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

My journey with Emory University began on April 6, 1992. Gary Teal (along with Lynn & Pat) interviewed me and offered me a position in the Accounts Payable (AP) office. I accepted. From that point onward, I was hooked on Emory University. I was the travel clerk for the AP office and then moved into an Accountant role with the Cell Biology Department. After a couple years with Cell Biology I got a promotional job to Sr. Accountant in the Department of Pediatrics (and was then promoted to Financial Analyst). My time within these departments ranged from April 1992 until November 1999 when I started my career in the Public Health arena. I was first located in the Dean's office with various roles until I moved to the Health Policy & Management Department in September 2006. I'm currently Associate Director, Finance for the department. I am also the PhD Coordinator for Health Services Research & Health Policy program within the department. In my 30 years at Emory University I have held different positions and had many different supervisors, but I can honestly say I've enjoyed every last job and boss that I've had. My journey isn't complete, but I can see light at the end of the tunnel. Retirement here I come.

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

My most favorite memories are from Laney Graduate School graduation(s). I love volunteering every year and being with all the PhD students and their families during a happy moment in their lives. It's inspiring. A close second is Staff Fest. I get to see all my former colleagues from other departments I used to work in. We get to catch up and enjoy a few laughs as we reminisce. Fun times.

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

GROWTH!! My goodness the campus has changed dramatically since 1992. More buildings, dorms, labs, and facilities continue to be built. Since working at RSPH, I saw one new building open and now another one is opening this fall (September 2022).

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

I miss the Financial Accounting System (FAS) that Emory used. I was trained on that system and I knew it backwards and forward then they changed with the times and so I had to change. Learning something new is always hard at first but we adapt. I got used to the new way but do miss the old FAS. Guess I'm just old school.

What do you hope for the future of Emory?

My hope for Emory is that they move and change along with the times. During my 30 years here, I can tell that they do. Always moving in a forward motion.

Anything else you would like to share?

With 30 years on campus and working for a couple different departments across campus I truly believe Emory invests in their employees. I have had so many opportunities. I've been blessed to have worked for such wonderful colleagues within the university. Emory has given me a wonderful life and a wonderful work family.



**Kent in the early 90's (above)
and today (below)**

