird (Va.) High School (head coach)
1977	McKean (Del.) High School (head coach)
1973-75	Highland Springs (Va.) High School (offensive line)
1972	Delaware (graduate assistant)



RYAN CUBIT

QUARTERBACKS / RECRUITING COORDINATOR

WESTERN MICHIGAN, 2006

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Ryan Cubit is in his second season on Tim Beckman's staff, as he was promoted to quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator in April 2015 after serving one year as director of football student-athlete development.

The son of Fighting Illini offensive coordinator and former Western Michigan head coach Bill Cubit, Ryan came to Champaign after spending five seasons on his father's staff at WMU, achieving the position of co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2012.

When he served as director of football student-athlete development, Cubit oversaw all on-campus activities of student-athletes in the Illinois football program. He managed and coordinated all on-campus admissions for incoming freshmen and transfers, performed preliminary transcript evaluations for those prospective student-athletes and managed all official and unofficial visits for football recruits. He served as football admissions coordinator and worked closely with the associate athletic director for academics in that pursuit, and also worked closely with compliance staff regarding the recruitability of prospective student-athletes.

Cubit helped engineer the golden age of offense in Western Michigan history from 2008-12, guiding Alex Carder to a record-setting campaign in 2011 that included 3,873 yards passing and five games of 400-plus passing yards. Carder was the fourth consecutive All-Mid-American Conference honoree under Cubit, as he earned the award in 2010 and 2011 after Tim Hiller was named to the All-MAC teams in 2008 and 2009.

As a player, Cubit finished his career tied for the career completion percentage record at WMU (60.2 percent) and was fifth in career passing yards (4,729). He played three seasons in Kalamazoo after starting his career at Rutgers. Cubit graduated with a degree in business management in 2006 and completed a master's of business of administration in 2008. He led WMU to its first bowl berth in nearly 20 years as he guided the Broncos to the 2007 International Bowl.

Cubit has two daughters, Lila and Claire.

THE RYAN CUBIT FILE

HOMETOWN

Kalamazoo, Mich.

BIRTHDATE

Oct. 7, 1982

FAMILY

Daughters: Lila and Claire

EDUCATION

B.S., business administration –
Western Michigan, 2006

M.S., business administration –
Western Michigan, 2008

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers, 2002
Western Michigan, 2003-06

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl
2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
2008 Texas Bowl

CUBIT YEAR-BY-YEAR

2015-	Illinois (quarterbacks/recruiting coordinator)
2014	Illinois (Director of Football Student-Athlete Development)
2012	Western Michigan (co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2008-12	Western Michigan (quarterbacks)



ALEX GOLESH

TIGHT ENDS / SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

OHIO STATE, 2006

FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE GOLESH FILE

PRONUNCIATION

GOAL-esh

HOMETOWN

Dublin, Ohio

BIRTHDATE

June 24, 1984

FAMILY

Wife: Alexis

Daughter: Corbin

Son: Barrett

EDUCATION

B.S., education — Ohio State, 2006

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

2011 Military Bowl*

2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

2008 Holiday Bowl

2006 Poinsettia Bowl

2005 Fiesta Bowl

2004 Alamo Bowl

**Did not coach in game after accepting position at Illinois*

Alex Golesh begins his fourth year on the Illinois staff as the tight ends coach and first year working with special teams in 2015. He worked as the recruiting coordinator for the past three seasons and served as running backs coach in 2014. He came to the Illini from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman.

Golesh helped running back Josh Ferguson rank among the nation's top all-purpose backs in 2014. He was one of only seven players in the nation with over 700 rushing yards and over 400 receiving yards. A preseason Doak Walker Award candidate, Ferguson had 1,162 yards from scrimmage in 2014 (735 rushing, 427 receiving) and found the end zone 10 times on the season (8 rushing, 2 receiving).

Golesh guided a productive group of tight ends that combined for 52 catches, 545 yards and eight touchdowns in 2013, including four touchdowns against Miami (Ohio), the most tight end TDs in a game in school history. He also helped punter Justin DuVernois to another solid season, as the junior posted a 41.1 yard-per-punt average with 10 over 50 yards and 13 downed inside the 20.

Golesh, who was named a top-10 recruiter in the Big Ten by Rivals.com and Scout.com in 2013 and 2015, guided DuVernois to a strong sophomore campaign in 2012 as he ranked fourth in the Big Ten in punting with a 41.9 yard-per-punt average, with a long of 72 yards, 16 fair catches, 19 punts downed inside the 20 yard line and 15 punts of 50 or more yards.

Golesh was on Beckman's staff at Toledo for three years from 2009-2011, serving as both the tight ends coach and the recruiting coordinator. Golesh aided the UT program in securing the No. 1 recruiting class in the Mid-American Conference in consecutive years. The 2010 UT class was No. 1 according to Rivals.com, while both Rivals and Scout.com rated the 2011 class No. 1.

Golesh's tight ends served as key blockers in a Rocket rushing attack that ranked No. 3 in the MAC in both 2010 and 2011. In 2009, Golesh coached the running backs at Toledo, helping senior running back DaJuane Collins earn third-team All-MAC honors.

Prior to going to Toledo, Golesh spent three seasons as a graduate assistant, two at Northern Illinois (2006-07) and one at Oklahoma State. Golesh worked with the outside linebackers at Oklahoma State in 2008, helping the Cowboys to a 9-4 record and a berth in the Holiday Bowl. At NIU, Golesh worked for one season assisting with the secondary and one season with the offensive line, helping the Huskies make the 2006 Poinsettia Bowl.

Golesh got his start in the coaching business as a student assistant coach while attending Ohio State as an undergraduate. He spent two-and-a-half years aiding the Buckeyes' defensive coaches, with responsibilities that included working with the defensive line. During his time at Ohio State, the Buckeyes claimed the 2005 Big Ten Championship and went on to earn a victory in the Fiesta Bowl over Notre Dame. OSU also posted a win in the 2004 Alamo Bowl over Oklahoma State.

