

# Professional Vita of Amber M. Burdge

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## Education

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Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana  
**Doctorate of Education**, Higher Education Leadership, August 2020

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma  
**Master of Science**, Counseling and Student Personnel, May 2004

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma  
**Bachelor of Science**, Health Promotion, July 2000

Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, Oklahoma  
**Associate of Art**, Physical Education, May 1997

## Work Experience

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2015 – present Assistant Athletic Director for Academics, Louisiana Tech University  
2015 – 2018 Instructor General Psychology, Louisiana Tech University  
2015 – 2018 Instructor First Year Experience, Louisiana Tech University  
2011 – 2015 Athletic Director, Neosho County Community College  
2007 – 2011 Assistant Athletic Director for Student Services, Stephen F. Austin State University  
2007 – 2010 Instructor SFA 101, Stephen F. Austin State University  
2006 – 2007 Assistant Athletic Director for Academics and Senior Woman Administrator, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi  
2005 – 2006 Athletic Academic Advisor for Men's and Women's Basketball and At-Risk Student-Athletes, Cleveland State University  
2001 – 2004 Graduate Assistant in Student-Athlete Support Services, Sports Nutrition, and Athletic Housing  
1997 – 2000 Athletics Student Worker in Student-Athlete Support Services

## Programming

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**onelove** – 2020 – present – educate student-athletes about healthy and unhealthy relationships, empowering them to identify and avoid abuse and learn how to love better

**Voter Education** – 2020 – present – Collaborated with Athletic staff and Political Science faculty to educate student-athletes on the voting process and structure

**College Student 101** – 2020 – present - Collaborated with English faculty member to deliver multi-level programming addressing meeting with faculty, presence in the classroom, and

plagiarism; training for faculty to address successful practices responding to team travel and student-athlete behavior

**Personal Branding** – 2019 – present – enlighten student-athletes about the impact their social media presence has on future employment opportunities and empower them to network and capitalize from their social media presence

**Resiliency Training** – 2019 Coordinated with the Counseling Center and the Department of Psychology

**Hazing Prevention Training** – 2018 – present – Coordinated with First Year Experience to meet State mandated training for student-athletes

**Dogs with a Cause Character Education Community Service Program** – 2016 – present – Character education collaboration with TEAM Model and Louisiana Tech athletic teams

**New Faculty Orientation (Athletics)** – 2015 – present – Introduce new University faculty to Athletic Processes such as Official Travel Notification and Progress Reports for student-athlete success

**Financial Literacy** – 2015 – present – Interactive programs coordinated with partner financial institutions

**Mock Interviews** – 2015 – present – Coordinated with Counseling and Career Services to prepare junior and senior student-athletes for job interviews

**Major Selection** – 2015 – present – Coordinated with Counseling and Career Services to aid student-athletes in selecting the most appropriate area of study

**Career Selection** – 2015 – present – Coordinated with Counseling and Career Services to facilitate career selection for student-athletes

**Sexual Assault Prevention Training** – 2015 – present – Coordinated with campus and community groups including police, Domestic Abuse Resistance Team, Family and Child Studies to meet Cleary Act requirements for student-athletes

**NCAA Transfer Eligibility for Two Year College Student-Athletes** – 2013 - Trained coaching staffs on NCAA transfer eligibility criteria changes

**Preparing Two-Year College Student-Athletes for Transfer to Four-Year Institution** – 2013 – Trained coaching staffs and student-athletes on NCAA transfer eligibility criteria

**Academic Success for Two-Year College Student-Athletes** – 2013 – Trained student-athletes from 14 teams on basic college success skills

**Self-protection for Female Student-Athletes** – 2009 – Collaborated with campus police to deliver programming in response to attacks on female cross country student-athletes

**Self-protection for Male Student-Athletes** – 2009 – Collaborated with campus police to deliver programming in response to male student-athlete request concerning how they can protect themselves when attacked

**Study and Test Taking Skills** – 2006 – present – Individual and coordinated effort to teach student-athletes basic skills. Coordinated with campus entities including Counseling and Career Services, Department of Psychology, and First Year Experience.

**Time Management Skills** – 2006 – present – Individual and coordinated effort to teach student-athletes basic skills. Coordinated with campus entities including Counseling and Career Services, Department of Psychology, and First Year Experience.

