

BIOGRAPHY – Diane Bunse

Diane Bunse is an Environmental Specialist at Herman Miller, a company recognized worldwide for its legacy of environmental stewardship.

Diane leads the implementation and ongoing development of the Environmental Management System (EMS) based on ISO 14001:2004 requirements. She provides corporate support to the EMS Management Reps and EMS Site Leads. Diane also has a special focus on environmental communications directed at both internal and external customers.

Diane grew up in Godfrey, Illinois, close to the Mississippi River north of St. Louis. After graduating as Alton Senior High School Valedictorian, she moved to Chicago, where she earned a B.B.A. degree with a double major in Personnel Management and Production and Operations Management, at Loyola University. After living in New York City and working at a printing company for a year, Diane returned to Chicago to attend DePaul University, where she received an M.B.A. in Finance.

Following her graduate education Diane remained in the Chicago area to work as a production supervisor for Continental Plastic Containers, a division of Continental Can Co., and American Hospital Supply Corp. (now known as Baxter). She joined Herman Miller in 1987, shortly after her boss at Baxter announced he was resigning “to go to work for this wonderful company in West Michigan that cares a lot about people.”

Diane grew increasingly interested after her former boss sent her a copy of Herman Miller’s Corporate Values statement. Needless to say, she’s learned a lot more about the company’s environmental values and processes since coming to Herman Miller 19 years ago, and now puts that knowledge to work every day. “I never imagined that I would eventually become part of Herman Miller’s Environmental Affairs department,” she admits, “but I absolutely love contributing to the efforts that will turn us into a truly sustainable company by 2020.”