“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

~Nelson Mandela

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Course Catalog
Letter from the Executive Director

“Don’t you love New York [Pittsburgh!] in the fall? It makes me want to buy school supplies. I would like to send you a bouquet of newly sharpened pencils…” ~Nora Ephron

I wish I could send each of you a bouquet of newly sharpened pencils! Although regular readers of these missives know how much I love the summers in Pittsburgh, all of us have to welcome the advent of fall with our transitional dark cotton plaid new clothes and eagerly await the first fall colors. I get a major kick out of the creativity and ingenuity that the Bayer Center staff show in creating this fall catalog year after year.

Although we are always working to provide our clients and students with core classes in nonprofit management to help you compete in a perpetually roiling environment of changing funding, community needs and priorities, we also work with each passing season to respond to the What's next? in your organization. So in this catalogue, you'll see tested and valuable topics on technology, funding, human resources and financial management, but you'll also have the opportunity to register for: iPad Day!: The Third Age: Harnessing Boomer Expertise and Energy; Moving Beyond Good Intentions: Board Diversity; Tell Us a Story: A Nonprofit Storytelling Open Mic Workshop; and Thinking Like a Nonprofit Entrepreneur. You'll be encouraged to Eat Your Veggies! and learn things that you know are good for you.

But my favorite new series this fall is Breakfast with Champions. In a series of three fireside-type chats, we’ll pick the brains of some of the smartest people in Pittsburgh. We are fortunate to have some world-class thinkers and business people living amongst us – and we know they can help us better understand our world and our place in it by hearing their stories and having the opportunity to ask lots of questions.

• Why did you choose to pursue your career?
• What is the most important thing you have ever learned and from whom did you learn it?
• Where do you see the greatest opportunities to build a stronger, smarter Pittsburgh and southwestern Pennsylvania?
• What do you wish many people were thinking about as we shape our collective future?
• What are we missing in our organizational analysis of opportunity that you always consider – and from which you have benefited?

The Bayer Center has always been lucky in its friends…and this is no exception. We’re going to talk to Peter Lucas, author of Trillions: Thriving in the Emerging Information Ecology and founder of MAYA Designs. Pete’s mind is endlessly fascinating and his take on ideas is never traditional. I can’t wait!

How many of you start every Wednesday with Pop City? Pop City makes us see our city anew week after week and has contributed greatly to my quality of life by alerting me to people, places and events that rock. Tracy Certo is the genius behind the resource and also generously serves the nonprofit community by frequently giving nonprofits’ news pride of place in Pop City and demonstrating to her readers that nonprofits are integral to Pittsburgh quality of life. Finally, Matthew Pegula of Deep Local will join us just in time to explain to us how to use a robot to remotely decorate the Balsam Hill Communitree and other amazing projects that Deep Local has built. Does this sound like a great set of conversations – or what?

Because we deeply and truly know at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University that for leaders, it is always and forever about What’s next?. And you have my word that we get up every morning to try to anticipate how to partner with our nonprofit friends and allies to build the world we are all going to need tomorrow…

This fall, like every fall, will be over before we blink twice. Make sure you find time in all your hard work and doing of so much good, to see the beauty that surrounds us and to enjoy the fellowship of like minds.

As I started with one interesting woman, Nora Ephron, so in the spirit of unconventional thinkers, I’ll close with Yoko Ono…

“Spring passes and one remembers one’s innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one’s exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one’s reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one’s perseverance.” ~Yoko Ono

Excelsior – ever upward! – beloveds!

Peggy Morrison Outon
Executive Director
The Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management
at Robert Morris University

Not like anybody else.

We’re part of a university. We live the nonprofit life. We give you the time you need…

These are the things that set us apart, and are why thousands of organizations have come to trust the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University as a comprehensive resource for education, consulting, coaching, research, and hands-on solutions for every aspect of nonprofit management.

Every one of our solutions is a custom solution.

At the Bayer Center, we build a stronger community by helping to build stronger, more knowledgeable nonprofits. We do this through collaboration, patience and relationships… combined with decades upon decades of diverse success experience.

Our approach to education is to stay on top of what’s happening in the sector, plan for what’s going to happen, listen to you, and offer the ever-adapting menu of classes you see described in this catalog.

Our approach to consulting and coaching is, when time permits and circumstances warrant, to enter into a process that builds mutual trust and respect and long-lasting results. And when time doesn’t permit, to help you deal with crisis in the instant and on the ground.

Our approach to thought leadership is to leverage our role as a Robert Morris University Center of Excellence, and to listen to you – through conversations, surveys, research, and community gatherings – to bring together the best thinking on how our sector can most effectively enhance our community.

Your reality is our reality.

Organizations on the front line need realistic solutions. Sometimes that means taking a class. Sometimes it means an in-depth planning process. And sometimes it may mean figuring out how to keep the doors open next month.

In thirteen years of service to the nonprofit community, the Bayer Center has completed over 1,200 consulting engagements and educated over 6,500 students. Our consulting clients include human service, arts, faith-based, community development, environmental and education organizations with budgets ranging from $100,000 or less to more than $50,000,000. Our intensive and customized Management, Governance, Financial and Technology consulting services are designed to educate leaders and have resulted in:

• Higher functioning governing boards
• Enhanced financial planning and management
• Increased partnerships and strategic alliances
• More effective approaches to fundraising
• Better informed, evidence-based decisions for future directions
• More capable nonprofit leaders and organizations
• Effective management information systems
• Heightened brand awareness
• Prudent software choices and website design
• A strategic approach to decision-making

In short, at the Bayer Center, we work with you: To provide effective and practical management and governance tools, information, education and research that strengthen nonprofit missions and multiply all investments of time, talent and money in regional nonprofit organizations.

Executive Coaching

It doesn’t have to be lonely at the top…

Not if you have a professional coach there with you.

Bayer Center coaches have all been trained in International Coach Federation approved programs, representing the highest standards of coaching ethics and excellence. More than just a sympathetic ear, our coaches can help you be more effective at:

• Managing others
• Managing yourself
• Managing change
• Balancing the demands of your professional and private lives
• In short… being more effective at work and play

Coaches don’t tell you what to do; they help you draw on your own natural wisdom to make better decisions from a place of clarity and confidence.

Coaching can provide you with targeted support in making difficult choices as you identify what is most vital to your organization’s mission.

In short, coaching can help you achieve one of the most precious gifts of all – a more effective organization and a peaceful night’s sleep!

