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# ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

**MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS** 

### Amy Shilling - Risk Management Coordinator

Amy Shilling has been a dedicated employee of the University of Oklahoma for seven years, with her journey beginning in the College of Continuing Education within the Office of Sponsored Program Administration. After six years in the Office of Research Services, she transitioned to the Office of Enterprise Risk Management, where she worked at the Health Sciences campus until joining the Norman campus Enterprise Risk Team in the fall of 2024.

A graduate of Putnam City High School, Amy earned her degree in Business Administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Her diverse career includes experience in banking and finance, secondary education administration, and as an auto insurance adjuster managing claims nationwide. In her current role as Risk Management Coordinator, she effectively combines her varied experiences to enhance risk management strategies.

In her free time, Amy enjoys home improvement projects, antique shopping, and assisting her brother with designing and furnishing new Airbnb concepts. She is a proud mother of two grown children living in the Yukon area and shares her home in Norman with her fat

### Nate McKnight - Risk Manager / International Risk Specialist

Nate McKnight is an experienced professional with a diverse background spanning military service, insurance, academia, and risk management. He currently serves as the Risk Manager and International Risk Specialist, where he focuses on mitigating institutional risks and ensuring the safety and security of international travel for students, faculty, and staff.

Nate began his career serving in the U.S. Navy as an Electronics Technician from 2008 to 2012, where he developed strong technical, analytical, and problem-solving skills. Following his military service, he pursued higher education at the University of Oklahoma, earning a B.A. in Criminology from the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences in 2016. He later obtained an M.A. in Sociology from OU 2024, further deepening his expertise in social systems, organizational behavior, and risk analysis.

Before transitioning into higher education, Nate spent several years in the insurance industry at Farmers Insurance, specializing in Auto Property Damage, Simple and Complex Liability, as well as Arbitration. His experience in claims evaluation, negotiation, and liability assessment provided him with a strong foundation in risk management principles.

His passion for supporting students led him to work as an Academic Advisor at OU's Academic Success Center, where he guided incoming and returning Freshmen and Sophomore students in their academic and career paths. This role strengthened his commitment to higher education and student success, ultimately leading him to his current position in risk management.

Outside of work, Nate enjoys spending quality time with his family, particularly cheering on his son's basketball games. A proud Sooner, he lives for football season, passionately supporting OU football.

#### Savannah Todd - Admin Support Coordinator

Savannah Todd has recently joined The University of Oklahoma, bringing with her a diverse background in academic administration and student services. Previously, she was employed at East Central University, where she gained valuable experience on both the staff/faculty side and the student-facing side of operations. Her professional skill set includes expertise in accounting, event planning, administration, and legal affairs.

A proud graduate of Jenks High School, Savannah pursued higher education and earned her bachelor's degree in English and Business Management from East Central University. This dual focus equips her with strong communication skills and a strategic mindset, both of which are vital in her current position as the Admin Support Coordinator.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Savannah is passionate about outdoor activities, often spending her free time hiking and exploring the scenic locales of her new home in Norman. Savannah is also a mother to a beautiful 5-year-old daughter and is excitedly expecting another child, embracing the joys and challenges of motherhood. She resides in Norman with her daughter and partner.

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### Understanding Vehicle Use for University Business: Key Insurance Considerations



As employees of the university, using personal vehicles or rental cars for university business is a common practice. It's essential to understand the implications related to liability coverage and insurance options to ensure safety and compliance while on the road.

### **PERSONAL VEHICLES**

When you use your personal vehicle for university-related activities, liability coverage through the State will extend to you as if you were using a university-owned vehicle. However, it's important to note that while this coverage protects you against third-party claims, any physical damage to your personal vehicle is not covered in the event of an accident while on university business. The employee's private insurance will need to cover any damage that occurs. For this reason, we recommend that university employees conducting university business drive either university-owned or university-rented vehicles.

### **FLEET SERVICES**

To mitigate the risks of driving a personal vehicle or renting from a rental agency, employees are encouraged to instead rent vehicles through OU Fleet Services for ground travel. Enterprise rental cars rented through Fleet Services include damage coverage through OU's contract. This arrangement streamlines the process and provides peace of mind while conducting university business.

https://www.ou.edu/fleetservices

**WORKERS COMP** 

Any accidents that occur while driving on university business should be promptly reported to the Office of Enterprise Risk Management. Accidents resulting in bodily injury to the employee within the scope of employment should also be reported to Worker's Compensation office.

### **RENTAL VEHICLES**

For employees who rent vehicles directly from a rental agency, the State does provide liability coverage. However, comprehensive or collision coverage is not automatically included for these vehicles. <a href="Employees must always elect to add">Employees must always elect to add</a> the collision/loss damage waiver coverage offered through the rental company.

Navigating vehicle use for university business entails understanding your insurance options and obligations. Whether you choose to drive your personal vehicle or rent a car, being informed about liability coverage and insurance requirements is crucial. For peace of mind and ease when traveling for university-related work, consider utilizing OU Fleet Services whenever possible.

For any questions regarding vehicle use and insurance matters, please reach out to the university's risk management office.



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