



Meet the executive leadership technology team heading the talented group of individuals at your dedicated IT&IP division. IT&IP provides, develops, and scales innovative and meaningful technological products and services in collaboration with the campus community to advance the university's mission with a focus on transforming the lives of students. These products and services emphasize CPP's learn-by-doing culture, stimulating the imagination and creating an environment that produces the next generation of innovators.

In addition to the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO), the division is comprised of five groups: Information Technology, the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Process & Project Management, Security & Compliance, and Institutional Research, Planning & Analytics. Meet the tech team bringing your CPP technology solutions to life:



From left to right: Ben Quillian III – AVP and Deputy Chief Information Officer; Carol Gonzales – AVP for IT Security & Compliance and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO); Peter Deutsch – Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Jorge Lomeli – AVP for University Projects and Process Management; and Heather Brown – AVP for Institutional Research, Planning & Analytics (IRPA). Photography by Trevor Henderson/MediaVision.

Meet a Techie



Ben Quillian III

As the Associate Vice President (AVP) and Deputy Chief Information Officer, Ben Quillian III oversees networking services, campus applications, client services (e.g.; computer, lab and classroom support), as well as cloud and support services.

Ben recently joined CPP from Cal State Northridge, where he served as the AVP for IT for 12 years. Prior to working at CSUN, Ben served as the Director of Administrative Services for Information Technology at The J. Paul Getty Trust. In addition to being a regular presenter at Educause, Alliance and OnBase conferences, Ben serves on the Hyland Higher Education Advisory Board where his presentations emphasize the importance of utilizing technology to transform the student experience.

Ben obtained his B.A. from Vassar College and his M.P.A from Cal State Northridge.



Peter Deutsch

As Chief Technology Officer, Peter Deutsch supports IT activities for instructional research initiatives across campus. He is a California native, born on the island of Catalina. After earning two Associate degrees at a local community college, he went on to complete his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees while also working as an IT manager at McGill University in Montreal. While at McGill, Peter organized the group that brought the first Internet link to Canada and later founded one of the first successful Internet start-ups in that country. After selling the company's Directory Service technologies to Ericsson, he returned to America to work for Cisco Systems, where he helped integrate other start-ups into the company during a period of rapid growth. For the past ten years, Peter has focused his career on supporting the CSU's core mission of preparing the next generation of college graduates.



Jorge Lomeli

Even if you've never met him, you've met his work. As the Interim AVP for University Projects and Process Management, Jorge Lomeli works with a variety of stakeholders across campus, implementing large and small-scale software systems. He currently manages the Project Management Office (PMO), which assists with planning, executing, and managing complex projects. The PMO also provides assistance with business process analysis and documentation. Jorge also participates in several key student success university initiatives.

Jorge has worked at Cal Poly Pomona for over four years and has over seventeen years of experience working within the CSU. He holds a B.A. as well as an M.A. in Mass Communication from California State University, Los Angeles.

Women in Tech



Heather Brown

As the Associate Vice President (AVP) for Institutional Research, Planning and Analytics (IRPA), Heather Brown serves the university by providing leadership for strategic planning, data visualization, and analytics. Her team supports data-informed decision making, particularly for student success and institutional effectiveness.

Prior to joining Cal Poly Pomona in February 2017, Heather served as the AVP for Institutional Planning and Research at Mount Saint Mary's University, where she provided leadership for accreditation, grants, strategic planning, and the implementation of the university's data visualization and dashboards. She has also served as the director for institutional research at Cypress College and El Camino College.

Heather holds a B.A. from the University of Puget Sound and a M.A. and Ph.D. in applied social psychology from Claremont Graduate University. She has served on the board of directors for the California Association for Institutional Research and as an accreditation team member for WSCUC.



Carol Gonzales

As the Associate Vice President for IT Security and Compliance and Chief Information Security Officer, Carol Gonzales has over 30 years of experience in the public and private sector in IT audit, security, project management, and support. She has been with Cal Poly Pomona for over 21 years, and has also served as an adjunct lecturer for CPP.

As the CISO, Carol works in collaboration with the campus community to protect the integrity of campus information technology infrastructure, mitigating risks and losses associated with security threats, while supporting access to technology. She also oversees the compliance program to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the internal controls and assessment processes. Her leadership and oversight also extends over the campus implementation of CSU's Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI).

Carol earned her B.S. in Computer Science and M.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in IS Auditing from CPP. She also earned her doctorate from Claremont Graduate University in Information Systems and Technology. Her research interests are in requirements analysis, information security, women in IT, IT project management, and the accessibility and usability of information technology.



Love information? Love technology? Love Cal Poly Pomona? So do we! Stay in the know as we work together with the campus community to provide innovative and strategic technology to strengthen and further the university's polytechnic identity and learn-by-doing educational approach.

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