For more information on affordable individual or peer-to-peer group coaching at the Bayer Center, please contact Scott Leff at 412-397-6006 or leff@rmu.edu.

“My coach provided a sounding board for ideas and concerns, made me think further ahead than I normally do, and increased my confidence in areas where I was not so sure of myself.”

— Roy Kraynyk, Director of Land Protection
Allegheny Land Trust

“Thank you. You’re watching a life change right before your eyes.”

— Jeffrey Dorsey, Executive Director
Union Project
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Featured Series

Discovery Series: Eat Your Veggies!

Broccoli haters welcome! At the Bayer Center, we realize that, like eating your veggies, not all nonprofit management classes are... well... appetizing, but are important! Join us for these free (!) morning sessions where we will focus on some nonprofit management matters that may not be as appealing as chocolate cake, but will give you the vitamins and minerals your nonprofit needs!

Social Media Policies

Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 8 – 9 a.m.

Social networking is here to stay and it is not a viable option for employers to ignore it in the workplace. Join us as we help you understand the ever-changing legal landscape that applies to this technology, and how to be proactive by having a well-tailored social media policy.

Instructor: Lisa Garrett, Cohen & Grigsby
Fee: FREE, but registration is required

Retirement Bonanza:
Is Your Nonprofit Being Left Behind?

Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 8 – 9 a.m.

In the past 15 years, the U.S. has experienced a dramatic increase in Defined Contribution Retirement Plans (401ks, 403bs, 457s, etc.). The number of participating employees, the amount of their contributions and total value of plan assets has increased steadily despite the recent economic downturn. Learn more about how nonprofits measure up against each other and their corporate peers, how future trends in retirement savings plans will impact nonprofits the hardest and what you can do to prepare for and prevent this impact.

Instructor: Rod Diaz, McKinley Carter Wealth Services
Fee: FREE, but registration is required

Retirement: The Silver Lining Behind the Doom and Gloom

Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 8 – 9 a.m.

A lot of pessimism exists today about Americans’ ability to retire, yet thousands retire daily. How do they do it? A concrete plan, disciplined habits and self-education. This session will touch on the plan, the habits and the financial awareness needed to get to your vision of life after 9 to 5. We will talk about (and keep it interesting!) :

- Your post-career plan
- Saving and investing
- Estate planning, long term care insurance and social security
- Building your financial intelligence

Bring your questions and concerns. Debbie is available to stay after the session to talk one on one with those interested about their unique issues and plan.

Instructor: Debbie Moses, McKinley Carter Wealth Services
Fee: FREE, but registration is required

The Third Age: Harnessing Boomer Expertise and Energy

Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 8 – 9 a.m.

The Baby Boomer workforce has a diverse and profound expertise that, when utilized, is an invaluable asset. Creating volunteer opportunities that specifically target boomers is important for engaging this generation. Come and hear some success stories from ESC volunteers and volunteer managers successfully using this kind of partnership.

Instructor: Yvonne VanHaitsma, Bayer Center
Fee: FREE, but registration is required

Icons

Throughout this catalog, you’ll find various icons. These icons point you to the courses you’ve told us you need, and they’ll help you plan your semester at the Bayer Center.

They include:

- Fundraising
- Marketing
- Human Resources
NEW SERIES:
Breakfast with Champions
A recent study released by the Movoto Blog has ranked Pittsburgh as “America’s Smartest City,” (take THAT, Cleveland) so let’s celebrate our smartness! Join us for breakfast and conversation with some of our city’s best and brainiest entrepreneurs who are doing great things in and for our city. You’re sure to leave inspired and proud to be living in such a gifted community!

Friday, Nov. 1 from 8 – 9 a.m.
with Peter Lucas, MAYA Design
Friday, Nov. 22 from 8 – 9 a.m.
with Tracy Certo, Pop City
Friday, Dec.13 from 8 – 9 a.m.
with Matthew Pegula, Deep Local

Fee: $10 to cover the cost of breakfast.

Human Resource Roundtables
Wednesdays, Sept. 18 and Nov. 20 from 8 – 9:30 a.m.
The HR job can be a lonely one – thank goodness there’s strength in numbers. You need peers to challenge, listen, develop and encourage you. The HR Roundtable is just that. Every meeting the group discusses a topic with some insights brought from the trainer. Afterward, a good chunk of the meeting is dedicated to helping each other work through issues your organization is facing. Don’t miss this unique development opportunity.

Instructors: Varies
Fee: $10
Location: Urban Impact Foundation, Northside

Leadership: Drawing Out the Best in You and Others
Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. – noon
The right attitude and vision can help develop a can-do attitude for enthusiastic leadership and positive relationship building. This interactive workshop will teach you how to bring out the leadership within you and bring out the best in others. You’ll learn the importance of positive psychology in the way successful leaders think, act and make decisions.

Instructor: Anthony Petroy, Robert Morris University
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)
Protecting Your Organization:
Risk Management and Insurance
Thursday, Oct. 10 from 5 – 7 p.m.
Nonprofits face increasing risks in an ever changing legal environment. In this class, we'll provide an overview of insurance issues relevant to nonprofits and discuss the types of insurance necessary for and available including Property, Liability, Volunteer, Directors & Officers, Workers Compensation and Professional Liability. We'll discuss insurance premiums as well as risk management techniques including the use of contracts, handbooks, policies and procedures and also allow for discussion on the specific exposures and needs facing your organization.

Instructor: Todd Whiteman, Enscoe Long Insurance Group, LLC
Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

Fundraising is Sales – Admit It!
Thursday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. – noon
Whether or not you’re willing to admit it, fundraising is a lot like sales! In this highly interactive session, we’ll take a look at some strategies and techniques of sales that are extremely helpful in fundraising, including where and how to start the “sale” and discuss the marketing wheel as it applies to allocating resources for your nonprofit. We’ll also give you an outline of how to execute a commercial you can use with donors to uncover their motivation to give, and help you create a non-invasive script to get a “yes” or “no” in less time.

Instructors: Linda Dickerson, 501(c)(3); Len Petrancosta, Peak Performance Management
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)

Thinking Like a Nonprofit Entrepreneur
Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. – noon
Entrepreneurial Style Leadership (ESL) is not just for individuals who have a great idea and want to start up a new business entity and make money — it’s a skill set many 21st Century organizations are seeking in employees of all levels. Thinking like an entrepreneur will equip you to think strategically, appreciate the benefits of entrepreneurship, bring entrepreneurial concepts to community outreaches, and help the nonprofit sector grow in ways that only an entrepreneur can. Participants will gain immediate applicable proficiency that is relevant to their job and gain confidence in entrepreneurial style techniques.

