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

I started working in the Oxford College Admission Office right after I graduated in 1991 from Emory College (89Ox 91C). After 10 years traveling and recruiting, I started my family and took some time off from traveling. I worked on the Atlanta campus for PeopleSoft for two years as their administrative assistant. Later in 2004, I was back at Oxford in the Development and Alumni Relations office where I have worked the last 20 years. It was full circle for me coming back. Many of the students I recruited are now alumni and I have seen them start families of their own, change careers and become wonderful individuals making a difference in the world.

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

We used to have an alumni weekend called "Oxford Day" and I love the gathering and events that included the entire campus from faculty, staff to students. There was a fund-raising event held that day which was an auction lead by Dr. Homer Sharp, Emeritus of Biology. Another memory is running in a 5K through Lullwater in the 2000's and meeting alumnus Marvin Hardy 61Ox 63C 66L, who to this day jokes about me leaving him behind. Lullwater has always been one of my favorite places on the ATL campus.

The best memory was getting married in the Oxford Chapel in 1995 to my husband Christian. One of my dearest friends from Oxford introduced to me to him - Chrissy Spiegel 89Ox 91C. We now have two daughters who grew up at Oxford and one decided to attend "Big Emory" in Atlanta.

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

I have loved seeing the Oxford campus change, grow and develop with the help of Emory University's support. The facilities are amazing with all the many new and renovated buildings. The diversity of the student population, faculty and staff has also grown both at Oxford and the University which only enhances everyone's experience. It is what makes Emory so great. I also say that Oxford is a "mecca" where good people are drawn to and they leave here to make the world a better place.

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

I started work at Emory right around when email was being introduced, so people had to call or write memos or meet in person. Sometimes the phone is underused these days and I don't mean for texting. I do miss knowing everyone at Oxford including faculty, staff, and students. We have grown and that has been important, but I do not know everyone like I once did. Perhaps I need to get out more and meet the many people who continue to make Oxford a great place.

What do you hope for the future of Emory?

Emory has always been on the forefront of all things and it is wonderful to see that Emory values its employees, students, and the community. What I hope for Emory's future is that it continues to help shape people who care for one another. That Emory continues to teach that differences are okay and when discussed in a safe place, can lead to new ideas and even change.

Anything else you would like to share?

I started at Oxford as an 18-year-old student and have grown up at Emory. I consider Oxford and Emory my extended family. I have worked with and known so many legends at Emory. I do hope we will all remember that it took the people before us to take Emory to where it is today, a leading research university and a place of teaching and caring. Please look at Emory's history and know the people who helped shape this place. It took those before us as it now takes us to keep Emory moving forward to transform the world.

Lastly, I would remiss if I did not mention my first supervisors in admission were Jennie Taylor, who worked at Oxford for 34 years, and Maddie Monahan 84Ox 86C, who still works for Emory Undergraduate Admission. We still keep in touch today and they have always been my mentors and dear friends. They were the very best supervisors and so wise, I only hope I have been able to do that for students and colleagues in my 30 years here.



Tammy in 1991 (above) and today (below).

