

Getting to know... Andre Mathis '09, MPA'12

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I am a two time alum of BU graduated in 2009 majoring in Political Science and obtaining my MPA in 2012. Currently serving as the Vice Chair of PSS.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Tell me about your job and why you love what you do?

I serve as the Library Services Manger at Bartle Library where I oversee the circulation desk and our Course Reserves service. One of the things I love about my job is the interactions and working relationships that I have with my student employees. As a team we are aligned in making sure that we offer the best customer service to the patrons we serve while maintaining a working environment that is professional and detail oriented.

How did you get involved with UUP?

Prior to working at BU I worked for a K-12 School District where I served as a local union president for 6 years. Having a great awareness of the importance of being active in your union, I knew that after sometime of getting adjusted to working in Higher Ed that I would want to continue advocating, and participating in union work. I have the privilege of serving as a Professional Staff Delegate for our chapter and serving on our chapter's Executive Committee. Additionally I have the honor of serving on NYSUT SRP (School Related Professionals) Advisory Committee, currently serving in my third term.

How do you make a difference?

In my job I feel like I make a difference in the aspect of representation matters. Being in a visible role I hope that it allows students who look like me to feel comfortable about utilizing the library or feeling like they can work at the Library. In the realm of our union, I hope that I can always do the best I can in advocating and advancing for the betterment of my colleagues whether its here on campus, or elsewhere.

What about your community engagement; any hobbies?

I have served and currently serve a board member for numerous community organizations including CARES which an organization that seeks to provide support and establish better working relationships for students and parents of color within the local school district. I love to travel and I am a big fan of cruises.