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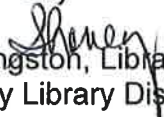
**alachua county  
library district**

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**Alachua County Library District  
Administration**  
401 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601-5453  
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[www.aclib.us](http://www.aclib.us)

February 11, 2019

**TO:** Honorable Mayor  
Members of the City Commission

**FROM:**  Shaney T. Livingston, Library Director  
Alachua County Library District

**SUBJECT:** **Nominations – Library District Board of Trustees**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Library District's Board of Trustees consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Library District Governing Board. Three (3) of the seven members are City of Gainesville representative, three (3) are Alachua County representatives, and one (1) is a representative of the Alachua County League of Cities. The term of City Representative Dr. Sharlynn Sweeney expires on March 31, 2019.

The Library District advertised one City of Gainesville vacancy and one Alachua County from January 7, 2019 – February 8, 2019. One application for the City of Gainesville position was received.

The application and a list of the current members of the Board of Trustees are attached.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Commission nominate the applicant for consideration of appointment by the Library District Governing Board.

Attachments



**ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 2018 – March 2019**

<b>NAME / ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE / EMAIL</b>	<b>TERM</b>
<b>Dr. Sharlynn Sweeney, Chair</b> 2201 NE 6 <sup>th</sup> Terrace Gainesville, FL 32609	336-5149 (res) 392-2424 (cell) <a href="mailto:sharlynndawn@gmail.com">sharlynndawn@gmail.com</a>	May 12, 2016 – March 31, 2019 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Dr. Peter G. Roode, Vice Chair</b> 1710 SW 98 <sup>th</sup> Street Gainesville, FL 32607	332-9473 (res) 514-1662 (bus) <a href="mailto:dr.roode@yahoo.com">dr.roode@yahoo.com</a>	April 19, 2017 – March 31, 2020 (Alachua County Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Dr. Bessie G. Jackson</b> 6012 NW 37 <sup>th</sup> Drive Gainesville, FL 32653	384-3949(res) <a href="mailto:bessiegautier@yahoo.com">bessiegautier@yahoo.com</a>	April 18, 2018 – March 31, 2021 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Linda Y. Jackson</b> 6116 SW 91 <sup>st</sup> Street Gainesville, FL 32608	372-7972 (res) 443-9080 (bus) <a href="mailto:lyjackson@bellsouth.net">lyjackson@bellsouth.net</a>	April 19, 2017 – March 31, 2020 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Larry McDaniel</b> 17209 NE 72 <sup>nd</sup> Place Hawthorne, FL 32640	(352) 519-8755 (cell) <a href="mailto:lmcde8@yahoo.com">lmcde8@yahoo.com</a>	December 19, 2018 – March 31, 2021 (Alachua County Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]
<b>Susan H. Sonsini</b> 4335 NW 10 <sup>th</sup> Place Gainesville, FL 32605	363-6189 (res) 284-5872 (cell) <a href="mailto:susansonsini@gmail.com">susansonsini@gmail.com</a>	April 20, 2016 – March 31, 2019 (Alachua County Representative) [2 <sup>nd</sup> Term]
<b>Kim Worley</b> P.O. Box 546 Waldo, FL 32640	468-1001 (bus) 258-6921 (cell) <a href="mailto:kim@waldo-fl.com">kim@waldo-fl.com</a>	April 19, 2017 – March 31, 2020 (Alachua County League of Cities Representative) [1 <sup>st</sup> Term]

<b>STAFF</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Alachua County Library District Headquarters - Gainesville 401 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601	(352) 334-3910 (bus)
Shaney T. Livingston, Library Director	
Devonia L. Andrew, Assistant to Library Director	



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**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:**

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TDD (352) 334-3904

Please specify which entity you wish to be appointed to represent (check one of the following):

City of Gainesville:  Alachua County:  \*League of Cities: N/A

Do you reside within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gainesville?  Yes  No. If yes, would you like to also be considered for the Alachua County vacancy?  Yes  No.

Do you reside within Alachua County?  Yes  No.

	Last	First	Middle
<b>NAME:</b>	Sweeney	Sharlynn	Dawn
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	2201 NE 6 <sup>th</sup> Terrace		
<b>CITY:</b>	Gainesville	Florida	ZIP CODE 32609
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	cell: 352-336-5149	Business: 352-392-2424	sharlynn dawn@gmail.com

<b>OCCUPATION/POSITION:</b> Communications Specialist
<b>EMPLOYER:</b> University of Florida
<b>ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER:</b> PO Box 116350
<b>CITY:</b> Gainesville Florida ZIP CODE 32611

**Training/experience:**

I've served on the board of Trustees for the last three years, one as Vice-Chair and one as Chair.

I have a Masters in Library and Information Services.

I administrate the Center for Wetlands, a research center at UF, overseeing budgets and annual reports.

