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Job Title

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I want to talk about why I am uniquely qualified to be on the bicycle and pedestrian board. Volunteering at Paines Prairie state park, and San Felasco dealing with bicycling. Commuting to work by bicycle using the bike and pedestrian trails. Having set up a bike rodeo for the Medcalf PTA when my girls were enrolled there, also helping with the bicycle and pedestrian trails. At Paines Prairie I volunteer on the Gainesville to Hawthorn trail (GHT), where my duties are (1) advising on bicycle comfort, My feeling is the more users on the trail the better it is, and if people are uncomfortable they will not come back. (2) Safety; sun screen, hydration, etc. (3) Clearing small trees limbs etc. (4) Minor bicycle repairs. (5) Just being a friendly face and welcoming users. I have been volunteering there since the GTH has been opened (paved) At San Felasco (1) mow the bike trails, keeping them well groomed, and help with the CSO. (2) helped with the instillation of the off road bike trails. (3) deal with trail maintenance. Again have been volunteering there since it was opened for bicycling. I really believe that just those two parks are truly wonderful assets to Gainesville and is bringing our high tech companies to us, because of the high quality recreation. Commuting by bicycle for 30 years, and working on automobiles at Continental Imports gives me a unique understanding the needs of both pedestrians and motorist and the challenges both these two group have in commuting together. For references you can contact Don Muson Loblolly Park Manager 352 316 4978, Donald Forgione Paines Prairie Park Manager 352 214 3277, and Bob Dampman San Felasco Park Manager S352 262 1043 In short I am a strong advocate for bicycling and our wonderful trails

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## Demographics

### Ethnicity

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

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Male

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I am an avid runner, and cyclist. I cycle to work on an almost daily basis (pre-Covid) and enjoy recreational cycling together with my (young) children. I run (jog) several times a week in my neighborhood and on trails, and walk our dog. I believe cycling and walking are healthy and accessible activities that should be promoted as much as possible. As such, I have an interest in participating in Gainesville's decision-making processes around creating safe and enjoyable bicycle and pedestrian transportation. In addition, I am Dutch and grew up in The Netherlands, where cycling is a common mode of transport and infrastructure is geared towards this. I believe this experience will add different and/or additional perspectives to some of the issues at hand.

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## **EDUCATION**

- 2017      PhD, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, University of Florida (USA)  
Including a certificate in Biological Systems Modeling.
- 2004      BSc/MSc Irrigation and Water Management (major) / Law and Governance (minor)  
at Wageningen University (The Netherlands)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **University of Florida, School of Forest Resources and Conservation / IFAS (USA)**

**Aug 2019 - current                      Lecturer Quantitative Data Science (Faculty)**

Teaching of courses at the intersection of environmental science and data science (including visualization). Courses include data visualization, introduction to programming, system simulation, reproducible research and research planning. Undergraduate and graduate. Research into teaching and learning, with a focus on self-efficacy and cognitive load.

### **University of Florida, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation / IFAS (USA)**

**Feb 2018 – Aug 2019                      Post-doctoral Associate**

Development of a statistical model of tick populations at Ordway-Swisher Biological Station (UF), based on extensive long-term field data. Weather-related and environmental variables are used to simulate population dynamics from year to year.

### **University of Florida, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering / IFAS (USA)**

**June 2017 – Jan 2018                      Post-doctoral Researcher**

Development and analysis of indicators focused on sustainable intensification of agriculture in Tanzania, based on a dataset that was collected as part of the Vital Signs project ([www.vitalsigns.org](http://www.vitalsigns.org)). Focus on environmental indicators: biodiversity, land cover, biomass, erosion, landscape fragmentation, rainfall and temperature anomalies. Overall analysis revolves around environmental, economic, social, productivity and human condition indicators.