Golesh also spent one year as a defensive line coach in a first-year football program at newly opened Westerville Central High School in 2002.

Golesh was born in Moscow, Russia, but grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Dublin, Ohio, where he was a three-year letterwinner in football at Dublin Scioto High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Ohio State in 2006. He and his wife, Alexis, had a daughter, Corbin, in May 2011, and welcomed a son, Barrett, in July 2014.

GOLESH YEAR-BY-YEAR

2012-	Illinois
	2015 — tight ends/special teams
	2014 — tight ends/running backs/recruiting coordinator
	2012-13 — tight ends/specialists/recruiting coordinator
2010-11	Toledo (tight ends/recruiting coordinator)
2009	Toledo (running backs/recruiting coordinator)
2008	Oklahoma State (graduate assistant)
2006-07	Northern Illinois (graduate assistant)



NATHAN SCHEELHAASE

RUNNING BACKS

ILLINOIS, 2012

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Former Fighting Illini quarterback Nathan Scheelhaase is back at Illinois in his first season on the coaching staff. He was hired in May 2015 as assistant director of football operations and was promoted to running backs coach in August after Bill Cubit was named interim head coach.

In his role as assistant director of football operations, Scheelhaase assisted in managing internal operations of the Fighting Illini football program, including team logistics, on-campus recruiting, student-athlete development, housing, nutrition and direct management of alumni and former player relations.

As a player from 2010-13, Scheelhaase finished his career as the Illini's all-time total offense leader with 10,634 yards, a total that ranks seventh in Big Ten history. In 2013 he had one of the best offensive seasons in Illinois football history, leading the conference in passing yardage (272.7 ypg), total offense (295.2 ypg) and completion percentage (66.7) during his senior campaign, while also breaking the school record for passing efficiency (140.7) to earn All-Big Ten honors.

A four-year starter and two-time team captain, Scheelhaase is the only quarterback in UI history to lead the Illini to bowl victories in back-to-back seasons and is one of just two players in Big Ten history to amass over 8,000 passing yards and 2,000 rushing yards in his career. He finished among the Illinois career leaders in almost every quarterback category, ranking first in starts (48), second in completion percentage (63.0), completions (775) and rushing yards by a QB (2,066), and third in passing yardage (8,568), touchdown passes (55) and passing efficiency (130.2).

Off the field, Scheelhaase was an unquestioned leader during his five years on campus. He earned the prestigious Big Ten Medal of Honor in 2014, was a four-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree and earned two degrees from the University of Illinois - a bachelor's degree in communication (2012) and a master's in sports management (2014). He was a Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative, vice president of the UI Uplifting Athletes chapter, was active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and regularly took part in "Hometown Heroes" activities throughout his career, including countless visits to local schools and hospitals. After college, Scheelhaase spent 2014-15 as a high school pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Scheelhaase married his high school sweetheart, Morgan, in July 2013.

THE SCHEELHAASE FILE

PRONUNCIATION

SHEEL-house

HOMETOWN

Kansas City, Mo.

BIRTHDATE

Nov. 8, 1990

FAMILY

Wife: Morgan

EDUCATION

B.S., communication - Illinois, 2012

M.S., sports management -
Illinois, 2014

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois, 2010-13

BOWL GAMES

2011 Kraft Fight Hunger
2010 Texas

SCHEELHAASE YEAR-BY-YEAR

2015- Illinois (running backs)



AL SEAMONSON

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

WISCONSIN, 1982

THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE SEAMONSON FILE

HOMETOWN

Stoughton, Wis.

BIRTHDATE

Sept. 7, 1959

FAMILY

Wife, Kristi

Daughter: Kylen

Sons: Calvin and Karter

EDUCATION

B.S., physical education/coaching
K-12 – Wisconsin, 1982

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Wisconsin, 1978-81

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl

2010 Military Bowl

2008 Humanitarian Bowl

2007 Emerald Bowl

2006 Champs Sports Bowl

2004 Gator Bowl

2002 Peach Bowl

2002 Orange Bowl

1985 Peach Bowl

1984 Hall of Fame Bowl

1982 Independence Bowl

Al Seamonson is in his third season as the outside linebackers coach at Illinois in 2015. He was hired in February 2013 following coaching stints at Central Florida, Maryland, Bowling Green State, The Citadel, Army and Wisconsin. Seamonson, who spent the 2011 coaching linebackers at UCF, works with the "LEO" and "Star" positions at Illinois.

Seamonson helped LEO Houston Bates earn honorable mention All-Big Ten honors in 2013 after ranking ninth in the conference in TFLs per game (1.0) and standing second on the team with 12.0 TFLs on the season.

In 2010, Seamonson helped Maryland go 9-4 and conclude the season with a No. 23 national ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 and a victory over East Carolina in the Military Bowl. He spent his first eight years in College Park working with the Terrapin outside linebackers before taking over as the coach for all linebackers in 2009. He served as a special teams assistant throughout his time under Ralph Friedgen and also was the Terps' defensive coordinator for the end of the 2008 season.

A 1982 graduate of Wisconsin and a two-year letterwinner at wide receiver, Seamonson got his start in coaching in Madison. In 1982, he served as a volunteer coach for Wisconsin's wide receivers. The next two years, he was a graduate assistant working with the secondary.

Seamonson's first stop after leaving Wisconsin was at the U.S. Military Academy (Army) in West Point for the 1985 and '86 seasons, helping the Cadets to a 31-29 Peach Bowl victory over Illinois in 1985. From Army, he moved to The Citadel, where he helped coach five linebackers to All-Southern Conference honors and one (J.J. Davis) to an appearance in the Senior Bowl. The highlight of his tenure was in 1992 when the Bulldogs led Division I-AA in scoring defense, yielding just 13.0 points per contest en route to a Southern Conference championship and their third berth in the I-AA playoffs in five years.