Instructor: Anthony Petroy, Robert Morris University
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)

PRESENTATION DAY!
Effective Presentations
Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. – noon
A narrative that lacks a human touch or a lack of audience interaction can contribute to wandering attention. We’ll focus on planning and executing a presentation to maximize your audience's level of knowledge and interest in your topic and discuss the optimal blend of facts and stories that will make your presentations memorable. Stick around for the afternoon session on how to use PowerPoint to make those newly improved presentations sing!

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online) OR $50 when taken with “PowerPoint” (includes lunch)

PowerPoint Skills and Secrets
Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 1 – 4 p.m.
The morning’s Effective Presentations class offers a general context about how to use (and not to use) PowerPoint; this session will teach skills in alignment with that best-practice context. We’ll get down to the nitty gritty of techniques for optimally using an existing PowerPoint presentation and how to create and edit PowerPoint files. In this hands-on class, you’ll learn how to add charts, graphics, photos and media clips in PowerPoint. You’ll also learn about formatting, using the different views available in PowerPoint and how to animate and transition between slides.

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online) OR $50 when taken with “Effective Presentations” (includes lunch)

Looking for grantwriting classes?
Our friends at the Foundation Center have got you covered! Visit their website at http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/foundationcenter or call 412-622-6277 to see what they’ve got on deck!
Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program

BCNM is proud to partner with Robert Morris University's Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (NLA) Program – a national nonprofit organization established in the 1940s which partners with universities and colleges to prepare the next generation of nonprofit leaders. Established at RMU in 2007, NLA is coordinated by the Office of Student Civic Engagement in the Division of Student Life. BCNM offers an eight week class series in the fall and a week-long boot camp in the spring designed for NLA students to address the unique leadership opportunities and challenges faced by nonprofit professionals. The March 11 – 14 boot camp was great fun for both students and staff! Thanks so much to all of the nonprofits who served as hosts during boot camp including:

- The Northside Christian Health Center
- The Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh
- The Western PA Humane Society
- The United Way of Allegheny County
- Manchester Bidwell
- Father Ryan Arts Center
- CORO
- Pittsburgh Historical Landmarks Foundation

Survey Design: A “How to” for Effective Management

*Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. – noon*

Questionnaires and surveys are quick and low-cost methods of collecting information that can be used for program evaluation, quality improvement, or measuring performance. However, we too often design and administer surveys that do not produce results we can use or easily understand. In this we’ll cover simple techniques that will dramatically improve the usefulness, impact, and accuracy of your surveys and questionnaires including:

- Increasing your response rate
- Improving the quality of your survey
- Designing questions
- Common challenges
- Presenting your results
- Where to go for additional resources

The workshop will include time to practice the survey techniques learned as well as to answer questions about existing surveys, so bring them along!

**Instructor:** Megan Good, Allegheny County Department of Human Services

**Fee:** $65 ($55 if paid online)

The Psychology of Giving – The Practice of Asking

*Friday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. – noon*

People are compassionate and giving by nature, especially to another human being with a name, a face, a need, and a story. But large and negative statistics about perpetual crises turn people away. How do we craft our “ask” to move volunteers and donors to address larger, chronic social issues such as poverty or education? In this workshop, we integrate decision-making science with practical and effective ways to analyze and design communication approaches for nonprofit social/community services. Particularly suited for organizations who seek to connect with donors, volunteers, and the community.

**Instructors:** Ken Smythe-Leistico, University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development; Junlei Li, Ph.D, Fred Rogers Company

**Fee:** $65 ($55 if paid online)

FUNdamentals of Project Management

*Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

If you’re new to project management, this is the class for you! We’ll spend the morning learning the basics of project management, including project planning steps, developing project objectives and managing a project team. In the afternoon, we’ll apply and practice this knowledge using the free, open-source project management tool Asana.com.

**Instructor:** Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center

**Fee:** $125 ($115 if paid online) and includes lunch
The 10 Most Common HR Mistakes Nonprofits Make

Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. – noon

Nonprofits face unique human resources challenges as they strive to fulfill their missions in times of financial belt-tightening, staffing shortages, increased government oversight and ever-changing regulations. It is more important than ever for nonprofits to understand and adapt to the rapidly changing employment and labor landscape. Virtually every aspect of employment including how we hire, pay, evaluate, promote, discipline, reward, provide benefits, record keep, settle disputes between employees, assign work, monitor social media and other technology use, control the workplace environment, etc. will be covered! This program is designed to address both the theory and practice sides of this challenging topic through lecture, case studies, real-world examples, class discussion and interactive role-playing.

Instructor: Albert Lee, Esq., Tucker Arensberg, P.C.
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)

Tell Us a Story: A Nonprofit Storytelling Open Mic Workshop

Thursday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. – noon

We’ve all been hearing that we need to be able to tell our organization’s story well in order to enlist more help meeting our missions. Many would like to improve this skill set, but we lack the chance to practice. In this workshop, participants telling stories from their work is the main event. Our storytelling expert and your peers will provide feedback on what works and what doesn’t, what to cut and what to expand, how you inspired, informed or (eek!) confused your audience. This session offers you a chance to try out your story and your storytelling technique on a friendly audience in a low-stakes setting.

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)

Building Strategy: Planning and Execution

Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. – noon

In this highly participative session, we’ll identify why most strategies fail and teach you a guided, repeatable process for getting to results through the “VFO” (Vital Few Objectives) breakthrough system. You’ll learn how to achieve alignment, focus and consensus within your leadership, engage team members in creating detailed initiative plans, and understand how to equip leaders with crisp messages that create clarity.

Instructor: Fiore Londino and Sherryl L. Nufer, Pareto Consulting
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)

Challenges to Nonprofit Status

Friday, Dec. 6 from 9 – 11 a.m.

The tax-exempt status of nonprofit organizations is under increasing scrutiny. The debate over payment in lieu of taxes has been highly visible in Pittsburgh, drawing national attention in the March 2013 issue of the Nonprofit Quarterly. Join us for a conversation with three of our region’s most influential government and foundation leaders around this ongoing concern.