**Organization Skills** - 2006 – present – Individual and coordinated effort to teach student-athletes basic skills. Coordinated with campus entities including Counseling and Career Services, Department of Psychology, and First Year Experience

**Resume Rescue for Student-Athletes** – 2006 – present – Individual and coordinated effort to help student-athletes build a resume with athletic experience or limited job experience

**Stress Management** – 2006 – present – Individual and coordinated programs to manage stress for students and student-athletes

**Sexual Health** – 1998 – 2010 – Individually delivered programming developed for students identifying healthy behaviors and practices and modified for student-athletes

**Alcohol Abuse Awareness** – 1998 – 2010 - Individually delivered programming developed for students identifying healthy behaviors and practices and modified for student-athletes

## **Conference Presentations**

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University of Louisiana Systems Excellence in Education, Cross-Campus Collaboration for Character Development Education, 2018

## **Committees**

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ICChange Fellow for Louisiana Tech's Aspire ICChange initiative 2021 to present

Black Male Advisory Council - Faculty and Staff Development Subcommittee University of Louisiana System 2021 to present

Name Image and Likeness Research and Recommendation 2021 - present

Title IX Advisor 2021 to present

Athletics Department Senior Staff 2020 to present

Student Resource Team member – COVID-19 Response team 2020-present

Behavioral Standards Committee 2020 to present

Sexual Assault Investigator 2020 to present

Safety and Inclusion Committee 2020 to present

Student-Athlete Care Team 2019 to present

Student Success Specialists 2018 to present

Strategic Planning, community involvement Neosho 2011

Strategic planning, development Neosho 2012

Strategic Planning, workforce development 2013

Strategic Planning Chair Community involvement 2014

National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators District 5 2011 - 2015

Women's Assistant Director, NJCAA Region VI 2013 - 2015

Co-Chair, NJCAA Women's Cross Country and Half Marathon 2013 - 2015

NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball, 2013 - 2015

NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer 2013 - 2015

President's Council 2011 – 2015

## **Involvement in Grants and External Funding**

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### **Funded**

Ziegler, S. Burdge, A. M., (2006) NCAA CHOICES Alcohol Education

Graham, W. T., Burdge, A. M. (2016) Lagniappe Ladies Student-Athlete Enhancement

Burdge, A. M., Vessel, A. M., (2017) Lagniappe Ladies Dogs With A Cause

### **Proposals (Not Funded)**

Burdge, A.M., (2017) Technology Fund Grant, Louisiana Tech University

Burdge, A.M., Shrubbs, R. G., (2017) Lagniappe Ladies

## Teaching Experience

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### **Adjunct Faculty, Administration of Sport and Exercise, KINE 548**

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana

Fall 2021 - Present

- Prepare lectures to enable students to define sport management
- Equip students to explain the relevance of ethical, legal, and sociological concept to sport management
- Prepare students to demonstrate an appreciation of diversity through use of unbiased language and an inclusive approach to sport communication

### **Adjunct Faculty, General Psychology, PSYC 201 (online and face-to-face)**

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana

Fall 2016 – Present

- Integrated multimedia approaches and used instructional technology to enhance pedagogical approach
- Explained challenging concepts using planned lessons, assignments, and targeted discussions for up to 98 students with online education through Moodle

### **Instructor, First Year Experience, FYE 100**

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana

Fall 2016 – Present

- Prepared lectures and class activities focusing on student learning outcomes established through the Blue Fire Quality Enhancement Plan

### **Instructor, SFA 101**

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas

Fall 2007 – Fall 2010

- Prepared lectures and class activities focusing on student-athlete engagement with campus
- Educated student-athletes on university policies, Southland Conference guidelines, and NCAA bylaws

## Professional Experience

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### **Assistant Athletic Director for Academics**

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana

February 2015 – Present

- Created and carried out a Guest Coach program for Men's and Women's Basketball and Football
- Implemented a tutor program including the selection, hiring, and assignment of tutors and mentors
- Increased department wide cumulative GPA from 2.753 in 2015 to 3.064 in 2020
- Implemented student-athlete academic achievement recognition through the creation of the AD's Honor Roll
- Saw record numbers of student-athletes named to the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and C-USA Academic Medal 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019
- Facilitated all-time best multi and single-year APR scores while maintaining a GSR above 80%
- Recorded record-breaking perfect single-year APR score in seven programs with record high multi-year rates in football and men's basketball – released 2020
- Received NCAA Public Recognition for Women's Bowling and Women's Cross Country APR
- Received approval for APP Improvement Plan for Men's Indoor Track & Field in my first year with the program
- Manage the budget and allocated funds for all aspects of Academic Services
- Organize and coordinate the selection and registration process for student-athletes including those attending summer school

- Provide all sport offices with academic progress reports
- Implemented orientation for incoming student-athletes
- Co-founded the Dogs With A Cause Character Education Program through a partnership with the College of Education Clinical Residency Program and Louisiana Tech University Athletics  
<http://www.latechcrrc.org/dogs-with-a-cause.html>
- Completed plans for strategic growth in space and staff
- Effectively manage an athletic bookroom

