Welcome to New ODUS Staff

We are very happy to welcome three new administrators to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students.

In July, Cole Crittenden succeeded Hilary Herbold as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Students. Cole provides leadership to the directors of student life and works closely with them and with other ODUS staff to identify and leverage new opportunities to strengthen the programs and administrative systems under his oversight.

Cole did his graduate work at Princeton in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. He has extensive familiarity with our residential colleges, having served both as an assistant master in Rockefeller College and, most recently, as a director of studies in Whitman. In these roles, he has worked closely with other members of the college staff, RCAs and the college councils to help orient new students and support them in their transition to college life. In addition, Cole has collaborated with many other campus offices to plan and implement programs for students on a range of residential and academic issues designed to acquaint them with important University resources and help them in making sound decisions. He has coordinated support for students across departments and assisted them as they navigated various University systems, policies and committees.

Before arriving at Princeton, Cole served for several years as a resident dean at Harvard University, where he was responsible for supporting the academic progress and overall welfare of the 360 students residing in Currier House. In this capacity, he gained valuable experience managing student crisis and discipline.

Tom Scheuren has been appointed as the Director of Student Life in Rockefeller College. He has recently returned from Dublin, Ireland where he directed a residential program for students attending the Champlain College Dublin Programme. Prior to his position at Champlain, Tom also held positions in residential life at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art and at the College of New Jersey. In those roles, Tom gained valuable experience training and supervising student and professional staff, resolving disciplinary matters, assisting in the implementation of a variety of programming initiatives and responding to and resolving student crises.

Tom also served as a residence director at the University of Virginia/Institute for Shipboard Education “Semester at Sea” program where, in addition to his residential life responsibilities, he advised students engaged in service and philanthropic activities in port cities and led seminars and
discussion groups that complemented the Global Studies curriculum. His strong professional experience and his engaging interpersonal skills make him particularly well-suited to the position of director of student life. Tom received his B.A. and M.A. from The College of New Jersey.

**Joe Ramirez ’07** joined ODUS in July as the Program Coordinator, replacing Devon Wessman-Smerdon ’05, h’10 who enrolled in a graduate program at Harvard University. Joe will work closely with the ODUS staff to advise student organizations and the four classes on budgetary matters and to provide assistance with special projects and events.

When he was a student at Princeton, Joe could be found dancing in the Wilcox or Bloomberg studios (there was no Whitman studio then!); taking anthropology seminars in Aaron Burr Hall; dining in Wilson College, Frist, or Colonial; delivering papers early in the morning; or working as a research assistant for a faculty member in the Spanish department. That’s, of course, when he wasn’t participating in a program abroad, including Princeton-in-Cuba, an international internship in Costa Rica, and a semester abroad in Spain.

After graduation, Joe decided that he loved his Princeton experience so much he couldn’t find it in him to return to his home state of Nebraska. Instead, he stayed in Tigertown, working in the Princeton admission office, and later, the development office.