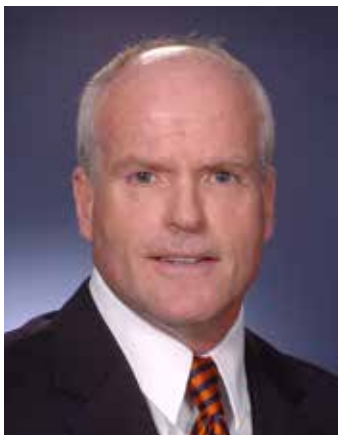
In 2000, Seamonson coached at Bowling Green State under Gary Blackney and along with Tim Beckman, Tim Banks and Mike Ward,

helping the Falcons rank fourth in the MAC in rushing defense and total defense. He then spent 10 years at Maryland, working mostly with strong-side linebackers and the LEOs (linebacker/end option). Seamonson had a hand in grooming most of the six Terrapin linebackers who went on to NFL careers, including All-Pro Shawne Merriman. In 2003, Maryland finished sixth in the nation in scoring defense and 15th in total defense. In 2011, he was on the staff at Central Florida, helping defense rank No. 1 in Conference USA.

A native of Stoughton, Wis., Seamonson was a wide receiver at Stoughton High School and was a captain for the all-state shrine team in 1977. He and his wife, Kristi, have three children: Kylen, Calvin and Karter.

SEAMONSON YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013-	Illinois (outside linebackers)
2011	Central Florida (linebackers)
2001-10	Maryland (linebackers/special teams, 2009-10; OLB/special teams, 2001-08)
2000	Bowling Green (linebackers/special teams)
1987-99	The Citadel (special teams/linebackers/wide receivers)
1985-86	Army (linebackers)
1982-84	Wisconsin (grad. asst. defensive backs, 1983-84; vol. wide receivers, 1982)



MIKE WARD

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE, 1984

FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Ward is in his fourth season coaching inside linebackers at Illinois in 2015 after joining the Fighting Illini staff as an assistant coach in December 2011. Ward came to Champaign from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman.

A 22-year veteran of the coaching profession, Ward has helped mold Mason Monheim into one of the nation's top linebackers. Monheim, who was picked to watch lists for the Rotary Lombardi Award and Butkus Award, enters 2015 with 294 career tackles, which ranks as the second-most among active FBS players. The four-year starter is coming off a Honorable Mention All-Big Ten campaign in 2014, highlighted by career highs in tackles (111), TFLs (6.5), passes defended (4) and forced fumbles (4).

In 2013, Ward's two pupils – Jonathan Brown and Mason Monheim – finished in the top three on the team in tackles with 119 and 97, respectively. Brown earned second-team All-Big Ten honors, as he ranked second in the conference in tackles and fourth in tackles for loss (1.3 per game, 15.0 total), while also totaling 5.0 sacks and four PBU's. Monheim had 6.5 TFLs and one sack on the season.

Ward guided Monheim to a stellar freshman campaign in 2012, as the rookie linebacker earned second-team Freshman All-America honors from Phil Steele after leading the Illini and all Big Ten freshmen with 86 tackles.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Ward was the assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator on Beckman's staff at Toledo from 2009-11 and was instrumental in the rapid development of the Rockets' defense. The last two seasons, the Toledo defense ranked among the national leaders in turnovers forced and turnover margin. In 2010, the Rockets forced 34 turnovers, the fifth-highest takeaway total in the nation and 13 more than the previous season. That total included 20 interceptions, the eighth-most in the country.

In 2011, Toledo forced 28 turnovers and had the third-best turnover margin in the nation (1.33).

The defensive turnaround helped propel Toledo to an 8-5 season and its first bowl appearance in five years in 2010, and an 8-4 season, a share of the MAC West Division title and a berth in the Military Bowl in 2011.

Ward, who coached the linebackers, also helped guide five players to All-MAC honors in 2010 and 2011.

Prior to coaching at Toledo, Ward spent 17 years as an assistant at Bowling Green, including five years working with Beckman (2000-04) and the final two as the defensive coordinator. He began as the program's strength coach from 1992-99 before coaching the defensive linemen from 2000-06 and serving as the defensive coordinator in 2007-08. From 2000-08, Ward coached one All-American, one Academic All-American and nine All-MAC performers. The Falcons had six winning seasons and played in three bowl games during that span.

Prior to becoming a Falcon, Ward was an assistant football coach and strength coach at his alma mater, Georgetown College, for two years. Ward earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Georgetown in 1984. He later earned a graduate degree in secondary education from Georgetown. As a player at Georgetown, he earned second-team NAIA Division I All-America football honors as a guard in 1983. Ward was inducted into the Georgetown College Hall of Fame in May 2015.

After completing his education at Georgetown, Ward was an assistant football coach at the University of Findlay for six years. He served as the linebacker coach and the strength and conditioning coordinator for the Oilers before leaving to join BGSU in 1992.

A Mansfield, Ohio, native, Ward attended Mansfield Lexington High School. He is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist. His colleagues in the MAC twice named him as the NSCA Professional of the Year. Ward and his wife, Jody, have two children, Michaela and Addison.