Panelists: Bill Peduto, Pittsburgh Mayoral Candidate; Erin Molchany, Allegheny County State Representative; Fred Thieman, Buhl Foundation; Peggy Morrison Outon, Bayer Center
Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

Hear From Your Peers: A Salesforce Users Panel

Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 9 – 11 a.m.

The Salesforce Foundation’s license donation program for Salesforce.com has made this tool a subject of lively conversation over the last few years. You may be wondering if it’s a fit for you and what the advantages of the platform are, relative to off-the-shelf software for nonprofit information management needs like donor management, outcomes tracking and general customer relationship management. We’ve assembled a group of your peers at different stages of implementation and use of Salesforce to share their experience with you.

Moderator: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

Engineering Public Policy: Civic Campaigns

Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. – noon

Instead of politicians asking us to vote for them, learn how a civic campaign can successfully ask a politician to vote for us—or a piece of legislation/policy that would help improve the lives of our clients, communities, or industry sector. This course will walk you through the various steps of developing a civic campaign strategy, how to go about implementing the strategy and use a real case study as an example of a successful and not so successful civic campaign.

Instructor: John Denny, Denny Civic Solutions
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)

United Way and Bayer Center Resources

The Wage and Benefit Survey of Southwestern Pennsylvania Nonprofit Organizations is a crucial tool for filling out the 990. You can access this free resource by clicking “For Agencies” than “Reports and Resources” at unitedwaypittsburgh.org.
Nonprofit Management Clinics

**Pinpoint Planning Clinic**
**60-minute sessions available by appointment**
Stories that capture the essence of your organization’s mission can be powerful tools for enlisting support. If you know that your organization does great work but you lack those two or three stories that help to explain it to outsiders, come work on your stories with one-on-one structured help. Although storytelling is a creative act, all good stories have specific ingredients. An outsider to serve as guide and first audience can hone your stories into compelling tools in your communication strategy. Note: This clinic – unlike the others – may be done by phone if travel proves inconvenient.

**Instructor:** Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
**Fee:** $50 per hour

**Marketing Clinic**
**60-minute sessions available by appointment**
In this clinic, we’ll review your current marketing strategy and materials, and give you advice about where you should focus your energy to align with your mission, customers, and needs.

**Instructor:** Dorothy Hufford, ESC Volunteer
**Fee:** $50 per hour

**Employee Handbook Clinic**
**60-minute sessions available by appointment**
Is your employee handbook up to date? Does it include all the vital elements? Does its wording comply with wage and hour laws? Is it truly the employee information source that you would like it to be? We can help you get the answers to these questions and help you to modify and update your employee handbook as needed. During the clinic, we will do a complete review of your handbook and point out the sections that are missing or require revisions.

**Instructor:** Ray Frankoski, ESC Volunteer
**Fee:** $50 per hour (Due to the complexity of this topic, a 2-hour minimum is required.)

**Ask an Attorney Clinic**
**60-minute sessions available by appointment**
Remember the good old days? Things were easier, less transparent, with fewer surprises. Now you have reason to be nervous about signing that lease. What does that insurance policy really cover? Are your personnel practices a lawsuit waiting to happen? Take advantage of affordable, one-hour consultations at LawLinks’ Ask an Attorney clinics. Meet one-on-one with an attorney and discuss legal issues that concern you, like:

- Confusing “legalese” and contract terms
- Employment law and whether your organization’s policies and procedures are compliant
- Protecting your organization against lawsuits
- Trademark and copyright protection

**Instructor:** Varies
**Fee:** $50 per hour

**Emerging Organizations Clinic**
**60-minute sessions available by appointment**
Thinking of starting a nonprofit? We’ll give you one-on-one guidance with the next steps – whether it is more research, looking into fiscal sponsorship, or reviewing an exemption application. We’ll guide you through different options and the decision-making process.

**Instructors:** ESC Volunteers
**Fee:** $50 per hour (Due to the complexity of this topic, a 2-hour minimum is required.)

**HR Clinic**
**60-minute sessions available by appointment**
Do your HR policies need updating? Is expansion requiring more staff and more new job descriptions? Are you facing layoffs, or do you have a pregnant staffer and no maternity policy? We can help you with these and other issues including:

- Creating better performance appraisals
- Improving employee relations
- Restructuring benefits and compensation

The session is for any staff person with HR oversight. Bring your materials including employee handbook, performance appraisal form, and anything else HR-related to your appointment.

**Instructor:** Ray Frankoski, ESC Volunteer
**Fee:** $50 per hour

**Presentation Clinic**
**60-minute sessions available by appointment**
There is always room to improve the visuals that we use to aid our presentations. Get one-on-one help to make that presentation sing. Clinic can be used for step-by-step instruction on particular techniques (e.g., formatting, animation, incorporating media) or to workshop an existing presentation for ways to punch up its informative and persuasive power.

**Instructor:** Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
**Fee:** $50 per hour

This program was developed by the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management in partnership with the United Way of Allegheny County.

Instructors: ESC Volunteers
Fee: $50 per hour
What is BoardsWork!?

BoardsWork! (BW!) is a program of the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management (BCNM) through which nonprofits receive a customized assessment, board retreat, and access to a pool of skilled and eager board prospects from local businesses and corporations who have been trained in all aspects of good governance. The program is focused on the practical and appropriate, with the retreat tailored to the needs of each individual nonprofit board.

Why do I need BoardsWork!?

Strong Boards build strong nonprofits...
BoardsWork! builds strong boards.
An organization achieves its best when it is supported by skilled and enthusiastic board members who bring energy and fresh ideas and enhance your board’s portfolio and skillset.

BoardsWork! specializes in…
- Enhancing technical skills
- Sharpening strategic thinking
- Understanding succession planning
- Coaching on board/staff roles and responsibilities
- Streamlining policies
- Honing bylaws
- Increasing fundraising revenues

BoardsWork! is an excellent value for your hard earned funds!
Your benefits include…
- A custom assessment resulting in a board retreat planned and facilitated by BCNM
- A focused retreat to meet the needs of your board’s development
- Matching your nonprofit with fully trained board members from your local business community
- Listing as a BW! Award Agency in a report to local funders and in the Pittsburgh Business Times
- Use of the BW! Award seal on your fundraising, grant, marketing and communication materials
- Periodic convenings of BW! Award winners
- A 20% discount for current board members on all BCNM classes

Where does it all happen?

You tell us! The retreat can be here at the Bayer Center downtown, at your facility, or at an offsite location.

When should I take advantage of BoardsWork!?

