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Angela is the Director of Program Innovations and Executive Education at the UC Davis Graduate School of Management (GSM), where she oversees the development and delivery of innovative management and leadership development programming for the School. To do so, she partners with faculty, deans, staff and business leaders to create compelling credit and noncredit curriculum offerings, delivered in both face-to-face and online formats, to differentiate the School in the competitive market.

Before UC Davis, Angela worked in numerous positions at The Pennsylvania State University, including time with the Smeal College of Business, Penn State Outreach and Online Education, and Penn State's World Campus. She remains connected to Penn State with her current appointment as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Workforce Education and Development, teaching for their online Master of Professional Studies in Organization Development and Change program. Prior to this, Angela also served as a Lecturer for Penn State Altoona's School of Business and Engineering.



While getting her undergraduate degree, Angela participated in a study abroad program by spending a semester studying business and art in Rome, Italy. She has worked with Penn State Math Options, a program that teaches teenage girls about career options in business, math and science and spent a summer doing volunteer work in Hydaburg, Alaska organizing and teaching at a youth camp there. Her professional business travels include recruiting trips to Vietnam, Indonesia and Kazakhstan, as well as a two-week teaching assignment in China and a six-month project management collaboration with a university in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Angela holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and International Business, a Master's of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Workforce Education and Development, with a concentration in Human Resources and Organization Development. Her master's paper research focused on generational diversity and learning style differences. Her Ph.D. thesis is titled "Success Factors in Building Online Executive Development Programs in Three Universities: A Collective Case Study."

Angela is married to Ben Stopper, an IT manager, and lives in Davis, California. As east coast transplants living in California's beautiful Central Valley, Angela and Ben spend much of their time discovering all that the area has to offer. Wine, food, sunshine and outdoor activities fill their weekends. They also enjoy traveling both domestically and internationally.

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