THE WARD FILE

HOMETOWN

Mansfield, Ohio

BIRTHDATE

Feb. 21, 1962

FAMILY

Wife: Jody

Daughters: Michaela and Addison

EDUCATION

B.S., health and physical education - Georgetown, 1984

M.S., secondary education - Georgetown, 1986

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown College, 1980-83

BOWL GAMES

2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl
2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
2008 GMAC Bowl
2004 GMAC Bowl
2003 Motor City Bowl

WARD YEAR-BY-YEAR

2012-	Illinois (linebackers)
2009-11	Toledo (assistant head coach / co-defensive coordinator / linebackers)
2007-08	Bowling Green (defensive coordinator)
2000-06	Bowling Green (defensive line)
1992-99	Bowling Green (strength and conditioning coach)
1986-91	Findlay (linebackers / strength and conditioning coach)
1984-85	Georgetown College (assistant coach / strength and conditioning coach)

ILLINI FAMILY PHOTOS



THE SEAMONSON FAMILY ▶

Top: Karter, Al, Kalvin
Bottom: Kylen and Kristi

◀ **THE CUBIT FAMILY** Bill, Nancy and Ryan
Not pictured: Stacey and Sheri



◀ **THE BANKS FAMILY** Tim and Robin



THE BELLAMY FAMILY ▶

McKoy, McKenna, Tanya, Mike and Mike Jr.



ILLINI FAMILY PHOTOS

THE GOLESH FAMILY (L-R) ▶
Alex, Barrett, Corbin and Alexis



◀ **THE PHAIR FAMILY** Maisy, Coleman, Ava, Mike and Jen
Not pictured: Parker

THE WARD FAMILY (L-R) ▶
Michaela, Mike, Jody and Addison



◀ **THE SCHEELHAASE FAMILY** Morgan and Nathan



TYLER JOHNS

OFFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

FINDLAY, 2013

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tyler Johns is in his second year on the Fighting Illini staff, in 2015 serving as the offensive graduate assistant. Johns primarily assists offensive line coach Tom Brattan.

Johns came to Illinois after spending 2013 as the assistant offensive line coach at Iowa Western Community College. He helped the Reivers to an 11-1 record, their second-straight Midwest Football Conference championship, their fourth-straight NJCAA Region XI championship and a win over Butler County in the Graphic Edge Bowl. IWCC finished the season ranked No. 2 in the country.

Prior to his time at Iowa Western, Johns was a three-year starter at the University of Findlay, earning honorable mention All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) honors in 2012 after helping the Oilers to a 7-3 record. Johns started every game of his final three seasons at right tackle and finished his career with 35 starts.

THE JOHNS FILE

HOMETOWN

Waynesfield, Ohio

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Findlay, 2009-12



KAEMAN MITCHELL

DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

ILLINOIS, 2013

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Kaeman Mitchell is in his first year on the Fighting Illini coaching staff in 2015 after spending the past two seasons as a graduate assistant at Kansas University.

A graduate of Illinois, Mitchell earned one letter while playing defensive back for the Fighting Illini during his four-year playing career (2009-12). He earned his bachelor's degree in communications in May 2013.

Mitchell is married to former Illinois women's basketball player Kersten (Magrum) Mitchell. He is the son of former Illinois running backs coach, Reggie Mitchell, and his wife, Andrea.

THE MITCHELL FILE

HOMETOWN

Lawrence, Kan.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois, 2009-12

FAMILY

Wife: Kersten



REILLY O'TOOLE

OFFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

ILLINOIS, 2015

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Less than a year after leading Illinois to the 2014 Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl, former Fighting Illini quarterback Reilly O'Toole returns as a member of the coaching staff in 2015, assisting with the offensive skill positions.

O'Toole was a captain and earned Illinois' Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors in 2014 after putting the team on his back late in the season and leading the Fighting Illini to three wins in the season's final five games to clinch bowl eligibility.

O'Toole led Illinois to a fourth-quarter comeback on Homecoming against a ranked Minnesota team on Oct. 25, later engineered another fourth-quarter comeback against a bowl-eligible Penn State squad, and then led the Illini to a dominant win at Northwestern in the Land of Lincoln rivalry game. In those three wins, O'Toole was 49-of-74 (66.2 percent) for 422 yards and five touchdowns through the air. He also rushed for 214 yards and one touchdown.

In 2014, O'Toole was voted the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics' Male Fighting Illini Spirit Award winner, was the team's Big Ten Sportsmanship honoree and was an Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

For his UI career, O'Toole played in 36 games, completing 63.6 percent of his passes for 2,319 yards and 18 touchdowns. He earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from the University of Illinois in May 2015.

THE O'TOOLE FILE

HOMETOWN

Wheaton, Ill.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois, 2011-14



LEDOMINIQUE WILLIAMS

DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, 2009

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

LeDominique Williams is in his second year on the Fighting Illini coaching staff in 2015, assisting with the Illinois defensive line. Prior to Illinois, he spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Ohio University.

Williams spent the 2012 and '13 seasons as a member of the Ohio University coaching staff. In his role, Williams worked primarily with the Bobcats' defensive line unit, while also serving as video coordinator for the 2012 season.

Williams spent 2011 at Ashland University, serving as a defensive graduate assistant and assistant video coordinator. At Ashland, Williams was the program's point person with the DVSPORT software. He also coached the defensive end position and recruited the Cincinnati, Ohio area.

Prior to his time at Ashland, Williams spent two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Charleston - his alma mater - where he served as the safeties coach in 2009 and the linebackers coach in 2010. In addition, Williams ran lifting, conditioning and speed training sessions.

Williams earned two bachelor's degrees from the University of Charleston in business administration and sports administration, and earned his master's degree from Ohio University in coaching education.

THE WILLIAMS FILE

HOMETOWN

Cincinnati, Ohio

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

University of Charleston, 2006-09

FAMILY

Wife: Veronica



TIM KNOX

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

HIRAM COLLEGE, 1997

FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Knox is in his fourth season as the director of football operations for the Fighting Illini in 2015. He was hired to head coach Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois on May 21, 2012.

In the role as director of football operations, Knox handles the logistical facets of team travel during the season, many aspects of the summer camps, and the logistics of Camp Rantoul, while also coordinating many of the team's community service efforts.

Knox came to Illinois after 15 seasons with the Western Michigan football program, including three as a graduate assistant (1997-99), one season as running backs coach (2004) and 11 (2000-03, 2005-11) seasons as director of football operations.