NOW. BoardsWork! has a pool of trained, enthusiastic members from businesses including American Eagle, Bayer Corporation and Huntington Bank waiting to serve on your board. BoardsWork! is ready to customize the retreat for your nonprofit. The group in our board matching pool is talented, skilled and ready to serve!

How do I join BoardsWork!?

Contact Program Director Lulu Orr at boardswork@rmu.edu or 412-397-6012 to send you a BoardsWork! Request for Services form, or to answer any questions you may have. The cost is only $1,000 for your customized retreat, right to use the BoardsWork! Award seal, and to enter the matching pool, then $250 annually to remain a BoardsWork! Award Agency and stay in the matching pool. Partial scholarships may be available for organizations who qualify. Flexible payment terms are also available.

Start earning your BoardsWork! Award TODAY!
Protecting Your Organization: Risk Management and Insurance
Thursday, Oct. 10 from 5 – 7 p.m.
Nonprofits face increasing risks in an ever changing legal environment. In this class, we’ll provide an overview of insurance issues relevant to nonprofits and discuss the types of insurance necessary and available including Property, Liability, Volunteer, Directors & Officers, Workers Compensation and Professional Liability. We’ll discuss insurance premiums as well as risk management techniques including the use of contracts, handbooks, policies and procedures and also allow for discussion on the specific exposures and needs facing your organization.

Instructor: Todd Whiteman, Enscoe Long Insurance Group, LLC
Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

Engaging Millenials in Board Service
Friday, Nov. 15 from 9 – 11 a.m.
Nonprofits are feeling the pressure from a constantly changing environment. How can we keep up? Engaging millennials in board service is a start! BoardSource indicates that only 2% of nonprofit board members are under the age of thirty, despite their passion, fresh ideas and knowledge of new technologies. Come and chat with three community leaders who are empowering young people to serve on nonprofit boards and experiencing the influence of this generation first-hand.

Panelists: Marcie Eberhart, American Eagle Outfitters Foundation; Rebecca Lucore, Bayer MaterialScience LLC, Chris Cooke, PULSE; Lulu Orr, Bayer Center
Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

Moving Beyond Good Intentions: Board Diversity
Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 9 – 11 a.m.
We are fortunate in our region’s diverse communities. A diverse nonprofit board is vital to accomplishing a nonprofit’s mission and increasing the understanding of their constituents and community needs. Join us as we discuss how harnessing our region’s diversity can strengthen your board.

Panelists: Doris Carson Williams, African American Chamber of Commerce; Melanie Harrington, Vibrant Pittsburgh, Lulu Orr, Bayer Center
Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

Corporate BoardsWork! Clinic NEW!
60-minute sessions available by appointment
When your expertise is in the world of for-profit business, joining a nonprofit board can make you feel like a fish out of water. You want to be helpful, but suddenly you find yourself asking, “Why do they do it THAT way?” Come hash out your questions with a trained coach and nonprofit expert (who also happens to have a lot of for-profit background). Designed especially for new nonprofit board members matched through the Bayer Center’s BoardsWork! program, this clinic will be helpful for anyone wondering how to become a more effective volunteer nonprofit steward. The clinic can be held in person or by telephone.

Instructor: Scott Leff, Bayer Center
Fee: $50 per hour (Due to the complexity of this topic, a 2-hour minimum is required.)
Exploring the lives of women leaders in nonprofit organizations

Women comprise a great majority of the nonprofit workforce in Southwestern Pennsylvania. In fact, 74% of those working in the regional nonprofit sector are female. Approximately 225,000 of those 300,000 employed in nonprofits in Allegheny and surrounding counties are women. But wage equity is not a reality for most women working in regional nonprofit organizations.

Through generous support from the Eden Hall Foundation and Bayer USA Foundation, the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University is leading on behalf of women in the nonprofit workforce through research and education to promote change in this picture. A “Kitchen Cabinet” consisting of over 170 leaders from the private, public and nonprofit sectors has been formed to guide new research efforts on the lives of women in nonprofits, to ask hard, relevant questions, and to distill knowledge into action. And we intend to engage the power of 74% to do just that.

In order to continue to pursue our multi-faceted research on this topic through education, we offer these classes and others which will speak to the on-the-ground reality faced by both women and men in the nonprofit sector.

**Retirement Bonanza: Is Your Nonprofit Being Left Behind?**
*Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 8 – 9 a.m.*

In the past 15 years, the U.S. has experienced a dramatic increase in Defined Contribution Retirement Plans (401ks, 403bs, 457s, etc.). The number of participating employees, the amount of their contributions and total value of plan assets has increased steadily despite the recent economic downturn. Learn more about how nonprofits measure up against each other and their corporate peers, how future trends in retirement savings plans will impact nonprofits the hardest and what you can do to prepare for and prevent this impact.

**Instructor:** Rod Diaz, McKinley Carter Wealth Services

**Fee:** FREE, but registration is required

**Retirement: The Silver Lining Behind the Doom and Gloom**
*Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 8 – 9 a.m.*

A lot of pessimism exists today about Americans’ ability to retire, yet thousands retire daily. How do they do it? A concrete plan, disciplined habits and self-education. This session will touch on the plan, the habits and the financial awareness needed to get to your vision of life after 9 to 5. We will talk about (and keep it interesting!) :

- Your post-career plan
- Saving and investing
- Estate planning, long term care insurance and social security
- Building your financial intelligence

Bring your questions and concerns. Debbie is available to stay after the session to talk one on one with those interested about their unique issues and plan.

**Instructor:** Debbie Moses, McKinley Carter Wealth Services

**Fee:** FREE, but registration is required

**Executive Performance Evaluations**
*Thursday, Nov. 14 from 5 – 7 p.m.*

According to CompassPoint’s 2011 “Daring to Lead” study, only 55% of nonprofit executive directors receive an annual evaluation from their board…and of those who do, only 18% find it useful. Yikes - it’s time for boards to step it up! We’ll look at real life examples and evaluation templates to explore how the board can create a meaningful review that not only engages and motivates the ED, but spurs them on to continued growth and development. You’ll learn from not one, but two experienced instructors including a seasoned executive director and board member (Peggy Morrison Outon) AND a human resources director (Karen Campbell) – what a team!

**Instructors:** Peggy Morrison Outon, Bayer Center; Karen Campbell, ESC Volunteer

**Fee:** $40 ($30 if paid online)

**The Third Age: Harnessing Boomer Expertise and Energy**
*Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 8 – 9 a.m.*

The Baby Boomer workforce has a diverse and profound expertise that, when utilized, is an invaluable asset. Creating volunteer opportunities that specifically target boomers is important for engaging this generation. Come and hear some success stories from ESC volunteers and volunteer managers successfully using this kind of partnership.