### **University of Florida, School of Forestry and Natural Resources, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (USA)**

**Sep 2016 – May 2017                      Biological Scientist II**

- Development of a dynamic population model to assess recruitment and mortality anomalies of bonefish population in the Florida Bay area, and relationships of these anomalies with variables associated with climate, hydrology, water quality and habitat changes.
- Analysis of a long-term Florida horseshoe crab monitoring dataset, and the development of an occupancy model
- Assistance to researchers of the UF Environmental Engineering Department on Dynamic Factor Analysis of Amazon fisheries data and Florida hydrology data.

### **Suwannee River Water Management District (USA)**

**Aug 2015 – Aug 2016                      Statistician**

Research and analysis of flow and water quality data, evaluation of and assisting with consultants' statistical analyses, contribute to database development and sampling design, development of code and scripts for data extraction, analysis, synthesis and presentation.

Areas of work: minimum flows and levels (MFL) setting; water quality research (algae, nitrate); groundwater model development; groundwater and spring flow time series; baseflow analysis.

**University of Florida, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (USA)**

**Jan 2012 – Jul 2015                      Graduate Research Assistant**

Research as part of NSF funded project "Global Sensitivity & Uncertainty Analysis for Evaluation of Ecological Resilience: Theoretical Debates over Infrastructure Impacts on Livelihoods & Forest Change". Focus on the forest component of the project, specifically on understanding vegetation dynamics and forest ecosystem functions in relation to infrastructure building.

**Self-employed (South Africa and USA)**

**Mar 2010 – Dec 2011                      Independent consultant/researcher**

Research, analysis, information syntheses and report development for various clients (government, universities, non-profits) on:

- Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and associated public participation and awareness raising;
- Water supply and sanitation services (community-based approach and institutional development)
- Climate change adaptation (especially in the water sector);
- Livelihoods-based approaches to development.

**The Mvula Trust (South Africa)**

The Mvula Trust is South Africa's largest water and sanitation NGO.

**May 2007 – Feb 2010                      Senior Policy Specialist**

- Policy analysis (water resource management and water services)
- Research on sustainable livelihoods (rainwater harvesting, multiple use of water);
- Project and program management (including tendering and fund raising);
- Development of strategic policy documentation - for The Mvula Trust, civil society and the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) of South Africa.

**Jan 2006 – Apr 2007                      Project and Programme Manager**

Management of several Department of Water Affairs (DWA) funded projects, focusing on civil society involvement and capacity building in water and sanitation projects.

**Jan 2005 – Dec 2005                      Project and Management Support**

Volunteer position. Management and successful implementation of the Masibambane Civil Society Support Programme (MCSSP) – a \$700,000 (EU-funded) civil society capacity building and support programme, specifically focused on the water services and sanitation delivery sector.

**PROFESSIONAL COURSES**

1. National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Data Institute 2018: Remote Sensing with Reproducible Workflows using Python (NEON, 2018)
2. Empowering Women in Technology Startups ("eWITS", UF, 2015)
3. Online certificate course on Ecological Sanitation (UNESCO-IHE, 2009)
4. Three-day course on Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (CJ Development Research Consulting, 2008)

## **SKILLS**

Computer modeling and simulation – Fortran, C, Python, Matlab, Visual Basic;  
Statistical analysis: dynamic time series analysis, cluster analysis, regression analysis – R, Brodgar, Minitab;  
GIS: ArcMap, R  
Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, some Access  
Hydrological field and laboratory measurements.  
PADI Open Water & Advanced Open Water Diver