A 1997 graduate of Hiram College, Knox lettered four years at cornerback for the Terriers, earning All-Ohio Athletic Conference Second-Team honors in 1995 and 1996, and honorable mention accolades in 1994. He was also a two-time OAC All-Academic selection in 1995 and 1996.

As a Terrier, he also lettered as a member of the baseball team in 1996 and 1997 and acted as a student assistant coach with the men's basketball program for three years.

A native of Bainbridge Township, Ohio, Knox is a 1993 graduate of Kenston High School, where he earned eight varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He earned a bachelor's degree in history at Hiram and a master's in sports administration from WMU in 1999.

Knox's father, Al, retired in May of 2013 after 48th year of teaching in Northeast Ohio. He has taught students who have gone onto great professional careers, namely movie star Halle Berry (Bedford HS) and LeBron James (St. Vincent-St. Mary HS) of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Knox and his wife, Danielle, were married in June 2014. They have one son, Caleb, and one daughter, Langley.

THE KNOX FILE

HOMETOWN

Bainbridge Township, Ohio

EDUCATION

B.S., history – Hiram College, 1997

M.S., sports administration –
Western Michigan, 1999

FAMILY

Wife: Danielle

Son: Caleb

Daughter: Langley



SCOTT YIELDING

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

THE CITADEL, 1993

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Scott Yielding is in his second season on the Illini staff as director of player personnel in 2015 after spending the two previous seasons as tight ends coach and academic coordinator at The Citadel.

Prior to his time at his alma mater, Yielding spent four years at Oklahoma State as assistant director of football operations and assistant director of recruiting. His duties included recruiting, coordinating and selecting walk-on players for the Cowboy roster.

With Yielding on the staff, the Cowboys were recognized as producing some of the nation's finest recruiting classes.

During his stay in Stillwater, Oklahoma State posted a record of 41-11, including a 23-3 mark in Yielding's final two years. In 2011 the Cowboys finished 12-1, won the Big 12 title and defeated Stanford in the Fiesta Bowl to earn the No. 3 spot in the final national polls. The previous season, Oklahoma State finished No. 10 in the country, shared the Big 12 South

championship and was victorious over Arizona in the Alamo Bowl.

Prior to his stint at Oklahoma State, Yielding spent 10 years coaching on the high school level, beginning his career at North Charleston High School (1998-00) and then coaching at four different schools in Georgia.

Yielding earned his bachelor's degree in history from The Citadel in 1993 and received a master's degree in secondary education from The Citadel in 1998. While a graduate student, he worked in the office of admissions and served as NCAA and academic liaison to the football program.

Yielding and his wife, Valerie, have two daughters, Georgia Lee and Savannah.

THE YIELDING FILE

HOMETOWN

Atlanta, Ga.

EDUCATION

B.A., history – The Citadel, 1993

M.S., secondary education –
The Citadel, 1998

FAMILY

Wife: Valerie

Daughters: Georgia Lee and
Savannah



PATRICK EMBLETON

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

OHIO WESLEYAN, 2012

THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Patrick Embleton is in his third season at Illinois and first as director of football student-athlete development in 2015.

In his new role, Embleton oversees all on-campus activities of student-athletes in the Illinois football program. Embleton manages and coordinates all on-campus admissions for incoming freshmen and transfers, performs preliminary transcript evaluations for those prospective student-athletes and manages all official and unofficial visits for football recruits. He serves as football admissions coordinator and works closely with the academics staff in that pursuit, and also will work closely with compliance staff regarding the recruitability of prospective student-athletes.

Embleton spent the 2013 and 2014 seasons on the Fighting Illini staff as a player personnel/football operations graduate assistant. In that role he assisted with on-campus recruiting including scheduling visits and itineraries, scheduling meetings with academic professors and arranging campus tours. He also coordinated recruiting travel for coaches and served as the program's liaison for NFL scouts.

During his time as a graduate assistant, Embleton helped the Fighting Illini bring in the No. 6 recruiting class in the Big Ten in 2014.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Embleton was the wide receivers coach and assistant academic coordinator at Division III Ohio Wesleyan University. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Kinetics from Ohio Wesleyan in 2012 and was a four-year starter at tight end for the Battling Bishops from 2008-11, earning All-NCAC honors and serving as team captain in 2011.

THE EMBLETON FILE

HOMETOWN

Chesterland, Ohio

EDUCATION

B.A., health and human kinetics –
Ohio Wesleyan, 2012

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Ohio Wesleyan, 2008-11



ALEX BENIZZI

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL VIDEO

ALABAMA, 2010

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Alex Benizzi is in his first season as director of football video in 2015 after serving as assistant video coordinator for the Illini during the 2014 season.

During his time as assistant video coordinator, he assisted the coaching staff with various video requests, managed iPad updates and distribution to student-athletes, and aided with recruiting visits. He also oversaw all video and photo production.

Prior to joining the Fighting Illini, Benizzi worked as a production assistant for Crimson Tide Productions. He composed videos for athletic awards and season highlights along with logging video clips and filming special events and press conferences.

While in Tuscaloosa, he also worked as a freelance videographer for the SEC Digital Network, a graduate assistant in Video Services and the Creative Director for "Contrarian Marketing."

Benizzi graduated from the University of Alabama in 2010 with a bachelor of arts in communication and information sciences. He also earned his master's degree in marketing from Alabama in 2012.

THE BENIZZI FILE

HOMETOWN

Jacksonville, Fla.

EDUCATION

B.A., communication and information sciences – Alabama, 2010

M.S., marketing – Alabama, 2012



JEREMY BUSCH

HEAD FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

IOWA, 2002

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Jeremy Busch is in his first season as Head Football Athletic Trainer at the University of Illinois in 2015. He comes to the Fighting Illini following one season at Texas Tech in the same role.

