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Tell us a little about the work you've done at Emory throughout your career.

I started as the receptionist in the department of Neurology. I was promoted to scheduler, medical secretary, administrative assistant, and then business manager for the Neuromuscular program. I left in 2005 to return to England and returned to work at Emory in 2007, this time for the Office of International Affairs (as it was then, now GSI). I worked there for 4 years and then moved to Emory College in the department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures, where I have been for the past 11 years.

What are some of your favorite memories of your time at Emory?

The friendships I formed and the communities that were formed in each department.

What are some of the most significant changes you have witnessed over the course of your career?

Some of the most significant changes include the flexibility of work schedules and working from home. Also, the growth and expansion of Emory Healthcare in metro Atlanta and beyond.

Is there anything you miss from "back in the day"?

I miss the insurance coverage we had, not paying for parking, and Jagers Bar at Emory village, where doctors, nurses, staff would all gather on a Friday evening.

What do you hope for the future of Emory?

I hope Emory will renew its commitment to the Liberal Arts and continue to grow as a supportive home to the humanities.

Anything else you would like to share?

Emory has been good to me--managers have listened to my views, they have promoted me, they have supported me. Emory has always been flexible with time needed for children, and for me, the need to go home to England. During the 18 months I was gone from Emory, I was happy with the other job, I had just received an excellent review with a big pay raise, but when the call came to return to Emory, I didn't even think about it and put in my notice that day. Emory is my place and I couldn't imagine working anywhere else. I'm proud to work for Emory!



Julie and co-workers at a Halloween party in the 90's (above) and with her grandkids today (below)