### **Athletic Director**

Neosho County Community College, Chanute, Kansas

July 2011 – February 2015

- Oversaw all aspects of a 16 sport Athletic Department
- Served on the Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Committee
- Made recommendations for the Facilities and Campus Master Plans
- Earned the Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence presented to a Region VI Athletic Director for 2012-2013
- Established a rules education program for coaches and staff
- Implemented programs that lead to an increased overall Athletic Department GPA
- Oversaw the renovation of locker rooms, new basketball court and a new softball complex with a press box, concession stand, locker room, and public restrooms, totaling near \$100,000,000
- Had five individual National Champions
- A total of 34 All-Americans and 17 Academic All-Americans since 2011
- Attended the JUCO World Series in 2012 and 2013, finishing sixth and fifth respectively
- Finished fifth Nationally in Wrestling two years in a row
- Maintained and input Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) report data
- Coordinated and supervised all athletic events and promotions
- Developed and administered budgets in excess of \$1.2 million
- Advanced all athletic booster club operations in conjunction with the Foundation
- Together with coaches and the Foundation, brought fundraising events to Chanute, with the “Night with Olympians” raising over \$9,000
- Coordinated all personnel recommendations
- Oversaw the scheduling of all programs
- Established an agreement with Sidarm Sports to externally host the Athletic Webpage
- Established a three-year agreement with Adidas to serve as a single source apparel provider

### **Assistant Athletic Director for Student Services**

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas

August 2007 – June 2011

- Monitored and reported satisfactory academic progress under NCAA legislation
- Coordinated academic support services for 17 NCAA Division I programs
- Saw 54 student-athletes named to Academic All-Southland Conference teams, with 17 earning First Team designation and nine named to Academic All-District teams
- Increased by over 50% the number of student-athletes named to the Southland Conference Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll
- Evaluated transcripts for incoming freshman and transfer student-athletes
- Coordinated the selection, hiring, and assignment of tutors and mentors
- Managed the budget and allocated funds for all aspects of Student Services
- Provided student-athletes with additional resources to address their special needs through Disability Services
- Organized and coordinated the selection and registration process for student-athletes including those attending summer school
- Provided all sport offices with academic progress reports

### **Assistant Athletic Director for Academics / Senior Woman Administrator**

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas August 2006 – August 2007

- Coordinated academic support services for Men's and Women's Basketball
- Coordinated the selection, hiring, and assignment of tutors
- Increased the number of Islander student-athletes on the Southland Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll from 12 to 58 and saw nine named to All-Academic Teams, two being first team designation
- Assisted in the NCAA Champs/Life Skills Program
- Served as Department of Athletics Liaison with the faculty and took an active role in University Matters
- Assisted in monitoring satisfactory academic progress under NCAA legislation
- Organized and coordinated the selection and registration process for student-athletes including those attending summer school
- Coordinated community service events that allowed all student-athletes to be a positive ambassador for the university throughout the greater Corpus Christi area
- Attended and participated in Southland Conference planning meetings

### **Athletic Academic Advisor for Men's and Women's Basketball and At-Risk Student-Athletes**

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio August 2005 – August 2006

- Designed program to assist at-risk student-athletes
- Facilitated achieving the highest GPA in Men's Basketball program history
- Reached goal of athletic department GPA of over 3.0
- Developed two credit hour CHAMPS/LifeSkills course for incoming freshmen
- Educated student-athletes on NCAA and University policy
- Served on CHOICES Grant committee
- Aided in the development of the "Guest Coaches Program"

### **Professional Affiliations**

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- National Association of Athletic Academic Advisors (N4A), Member 2005-2011; 2015-present
- National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA), Member, 2007-2008; 2012 – 2015; 2020 – present
- National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), Member, 2011 to 2015
- National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA), District 5 Representative, 2011 to 2015
- NJCAA Region VI Women's Assistant Director, 2013 to 2015
- NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, Member, 2013 to 2015
- NJCAA Cross Country and Half Marathon Committee, Co-Chair, 2013 to 2015
- NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee, Member, 2013 to 2015

### **Awards and Honors**

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- Women Leaders in College Sports Institute for Administrative Advancement May 2021
- Bryce Roderick Award of Excellence, presented to a Region VI Athletic Director 2012-2013
- Developed and received approval for 2 credit hour alcohol education course to be taught at Cleveland State University in conjunction with the NCAA CHOICES Grant Fall 2006

### **Head Coach Searches**

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Matt Nantis, Head Women's Bowling Coach, Louisiana Tech University  
Clinton Fletcher, Head Men's and Women's Track & Field and Cross Country Coach, Neosho County  
Community College  
JJ Davis, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Neosho County Community College  
Kimberly Alexander, Head Softball Coach, Neosho County Community College  
Kourtney Clark, Head Women's Soccer Coach, Neosho County Community College  
George Van Linder, Head Women's Soccer Coach, Stephen F. Austin State University  
Tony Amato, Head Women's Soccer Coach, Stephen F. Austin State University