

Nick Bonanno, He/Him/His

Assistant Director

Education:

B.S., Mathematics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

M.S., College Student Personnel, Western Illinois University

Clifton Strengths

Positivity | Activator | Woo | Developer | Responsibility

Biography:

Nick joined the ILC in 2022 as the Assistant Director for Assessment and Research. He manages the Assessment and Research Team (ART) and provides direction for leadership education assessment and research opportunities. He helps manage the Faculty Fellow program, which is an initiative to bring together faculty members from various disciplines to focus on the advancement and exploration of leadership knowledge and education. He serves on the Student Affairs Assessment committee, which provides on-going support to all campus departments with their assessment and research needs.

Prior to joining the ILC team, Nick served as a Residence Education Coordinator at Purdue University, where he served Hillenbrand residence hall, home to 800 students, as well as the Data Mine and the Gender Inclusive learning communities at Purdue. He also managed the curriculum for the Residential Leadership Seminar, an academic course for incoming Resident Assistants in University Residences.

During his time as an undergraduate student at UIUC, Nick was a part of the Rube Goldberg Society, served Nugent Hall as a Resident Assistant, completed the Leadership Minor, and attended The Institute™ by Leadershape®.

Outside of work, Nick and his wife enjoy spending time with family, traveling, and enjoying walks around campus and local parks. Nick plays a variety of video games, including Minecraft, Guild Wars 2, and various other MMOs. He is proficient in Dungeon and Dragons and loves teaching others how to do the Rubik's Cube.