Prior to Texas Tech, Busch spent two seasons at Nebraska as the assistant athletic trainer (2012-13). During his time with the Huskers, Busch assisted with all aspects of the athletic training program with the football team, including year-round preventive care, immediate care for injured student-athletes at practice and games and reconditioning of injured athletes.

Prior to his stint at Nebraska, Busch spent six years at Colorado State as an assistant athletic trainer with the football program. While at CSU, Busch was responsible for evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of the football and men's golf programs. He also oversaw the student athletic training program.

Before CSU, he spent one season with the Indiana football program, as well as spending time as an intern assistant athletic training with the Minnesota Vikings.

Busch was a graduate assistant athletic trainer with the University of Minnesota football program and worked as an undergraduate at the University of Iowa with its football and men's basketball programs.

Originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Busch graduated from Iowa with a bachelor's degree of science in athletic training in 2002. He graduated from Minnesota with a master's degree in sports management in 2005.

Jeremy is married to the former Peggy Manning, and the couple has twins, Emma and Landon.

THE BUSCH FILE

HOMETOWN

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

EDUCATION

B.S., athletic training – Iowa, 2002

M.S., sports management – Minnesota, 2005

FAMILY

Wife: Peggy

Son: Landon

Daughter: Emma



THE CHESNUT FILE

HOMETOWN

Hoopeston, Ill.

EDUCATION

B.S., business administration –
Southern Illinois, 1990

FAMILY

Son: Jake

TRENT CHESNUT

HEAD FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT MANAGER

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, 1990

16TH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Trent Chesnut is in his 16th season with the Fighting Illini in 2015 as the head football equipment manager, handling all of the day-to-day aspects of the football program, including purchasing, maintenance, organization and management of the student assistant program. Chesnut is responsible for all home games and practice set-up, tear down and storage of equipment as well as assigning and managing team and official locker rooms, chain gangs and game-day ball crews.

Prior to returning to his home state of Illinois, Chesnut was the head equipment coordinator at the University of Nevada for eight years and worked for three seasons as the UNLV assistant equipment manager. During his time at Nevada, he was responsible for the football and baseball programs as well as overseeing the entire athletic equipment department.

Chesnut earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Southern Illinois University in 1990. He has been an active and certified member of AEMA since 1992 and also is a member of the Schutt Athletic Council.

A native of Hoopeston, Ill., Chesnut has one son, Jake, who is a current student at Illinois and is a manager for the football program.



THE HILLMANN FILE

HOMETOWN

St. Louis, Mo.

EDUCATION

B.S., secondary education –
Missouri, 1991

FAMILY

Wife: Dina
Sons: Jacob and Jonah
Daughter: Skylar

AARON HILLMANN

HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

MISSOURI, 1991

FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Aaron Hillmann is in his fourth year as head strength and conditioning coach for football at Illinois. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first Illini coaching staff. On May 9, 2013, Hillmann was named a master strength and conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association (CSCCa), the profession's highest honor.

Hillmann spent the 2011 season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Michigan, working with football.

He brings over 20 years of strength and conditioning experience to Illinois, previously serving as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Michigan, working with football. Prior to that, he spent nine years as the head strength and conditioning coach at Bowling Green University, overseeing all 18 sports at BGSU. Prior to his stint with the Falcons, Hillman served as an assistant strength coach at Notre Dame (1998-2001), Connecticut (1996-98), Cincinnati (1995-96) and Ball State (1992-95).

Hillmann also spent time as a strength and conditioning specialist for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the summer of 1994, assisting in the supervision of their preseason strength and conditioning program.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Hillmann graduated from Missouri in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He and his wife, Dina, have two sons, Jacob and Jonah, and a daughter, Skylar.

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MIKE THOMAS

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

COLORADO STATE, 1983

FIFTH YEAR AT ILLINOIS



Mike Thomas is in his fifth year at the University of Illinois in 2015-16 after being named the school's 18th director of athletics on Aug. 10, 2011, following six successful years as the director of athletics at the University of Cincinnati. A 30-year veteran of college athletics administration, Thomas is leading the Fighting Illini athletic program to national prominence.

In four years leading the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at Illinois, Thomas has executed a number of major projects. Thomas launched the three-year, \$170 million State Farm Center renovation project – including a landmark 30-year, \$60 million naming rights agreement that is the largest for a college-only venue in the country. In the three years since the start of the State Farm Center fund raising campaign, approximately \$100 million has been raised for the project. Construction started in winter 2014 and will be completed in full before the 2016-17 basketball season.

Thomas spearheaded a \$7.2 million project at Memorial Stadium that included a new video board, ribbon boards, auxiliary video boards, sound system and control room to enhance the fan experience at Illini football games. Along with head coach Mike Small, Thomas oversaw the fundraising for and construction of the \$5.5 million Lauritsen/Wohlers Outdoor Golf Practice Facility. In addition, the \$1.2 million second-phase renovation of Huff Hall, which featured a new floor and lower bowl bleachers among other upgrades, was completed in summer 2014. And in spring 2014, Thomas moved forward with two studies – renovating the south and east sides of Memorial Stadium and developing a master plan for Olympic sport venues – that were completed in the summer of 2015.

On the branding front, Thomas guided Illinois through an 18-month collaboration with Nike, completed in April 2014, that resulted in a new brand and identity system including new uniforms and consistent colors, logos, lettering and numerals. He also led a group that signed a 10-year agreement with Learfield Sports estimated to be worth more than \$60 million to become DIA's exclusive marketing partner and multimedia rights holder, and launched "Illinois. Our State. Our Team." as the theme for Fighting Illini athletics.