## **SERVICE / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (selected)**

- Oct 2018 – current                      Co-founder and organizer of R-Ladies Gainesville. R-Ladies is a worldwide organization whose mission is to promote gender diversity in the R community. The local chapter organizes monthly meetings, workshops and socializing events.
- Aug 2018 – Aug 2019                      Board member (treasurer) of the UF Carpentries Club; providing structured pathways for colleagues to learn informatics skills outside of the traditional university curriculum. Goals are to organize workshops, bring the Carpentries' teaching methods to instructors and to develop a research community dedicated to open and reproducible science.
- 2017 – current                              Certified Data and Software Carpentry instructor –instructor and helper at 2-day workshops at the University of Florida campus and at the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center (1-2 times a semester)
- Jun 2017 – Jul 2018                      Publicity Chair of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) Florida Section
- Sep 2014 – Sep 2015                      Member-at-large (Graduate Student Relationships) of the Young Professionals Community (YPC) of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE)
- Jun 2014 – Sep 2015                      Co-President of PhDMoms, a graduate student organization at UF that supports doctoral student-parents, with specific attention to female student-parents
- Oct 2013 – Sep 2015                      President of ABE-GSO, UF's Agricultural and Biological Engineering Graduate Student Organization
- 2013 – current                              Science Fair judging for Alachua County middle schools
- Aug 2012 – May 2014                      Co-founder of Tanglewood Community Gardens, and secretary of the Board since Oct 2012. Tanglewood Community Gardens won the UF Sustainability Award in 2013

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As an avid bicyclist, I have always been concerned with safety. While riding my bike around Gainesville, I have always held a concern for bikers getting hit by students driving cars dangerously without considering other peoples safety as well as bikers not knowing how to maneuver themselves around traffic safely. I believe that with my knowledge and experience of biking and driving in Gainesville, I can help to make biking for pedestrians safer and improve areas where biker safety is not up to par.

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## EDUCATION

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### Western High School, Davie, Florida

*Class of 2019*

- **Ranked** 30 of 794 students: **Weighted GPA:** 5.07/4.0; **SAT:** 1350; **AP Classes:** 8; **Dual Enrollment Classes:** 6
- **AP Classes:** Human Geography, World History, Psychology, United States History, Computer Science Principles, Calculus AB, United States Government, Microeconomics
- **Dual Enrollment:** ENC1101, ENC 1102, Computer and Internet Literacy, Music Appreciation, Sociology, Literature 1000

### University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

**GPA:** 3.94 **Major:** Political Science **Clubs:** Pre-Law Honor Society

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Organization (JAFCO), University Drive, Davie, Florida

*2016-present*

Jewish organization which provides necessities for children without parents.

*Position: Volunteer (School breaks/summers)*

- Create gifts during the holidays to give to the kids
- Lead and play in group activities
- Read books to the younger kids
- Participate in weekly meetings in order to provide feedback for our weekly activities.

### Make-A-Wish Foundation

*2017*

- Walked in a 5k to help raise awareness
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## EMPLOYMENT

### Traffic Ticket Guy, Deerfield Beach, Florida

*2017-present*

*Paid Intern*

Law firm that takes care of traffic tickets and criminal cases

- Recruit clients
  - File motions with Broward County Clerk of Courts
  - File motions with Palm Beach County Clerk of Courts
  - File motions with Dade County Clerk of Courts
  - Coordinate marketing efforts
  - Manage cases
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## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### National Honors Society Member, Western High School, Davie, Florida

*2017-present*

- Attend weekly meetings and tutor students in need of tutoring for various subjects
- Attend monthly club meetings
- Collect and prepare blankets for underprivileged kids
- Participate in school wide cleanups
- Participate in a Beach Cleanup
- Participate in the Harvest Drive
- Raise money for the Relay for Life foundation
- Collect cans for those in need of food in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma

### UNICEF Club, Western High School, Davie, Florida

*2016-2018*

Organization that supports underserved families in developing countries

*Position: Vice President*

- Led the UNICEF Tap Project which encouraged kids to re-fill their water bottles with tap water and recycle/reuse their bottles
- Participated in donating money to UNICEF by asking people to buy bracelets

### Debate Team/Club, Western High School, Davie, Florida

*2015-present*

- Compete in Public Forum debate tournaments
- Fundraise for the booster club
- Fundraise for myself to attend tournaments

- Attend team bonding activities
- Help strengthen novices' skills by teaching them about the event I compete in. (Public Forum)

