

## SREB SARA RSC

### 2024 At-large Appointment Bios



**Jana Walser-Smith, EdD** joined the State Authorization Network (SAN) in 2022 as the Director of Interstate Compliance and SAN Member Outreach. In this role, she focuses on engaging, training, communicating with, and supporting SAN members. As the lead educator, Jana addresses the foundational principles of state authorization and state-to-state institutional approvals, developing training events and resources to reinforce these key concepts. She also leads efforts to establish efficient communication practices to enhance member engagement and support.

Before joining SAN, Jana held positions at Southern New Hampshire University, the University of North Carolina (UNC) System Office, UNC Greensboro, and Appalachian State University, where she worked in various distance education compliance and state authorization roles. In addition to her compliance expertise, Jana has extensive experience as a Faculty Lecturer and Adjunct Faculty at institutions in North Carolina. Earlier in her career, she worked in corporate finance for several Fortune 200 companies.

Jana holds both an EdS and EdD degree from Appalachian State University, an MA from Wake Forest University, and a BS from High Point University. Outside of her professional work at SAN, she enjoys traveling, exploring antiques and furniture showrooms, working on church and community projects, and spending time with her family and close friends.

Effective July 29, 2024, **Charles B. W. Prince, EdD** returned to Virginia Union University, stepping into his new role as Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Chief Transformation Officer. Dr. Prince joined VUU in January 2022 as the Associate Vice President of Research and Innovation. His extensive background in higher education, both in the United States and the UK, positions him to lead our strategic planning, accreditation, research, and evaluation initiatives.

"I am excited for our Institutional Effectiveness team as our new leader, Dr. Prince, brings a wealth of knowledge that will elevate Virginia Union University to operate at a 'Best in Class' level," said Dr. Hakim J. Lucas, President and CEO of VUU. "Dr. Prince's proven track record in pioneering innovative strategies will be invaluable as we continue to enhance our IE practices."

Dr. Prince holds a Doctor of Education in Global Executive Education from the University of Southern California, a Master of Educational Leadership and Human Development in International Education from George Washington University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Composite Social Studies from Southern University.