Under Mike Thomas' leadership, a new baseline trend of funding is taking place through the Illinois Renaissance of State Farm Center and within the I FUND scholarships. In 2011, average cash contributions were \$17 million and new business pledges totaled \$14 million annually. Heading into the 2015-16 season, contributions and investments are on an upward trajectory. Over the past three years, the average cash contributions are over \$25 million per year with an all-time high of \$29.2 million in 2014 and \$26.7 million in fiscal year 2015, the second-highest in Illinois history. Over the past three years, new business pledges have been \$77.5, \$29.4 and \$25.9 million, with all three ranking in the top four all-time at Illinois.

Additionally, the launch of a new athletics development website, I FUND benefits, giving levels, and the new slogan "I AM THE I FUND" is re-energizing and invigorating donor support. I FUND Scholarships (annual giving program to support the scholarships of 500+ student-athletes) exceeded \$8 million in 2015, for the third-highest total in program history, surpassed only by the 2008 Rose Bowl season and the following year in 2009.





On the competitive front, Illini teams have compiled one NCAA championship, 10 Big Ten titles, and 13 individual NCAA titles during Thomas' four years at the helm. The spring of 2015 was especially fruitful, with baseball, men's golf, men's tennis and men's track and field all winning Big Ten titles to mark the first time since 1927 that four Illinois teams won spring conference titles. In 2012, Thomas' first year at Illinois, the Fighting Illini finished 21st overall in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings, marking the program's second-best finish in the 22-year history of the award.

In the classroom, Fighting Illini student-athletes posted an impressive 3.25 overall GPA for the Fall 2014 semester and 3.24 for Spring 2015, up from 3.05 when Thomas arrived in 2011. Thirteen teams posted a perfect 1,000 in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) for the 2013-14 academic year – Baseball, Men's Basketball, Football, Men's Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Basketball, Women's Cross Country, Women's Golf, Women's Gymnastics, Softball, Women's Swimming, Women's Tennis, and Volleyball – while seven earned the NCAA Public Recognition Award, a new school record, by ranking in the top 10 percent of their sport nationally for the four-year period ending with 2013-14: Baseball, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Women's Gymnastics, Soccer, Volleyball, and Women's Tennis. For the fourth straight year, Fighting Illini student-athletes, coaches and staff completed over 7,000 hours of community service.

Prior to his move to Illinois, Thomas revamped and led a vibrant Cincinnati Bearcats athletic program from 2005-11, directing the school's launch into the Big East Conference and earning several Big East championships, as well as multiple Big East academic excellence awards.

In 2006, Thomas hired head football coach Brian Kelly and the Cincinnati football team made program history in the three following seasons by achieving a 34-6 record, consecutive Big East Championships and appearances in the Orange and Sugar Bowls. The 2009 season ended with UC finishing 12-0 and No. 3 in the final BCS rankings. Thomas also hired Butch Jones, who went on to ensure Cincinnati's dominance on the conference scene, sharing in a Big East title in 2011 and 2012.

Thomas brought back a Bearcat when he hired former UC assistant Mick Cronin as head men's basketball coach in 2006. Cronin returned the program to national prominence with appearances in the NCAA tournament the past four seasons.

UC grew to be one of the most recognized schools in the 16-member Big East for academic success and earning multiple Big East Academic

Excellence Awards, including a league-high five Big East Academic Excellence Awards in 2009-10.

The overall APR of all Bearcats programs also increased during Thomas' tenure. In the final APR report from his tenure, five UC athletic teams earned perfect APR scores of 1,000, including men's basketball. In that same time period, the Graduate Success Rate (GSR) for student-athletes increased from 66 percent to 77 percent.

From 2006-11, UC's student-athletes emerged as community leaders, with annual community service hours growing from 1,000 to over 5,500.

On the external side, the University of Cincinnati grew at a tremendous rate. Thomas increased UC's athletic department budget 20 percent, while simultaneously reducing the annual operating deficit by more than \$6 million.

UC established single-season attendance and revenue records for football in each of the three seasons from 2008-10. Football attendance skyrocketed, with season-ticket package sales exploding by 277 percent since 2006 and resulting in record football revenues.

In terms of donor development, membership in UCATS increased by almost 300 percent during Thomas' tenure and the department raised \$70 million during his arrival. Thomas raised private funds and built the Sheakley Athletics Center, providing football and other UC athletic teams much needed additional practice and competitive space.

In 2008-09, Thomas revamped UC's multimedia rights partnership, reaching an agreement with IMG College for a new multimedia rights partnership, increasing overall revenues in this area by over \$17 million.

Prior to taking the athletic director position at UC, Thomas spent five years as the Director of Athletics at the University of Akron and seven years as associate athletics director at the University of Virginia, an institution known for achieving impressive success both academically and athletically, before bringing that model to Akron. Virginia finished in the Top 25 in the Director's Cup in each year of Thomas' tenure there while at the same time finishing in the Top 10 nationally in student-athlete graduation rates.

Under Thomas' direction, Akron rose from last place to second among Mid-American Conference schools in the Director's Cup annual rankings. Simultaneously, Akron vaulted from last to second place in the MAC Academic Achievement Awards. Thomas increased the financial base of the Akron athletics program through increasing corporate sponsorship

levels by 750 percent and boosted annual giving to athletics to its highest level in the school's history. Community support was rallied, with record increases shown in both football and basketball attendance.

During this time period, the Zips won their first and only MAC football championship and participated in the program's lone FBS bowl game in history. Thomas' hire of men's basketball coach Keith Dambrot led to unparalleled success on the hardwood with Dambrot's program becoming one of the most successful in the MAC over the past 11 seasons, including eight postseason appearances. While at Akron, support services and facilities for academic support for student-athletes were significantly improved, resulting in jumps in grade point averages and graduation rates of UA student-athletes.

During his career in collegiate athletics, Thomas has coordinated approximately \$360 million in facility construction and renovation, including \$25 million in capital improvements at Akron that featured a new indoor fieldhouse and golf facility, a football practice complex, and a softball facility. He also spearheaded the new on-campus football stadium and was instrumental in the development and launching stages of the \$61 million facility, which opened in September of 2009.

