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John R. Ballard received his B.S. in electrical engineering in 2005 from Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering, in 2007 and 2012 respectively from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He has been selected as a student paper finalist for the 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonic Symposium and 2012 International Symposium on Therapeutic Ultrasound. In 2012 he received the University Innovation Award from the University of Minnesota. Currently he is a Postdoctoral Associate in the ultrasound imaging and signal processing lab in the ECE department at the University of Minnesota.

Wendy Friedmeyer is the Assistant to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in CLA. The ORGP office provides support for and services to CLA’s 31 Graduate Programs. Wendy has been with CLA for four years, working with Directors of Graduate Studies, ASR and the Graduate School to implement, support and improve systems to serve CLA’s graduate students. Wendy is also a grad student herself, as she is pursuing a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction in CEHD.

Brianne Keeney, Ph.D., Coordinator of Graduate Education, College of Education and Human Development, has a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Minnesota and an M.A. in English from the University of Mississippi. Her dissertation examined strategic decision-making in academic health centers at public research universities. She has held positions in the University’s AHC Office of Education and the Office of the President, and currently is the coordinator of graduate education in the College of Education and Human Development.

Maggie Kubak, Assistant Director, Career and Internship Services, University of Minnesota, provides individual career counseling and teaches career planning and job search classes for graduate and undergraduate students. Her areas of expertise include federal employment, graduate student career services and graduate intern supervision. She has been an active member of the Graduate and Professional Career Services Committee of the University’s Career Development Network since 2003.

Bruce Rader is currently the Vice President, Membership and Marketing for the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. As part of the Alumni Association's management team, he has played an integral part in developing the Alumni Association’s past two strategic plans. Rader oversees all aspects of member acquisition, retention, benefits, affinity programs, alumni services, and the Alumni Association's alumni database. He has been a presenter for the Council for the Advancement of Support of Education (CASE), as well as for the Council of Alumni Marketing and Membership Professionals. He has been a contributor to articles in the Chronicle of Higher Education, The Membership Management Report and CASE: Currents. Prior to joining the management team of the Alumni Association, Rader was a marketing and strategic planning professional at Best Buy, The Musicland Group, and Schwan’s. He has been recognized for his contributions to these companies with the Best Buy Pillar Award and the President’s Award at The Musicland Group. Rader earned his bachelor’s degree from Southwest Minnesota State University and his MBA from the University of Minnesota and is currently a PhD student in the College of Education and Human Development - Higher Education track.

Henning Schroeder was appointed to his current position as Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education in 2010 to lead the implementation of the University’s plans to restructure and streamline graduate education. He joined the University of Minnesota in 2007 as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies at the College of Pharmacy. He holds a faculty appointment as
Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutics. From 1995-2007 he was Head of the Department of Pharmacology at Martin Luther University (MLU) School of Pharmacy in Halle, Germany. Between 2005 and 2007 he was a Visiting Professor at Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics.

After studying pharmacy at the University of Duesseldorf, Germany, and a fellowship at the West Berlin Senate Department of Health and Environmental Protection (1977-1981), he became a doctoral candidate at the University of Duesseldorf School of Medicine (Department of Pharmacology). He received his Ph.D. in Natural Sciences in 1985 and a lecturer degree (habilitation) in Pharmacology in 1992 from the University of Duesseldorf. During 1986-1987 he was a postdoctoral fellow of the German Research Foundation (DFG) at Stanford University, where he worked in the group of Nobel laureate Ferid Murad. In 1994, he was awarded a Heisenberg fellowship from the DFG. Schroeder’s ongoing research focuses on cardiovascular disease and the regulation of antioxidant genes. The work of his group and graduate students has been honored with numerous awards.