**Instructor:** Yvonne VanHaitsma, Bayer Center

**Fee:** FREE, but registration is required
If numbers were your favorite thing, you probably wouldn’t have gone into nonprofits. But finance doesn’t have to be scary, and it doesn’t have to be hard. The Bayer Center’s focus in our financial consulting and classes is always on the practical. We’re pretty good with the numbers, but we’ve lost count of how many clients have told us that we made accounting understandable for the first time. Whether we’re with you in a 3-hour class or working as your consultant, our goal is to help you use your finances as a tool for managing your organization and delivering your services more effectively. Clarity is our business.

Some of the ways we assist organizations are:

• Analyzing financial performance ratios to identify areas of concern and aid in management decisions
• Clarifying cost allocations to determine how individual programs contribute to the bottom line or require subsidization
• Educating boards on what to monitor in financial reports and how to interpret the data
• Considering financial issues in strategic decision-making

For information about BCNM Financial Consulting, call 412-397-6000.

Prepping for an Audit Clinic
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Do the words financial audit make the hair on the back of your neck rise? Work with one of our volunteers to help make sure you’re tracking your finances well, walk through the audit process, and gather required documentation long before the auditors arrive.

Instructor: John Eichenlaub, ESC Volunteer
Fee: $50 per hour (Due to the complexity of this topic, a 2-hour minimum is required.)
Technology

Today more than ever, nonprofits need to use technology wisely to stay competitive, prove effectiveness and communicate with constituents. The Bayer Center’s tech consultants have a broad and deep knowledge of the technology issues challenging nonprofits. Whether in your office or in our classroom, we speak English, not Geek, so that you can understand the entire process. If you need a new website, can’t figure out what fundraising software to buy, want your own database, or just feel like chilling out at Access Camp, you’ll find that our support is always real, never virtual.

Some of the ways we assist organizations are:

- Assessing the state of technology being used and helping to prioritize improvements
- Developing technology plans to enhance long-term impact
- Creating social media plans and strategies
- Building and improving databases that track key organizational information
- Providing custom training on software applications at the Bayer Center or on-site
- Planning and developing websites
- Supporting sound technology decisions – projects have included: software selection, vendor RFP development and selection, policy and procedure development, development of staff job descriptions, and hiring of IT staff

For information about Bayer Center Technology Consulting, call 412-397-6000.

Bagels and Bytes
Join your nonprofit techie colleagues for a new season of this popular gathering. We continue our discussion of managing and maintaining your IT. If you’re responsible for your nonprofit’s technology challenges, you’re someone we want to know! Visit http://tinyurl.com/bcnmbagelsandbytes for more information.

Bagels and Bytes Allegheny (Cost $10)
Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 8:30 – 10 a.m.
at Rodef Shalom (Oakland)
Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 8:30 – 10 a.m.
at ACHIEVA (South Side)
Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 8:30 – 10 a.m.
at ACHIEVA (South Side)
Holiday party – Friday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.
at Dave and Buster’s (Waterfront)

R.S.V.P. to Shelby Gracey at gracey@rmu.edu or 412-397-6000.

Bagels and Bytes Westmoreland (Cost $5)
Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 8 – 9:30 a.m.
at YWCA of Westmoreland County (Greensburg)
Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 8 – 9:30 a.m.
at YWCA of Westmoreland County (Greensburg)

R.S.V.P. to Gina McGrath at ginam@ywcawestmoreland.org or 724-834-9390 x107.

Writing for the Web and Social Media
Thursday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Writing content for your website or social media channels is very different from other types of communications, in large part due to the way people read online. Most of your written materials must be altered for use on a web page or social media site in order to make them readable and usable. In this class, learn how to improve your written website and social media content, increase your site’s usability, and leverage your website and social media as communication tools.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $125 ($115 if paid online) and includes lunch

Beginning Web Design with WordPress
Thursday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Are you a website novice who needs to know how to design a basic website that works? WordPress is a website content management system that is great for building and managing websites, even for beginners. Nonprofit staff without previous web design experience and web design staff who want to learn WordPress are welcome.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $125 ($115 if paid online) and includes lunch
Planning Your Microsoft SharePoint Site

Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. – noon

You’ve heard people rave about SharePoint, but aren’t really sure how your nonprofit might use it. In this session, our SharePoint experts will demonstrate what this tool can do for your nonprofit and present the planning process you need to make your site a success. We’ll discuss and show SharePoint’s capabilities, the versions available, where to get them and what equipment you need to run them. Finally, you’ll learn about various popular features such as record management and versioning, flexibility of views, social network tools and connecting to SharePoint from Office for seamless use.

Instructor: Val Tassari, i-Squared, Inc.
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online)

WEBINAR:

Presentation Visuals that Work

Thursday and Friday Oct. 10 – 11 from 10 – 11 a.m.

Bullets are not only dangerous in guns. Although your presence and preparation make a huge impact on the success of a presentation’s ability to inform and persuade, bad visuals can undermine your message. In fact, PowerPoint itself may have taught us bad habits. This webinar will help you create visuals that will make your facts, stories and ideas stick with your audience.

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $40

iPad DAY!

iPad Basics

Thursday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. – noon

Have you just gotten an iPad, but haven’t done much beyond surfing the Web? In this class, we’ll cover iPad with iOS 6 basics and walk you through the various configuration settings. Students should plan to bring an iPad 2, 3 or Mini to class.

Note: Only iPad and iOS will be covered in this class. Call the Bayer Center if you need a one-on-one clinic for Android or other types of devices.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online) per session OR $100 for the whole day (includes lunch)

Awesome iPad Apps You Can Use

Thursday, Oct. 31 from 1 – 4 p.m.

So many apps, so little time! In this class, you’ll learn about the Apps Store and how to find useful, interesting and fun apps for productivity, communications and more. We’ll teach you how to download, install and configure apps and how to uninstall them if you change your mind later. We’ll go over the basics of using some of the more popular apps and give you plenty of time for guided experimentation. Students should plan to bring an iPad 2, 3 or Mini to class.

Note: Only iPad and iOS will be covered in this class. Call the Bayer Center if you need a one-on-one clinic for Android or other types of devices.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online) per session OR $100 for the whole day (includes lunch)

PowerPoint Skills and Secrets

Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 1 – 4 p.m.