At Virginia, Thomas served as a member of the senior staff and was sport oversight for eight programs. He served as the department liaison for the \$86 million renovation to UVA's football stadium and oversaw several other capital projects. In addition, Thomas served as the Chair of the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee and also served on the ACC Sportsmanship Committee.

Recognized for his administrative acumen by his peers, Thomas has served on several national and conference committees, including the NCAA Division I Championship/Sports Management Cabinet (where he also served as the NCAA men's basketball liaison to the cabinet and as a member of the cabinet's four-person Administrative Committee) and the NCAA Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Thomas also previously chaired the Big East Championship and Competition Committee and served as a member of the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet, the NCAA Postseason Bowl Licensing Subcommittee and the Division IA Athletics Director's Association Legislative Review Committee. He presently serves on the Big Ten Legislative Review Committee.

Twice during his career, Thomas has received distinction for his efforts and dedication as a director of athletics, garnering the General Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletics Director Award in 2005 at Akron and then again in April of 2008 at Cincinnati. He has been recognized by the Cincinnati Sports Professionals Network as the 2009-10 Sports Executive of the Year.

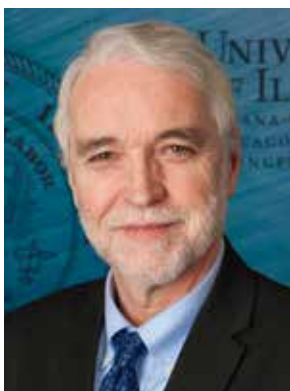
Prior to his experience at Virginia, Thomas spent seven years at the University of Denver as assistant athletic director for internal operations, serving as chief financial officer and overseeing the departments of compliance, merchandising, and facilities. He began his athletic administration career at the University of Iowa as an administrative and operations intern.

Thomas received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University in 1983, and his master's degree in athletic administration from Western Illinois University in 1986. He and his wife, Jenifer, have four children: Vince, Joey, Mick and Meredith.



ILLINOIS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HISTORY

1892-94	Edward K. Hall
1894-95	Fred D. Dodge
1895-98	Henry H. Everett
1898-1901	Jacob K. Shell
1901-36	George A. Huff
1936-41	Wendell S. Wilson
1941-66	Douglas R. Mills
1966-67	Leslie Bryan (interim)
1967-72	E.E. (Gene) Vance
1972	Charles E. Flynn (interim)
1972-79	Cecil N. Coleman
1979	Ray Eliot (interim)
1980-88	Neale R. Stoner
1988	Ronald E. Guenther (interim)
1988	Dr. Karol A. Kahrs (interim)
1988-91	John Mackovic
1991-92	Robert Todd (interim)
1992-2011	Ronald E. Guenther
2011-	Michael J. Thomas



TIMOTHY L. KILLEEN **PRESIDENT**

Timothy L. Killeen was named as the 20th president of the University of Illinois in November 2014 following a national search. He assumed office on May 18, 2015.

Beginning in 2012, he served as vice chancellor for research and president of the Research Foundation at the State University of New York, one of the nation's

largest higher education systems with 64 campuses, 465,000 students, 88,000 faculty, and more than 7,600 degree and certificate programs.

As president of SUNY's Research Foundation, Killeen was head of the nation's largest, most comprehensive university-connected research foundation, administering about \$900 million annually across SUNY's 29 state-supported research campuses. In his dual role as vice chancellor for research, he was at the center of SUNY's strategy for research growth and works with campus leaders to increase basic, clinical and translational research.

Before joining SUNY, he served for four years as assistant director for the geosciences at the National Science Foundation. He also has served as Lyall Research Professor at the University of Colorado, as director and senior scientist for the National Center for Atmospheric Research, and spent more than 20 years as a faculty member and researcher at the University of Michigan, where he also served as associate vice president for research.

He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2007. Killeen is a member and past president of the American Geophysical Union and a member of the American Meteorological Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the New York Academy of Sciences.

A leading researcher in geophysics and space sciences, Killeen received his bachelor's degree and Ph.D. at University College London, where he earned his doctoral degree in atomic and molecular physics at the age of 23. He is a U.S. citizen and a native of Wales.

His research has earned three achievement awards from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and he has received awards for teaching and research excellence from the University of Michigan College of Engineering. He has authored more than 150 publications in peer-reviewed journals, along with more than 300 other publications and papers.

Killeen's wife, Roberta M. Johnson, was executive director of the National Earth Science Teachers Association and a clinical professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences at the State University of New York at Albany. They have three children.



BARBARA J. WILSON **INTERIM CHANCELLOR**

Barbara Wilson is the interim chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In this role, she serves as the chief executive officer for the campus and is responsible for leading the faculty, staff and students of one of the nation's original land grant universities. She was appointed to this role on August 12, 2015.

Dr. Wilson has been a member of the Illinois faculty for 15 years, most recently as the Harry M. Preble Dean of the campus' College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, a role she continues to hold. Dr. Wilson's academic home is in the Department of Communication, where she is the Kathryn Lee Baynes Dallenbach Professor and served as department head.

Prior to her 2014 appointment as dean, Dr. Wilson spent five years in the Office of the Provost, providing campus leadership on strategic and financial planning, faculty hiring, training and promotion, and innovative academic programs. She served as vice provost for academic affairs and later, as the executive vice provost for faculty and academic affairs.

Dr. Wilson is an elected fellow of the International Communication Association and her scholarly work is extensively published, with dozens of books, chapters and articles on a wide range of issues involving the social and psychological effects of media on children. Before joining the Illinois faculty, Wilson worked as a professor of communication at the University of California, Santa Barbara. During that time she served as director of graduate studies for the Department of Communication. She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and her master's degree and PhD in communication arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Wilson is a native of Appleton, WI. Her spouse, John Lammers, is a senior faculty member in the Department of Communication. They have two children and reside in Champaign.

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