The morning’s Effective Presentations class offers a general context about how to use (and not to use) PowerPoint; this session will teach skills in alignment with that best-practice context. We’ll get down to the nitty gritty of techniques for optimally using an existing PowerPoint presentation and how to create and edit PowerPoint files. In this hands-on class, you’ll learn how to add charts, graphics, photos and media clips in PowerPoint. You’ll also learn about formatting, using the different views available in PowerPoint and how to animate and transition between slides.

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online) OR $50 when taken with “Effective Presentations” (includes lunch) on page 6

Essential WordPress Settings and Plugins

Thursday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

In this full-day course, we will discuss, install, and configure essential WordPress plugins that will help you:

- Secure your website and prevent spam
- Share your content via social media
- Add forms and surveys to your site
- Take donations online and at events
- Optimize your site for search engines and perform site backups

We’ll discuss free vs. premium (paid) plugins, how to install and delete them and how you can use plugins for customizing and adding functionality to your website. WordPress experience not needed, but helpful.

Instructor: Craig Grella, OrgSpring.com
Fee: $125 ($115 if paid online) and includes lunch
Technology

Mass Appeal: Comparing Managed Email Tools
Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 9 – 11 a.m.

Have you been thinking about using a managed email tool to streamline your mass emails or improve their design or targeting? It would really help to hear from people who currently use the leading tools on the market, right? That’s what we thought. We’ve assembled a panel of your nonprofit communications peers to talk about Constant Contact, Mail Chimp and Vertical Response. This moderated panel discussion will focus on the strengths and weaknesses of these various options, including list management, formatting, segmenting and operability with other tools. We can’t make the decision for you, but you’ll hear from people who have made this choice.

Panelists: Jeff Forster and Carrie Richards, Bayer Center; Julie Boyce Kuna, Southwinds, Inc.; Catherine Olteanu, Lemur Conservation Foundation

Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

Hear From Your Peers: A Salesforce Users Panel
Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 9 – 11 a.m.

The Salesforce Foundation’s license donation program for Salesforce.com has made this tool a subject of lively conversation over the last few years. You may be wondering if it’s a fit for you and what the advantages of the platform are relative to off-the-shelf software for nonprofit information management needs like donor management, outcomes tracking and general customer relationship management. We’ve assembled a group of your peers at different stages of implementation and use of Salesforce to share their experience with you.

Moderator: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center

Fee: $40 ($30 if paid online)

EXCEL DAY!

Introduction to Excel 2010
Thursday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. – noon

Learn Excel basics in the morning session including:
- Worksheet creation
- Formula creation
- Cell formatting using “mouse pointers”
- Absolute cell references
- Printing your worksheet

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center

Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online) per session OR $100 for the whole day (includes lunch)

Intermediate Excel 2010
Thursday, Dec. 12 from 1 – 4 p.m.

Learn more about Excel in the afternoon including:
- Worksheet templates creation and use
- Using functions
- Creating links between worksheets
- Database features
- Chart creation and formatting

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center

Fee: $65 ($55 if paid online) per session OR $100 for the whole day (includes lunch)

Custom Training

Got a great idea for a workshop? Searching for something that’s not featured in our catalog? Having a tough time aligning schedules to attend a class? Custom training may be just what you’re looking for. We can help you set up every aspect of your next staff workshop.

Frequently requested topics include:
- Technology
- Nonprofit finance
- Board development
- Fundraising
- Supervision and leadership
- Staff management

Our extensive experience in conducting workshops can be tailored to your organization’s specific needs. For more information, contact the Bayer Center at 412-397-6000 or bcnm@rmu.edu.
Thursday, Oct. 24 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

TechNow is:
The longest-running nonprofit technology conference in the Pittsburgh region - a whole day devoted to the new and important technology trends and resources for nonprofits. Technology affects nearly every effort to achieve our missions. TechNow connects you with the resources, information and people your nonprofit needs to succeed!

Who Should Attend:
Technology professionals, “accidental” techies, nonprofit leaders, board members, technology advocates and gurus, or anybody who thinks about and deals with technology at his or her nonprofit.

Keynote Speaker:
Gavin Clabaugh is vice president of information services for the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation – an international, private foundation supporting efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society. At Mott, Gavin oversees all administrative, developmental, and operational aspects of information technology, and has overall responsibility for the Foundation’s library, archives, intranet, extranet, as well as other related technical, information, and communications services.

In addition to his work at the Foundation, Gavin serves on a variety of nonprofit boards including the Technology Affinity Group of the Council on Foundations (emeritus) and NTEN (emeritus). He is a founding member of the board of Aspiration, an organization dedicated to developing and funding IT solutions within the nonprofit sector. He regularly serves as an advisor to a variety of ICT projects within the sector, including the Foundation Center’s GrantsFire initiative, TechSoup’s “Net-Squared,” the Council on Foundation’s ICT for Philanthropy taskforce, and is an occasional advisor to the Brussels-based European Foundation Center. Current projects include OPDX, a TAG/GuideStar initiative to develop an open data standard for the exchange of philanthropic information.

In 2007, Gavin won the NTEN “Lifetime Achievement” award for service to the nonprofit sector, and was named twice to the Nonprofit Times’ “NPT50” – a list of the 50 most influential leaders in the U.S. nonprofit sector – first in 2007 and again in 2008.

Learn More and Register:
www.technowconference.org

Fee:
Early Bird, $110 (by September 30) OR $135 (October 1 - 22)

Location:
Regional Learning Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16011

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Technology Clinics

Android Clinic
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Do you have an Android phone or tablet, but haven’t done much with it yet? Get one-on-one help on using the Android operating system, configuring your phone and downloading/installing apps.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $50 per hour

Web Design Clinic
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Your website may seem just fine to you, but maybe it’s time you had an outsider’s take on it. Sit down with our website expert as she provides an honest (and kind) assessment of your site and recommends changes that may improve it.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $50 per hour (Due to the complexity of this topic, a 2-hour minimum is required)

Excel/Spreadsheet Clinic
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Other people work magic with spreadsheets; so can you! For complete beginners to advanced users with specific questions, this clinic is your opportunity to become the Excel magician you’ve always wanted to be! We’ll teach you handy tricks of the trade that save time and effort:
- Write time-saving formulas so that you never have to hand-tally again
- Read formulas in existing spreadsheets and follow those crazy links
- Format your spreadsheets for readability
- Use spreadsheets to dynamically analyze scenarios

Bring your questions – or even better – a spreadsheet you want to improve.

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $50 per hour

Dreamweaver/WordPress Clinic
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Have a great idea for a website but no idea how to do it? Bring those Dreamweaver challenges and questions to our maven, and we’ll help you create the site of your dreams! This problem-specific clinic is for all levels of current Dreamweaver users.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $50 per hour

Social Media Clinic
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Have you just been handed responsibility for your organization’s activities in the realm of social media? Are you baffled and unsure how to begin? Let our social media guru mentor you one-on-one, and you’ll be an active social media user in no time! Whether you are attempting to use popular social media tools (such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, or Flickr), need help setting up a blog or a wiki, or need assistance with social media strategy, we can help.

Instructor: Cindy Leonard, Bayer Center
Fee: $50 per hour

Website Accessibility Clinic
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Do you serve a population that includes people with disabilities? Are you concerned that your website is not sufficiently accessible to your target audience members? Do you receive federal funding that requires you to be compliant with Section 508 guidelines for website accessibility? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” we’re here. These clinics are one-on-one sessions in which our expert will analyze your website for accessibility, answer your specific questions, and give you recommendations for improvement.

Instructor: Tiffany Kuchta, Allegheny Graphics Web Development, LLC
Fee: $50 per hour

Now What?: A Clinic on Access Databases
60-minute sessions available by appointment
Struggling with an Access database that came with the job and doesn’t make sense to you? Have you built a database that’s grown completely out of control? Bring a copy of that problematic database, and we’ll help you make sense of it. Our database guru will:
- Examine and assess its structure and functionality
- Recommend whether to scrap it and start over, buy something off-the-shelf, or clean it up and continue to use it
- Build in some specific tracking and search features if you decide to keep using it

For intermediate to advanced Access users.

Instructor: Jeff Forster, Bayer Center
Fee: $50 per hour (Due to the complexity of this topic, a 2-hour minimum is required)
Peggy Morrison Outon is the founding Executive Director of the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University. She is also the founding Director of the Centers for Effective Nonprofit Management in Austin, Texas, and New Orleans, and the founding Board Chair of the Alliance for Nonprofit Management. A nationally noted consultant and trainer, Peggy has worked with more than 700 nonprofit clients. She served as founding member of the Drucker Foundation’s international training team and as a trainer. She has been an active community volunteer, serving on 33 community boards and countless committees. In August 2006, she was named to the national Nonprofit Times Top 50 for Power and Influence and has been recognized locally by several organizations, including the Girls Scouts and Pittsburgh City Council.

Jeff Forster is Senior Consultant at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University. For over a decade, Jeff has assisted a variety of nonprofit organizations in the Pittsburgh area, specializing in technology, presentations and storytelling. He holds a master’s degree in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor’s degree from Yale University. He serves on the Alumni Schools Committee and is president of the board of the Yale Club of Pittsburgh and serves on the Stewardship Committee at Church of the Ascension, Oakland.

Shelby Gracey is Office Coordinator at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University, responsible for keeping the center’s office functions flowing smoothly. After receiving an A.S. from Lake-Sumter Community College as well as certification as a professional secretary, she went on to work in healthcare public relations, word processing and computer support. Shelby is also organist and Director of Music at Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church (where her husband is pastor) where she coordinates and plays music for church services, directs the adult, children’s, youth, and handbell choirs, and teaches music for the Youth Club.

Scott B. Leff is Senior Consultant, Organizational Development and Strategy at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University with over 25 years’ experience as a senior business executive, entrepreneur, nonprofit consultant and board member. His expertise is in strategy, finance, sustainability, business planning, marketing, social enterprise, mergers and alliances, organizational development, and executive management. He has served on over 20 nonprofit boards and is currently treasurer of the Mattress Factory art museum. Scott has an M.S. degree from Carnegie Mellon University, is a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh, and an ICF-approved trained Professional Coach.

Cindy Leonard is Consulting Team Leader at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University. She works with the consulting team to maximize client satisfaction and identify areas for growth. Additionally, she creates and teaches Bayer Center classes, convenes Bagels & Bytes meetings and organizes the annual TechNow conference. Cindy’s consulting specialty is helping nonprofits leverage technology to meet their missions. An experienced website designer, she adds website planning, design and assessment to BCNM’s portfolio of services. Cindy holds a B.S. in computer science, an M.B.A. and a M.Ed. in instructional design technology, all from Seton Hill University.

Lulu Orr is Program Director of BoardsWork! at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University. As Founder and Executive Director of the Good Grief Center for Bereavement Support, she worked from the ground up in creating and running that organization for 10 years. Creating a Board of Advisors which transitioned into a Board of Directors, Lulu knows first-hand the importance of an educated and engaged board. She currently serves on the board of Hekima Place and Allegheny Cemetery and is an active member of the professional advisory boards of Forbes Hospice and Helping Hands Healing Hearts.

Carrie Richards is Programs Team Leader at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University. She offers management support for all of the BCNM programs, including the development of and implementation of BCNM’s extensive nonprofit educational classes, clinics and convenings. A Northside resident and proud owner of a rescued pit bull, she’s a volunteer for Biggies Bullies and a member of the Allegheny Elks Lodge #339. Carrie earned a degree in youth ministry from Eastern University, completed a master’s degree in nonprofit management and is currently pursuing a second master’s degree in human resources, both from Robert Morris University.

Carrie Tancraitor is Consultant and Researcher at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University, responsible for the collection and analysis of customer, demographic, and survey data. She also contributes original research to the 74% Project which explores the lives of women in the nonprofit sector. Carrie was a Schreyer’s Scholar at The Pennsylvania State University, holds a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Delaware and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at Robert Morris University. An active board member and volunteer, she is a marathoner and proud parent to a sleep-less baby, Otto and a tail-less shelter cat, Rocky.

Yvonne Van Haitsma has been a Consultant at the Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University since 2000 and is the ESC Program Director. She has 15 years’ experience consulting with nonprofits in collaboration development, strategic planning, board development, and executive transitions both locally and in El Salvador and Ecuador. Yvonne earned her master’s degree in community organizing and nonprofit management at the University of Pittsburgh. She has consulted with many organizations including Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania, YouthWorks, Inc., The Women and Girls Foundation, Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, Fayette County Conservation District, and Metro Family Health Practice.
Instructor Bios

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