**What contributions do you feel you could make to the Board of Trustees if you are selected?**

I can provide feedback and recommendations regarding policy, budget, and plans of ACLD.

I am informed about libraries and plan to stay informed via meetings and reading pertinent materials.

I bring to the table a love of libraries, a belief that everyone deserves access to information, and that libraries are an essential component of a healthy, democratic community

\*The Alachua County League of Cities (ACLOC) is made up of elected representatives from each municipality in Alachua County. An ACLOC appointee was added to the Board of Trustees primarily to insure a voice for the small municipalities in Alachua County.

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

	Date of Graduation	Degree
College/Higher Education	2012	Masters, Library Science
	2009	PhD, Systems Ecology
High School		

**CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**  
(include participation in previous boards and committees)

2016-2019 Library Trustee (one year as Vice Chair, one year as Chair, one year PAL Governing Board)
2010-2019 International Society for the Advancement of Emery Research (manage listservs and organize biennial conference)
Past volunteer for FOL book sale.

**REFERENCES**

NAME	PHONE	BUSINESS/ OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
David Kaplan	352-392-8439	Professor	PO Box 116350, Gainesville, FL 32611
Mark Brown	352-392-2309	Professor	PO Box 116350, Gainesville, FL 32611
Mark Clark	352-294-3115	Professor	2181 McCarty Hall, PO Box 110290, Gainesville, FL 32611

If you have any additional information, such as a resume, please attach.

Are you willing to attend meetings in accordance with the bylaws of the Board of Trustees (see the attached Board of Trustees Bylaws and Board of Trustees Position Description)?  Yes  No.

Signature 	Date 2/8/2019
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## Sharlynn D. Sweeney, Ph.D., M.L.I.S.

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**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** information resources in science & technology • science communication • program coordination & outreach • scholarly communications • facilitation of research life cycle • data management • geographic information systems • environmental accounting

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### **EDUCATION**

**MLIS, Florida State University** August 2012

School of Library and Information Studies, Tallahassee, Florida

Coursework: Management of Information Organizations, Database Management, Advanced Web Applications, Metadata, Social Media Management, Research in Information, Digital Libraries, Web Design, Information Policy, Information Services, Museum Informatics, Information Organization

**PhD, University of Florida** August 2009

Ecological Systems, Interdisciplinary Concentration in Geographic Information Systems

Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences, Gainesville, Florida

*GRADUATE FELLOW:* coursework in ecological systems, GIS, energy analysis. Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship. Dissertation: *Renewable Water Flows and Wealth in Thailand*.

*TEACHING ASSISTANT:* Ecological Engineering, Biological & Ecological Systems, Environmental Planning, Energy Analysis, Environmental Analysis (full responsibility for lab section), Spatial Analysis.

**BS, University of Miami** May 1992

Dual major in Marine Science and Biology. Coursework in physical and life sciences.

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**University of Florida, Center for Environmental Policy & Howard T. Odum Center for Wetlands** Gainesville, FL Nov 2007 to present

*PROGRAM ASSISTANT:* Responsible for all office administration, communications, file maintenance, research databases, social media, event planning. Develop and implement social media strategies. Manage 4 websites. Moderate the Energy Listserv, with 130 international members. Serve as first point of contact for both Centers. Maintain research library, manage digitization and online dissemination of publications. Work on research projects as needed, including development of the [National Energy Accounting Database \(NEAD\)](#). Perform information searches for academic scholars and the public. Select and coordinate speakers for a cross-disciplinary academic seminar with 28 speakers per year ([Water, Wetlands and Watersheds Seminar](#)). Organize and run the biannual conference *Emergy Synthesis: Theory and Applications of the Emergy Methodology*. Act as Managing Editor for the conference Proceedings: oversee peer review for 50+ articles, communications with authors, article editing, and final publishing. Manage academic certificate programs for graduate students. Develop and manage Center budgets. Assist with grant proposals.

**University of Florida, Digital Library Center** Gainesville, FL May 2011 to Sept 2011

*DIGITAL LIBRARY INTERN:* Developed the [H.T. Odum Center for Wetlands Digital Collection](#). Selected resources, scanned and edited images, created and edited metadata, utilized Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat, SobekCM METS Viewer & Editor, and SobekCM Digital Collections Tool Suite. Continue to add resources and monitor usage of the collection after internship period.

**Sustainable Ecosystem Restoration, LLC**  
Mobile, AL (remote work)

July 2012 to July 2014

*INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR (Reference, Research, Analysis):* Identify, locate, compile and analyze information and data sources for various studies involving the ecosystem impacts of the BP oil spill. Write reports synthesizing data and information findings for a variety of stakeholders.

**University of Florida, Center for Environmental Policy**  
Gainesville, FL

July 2004 to Nov 2007

*RESEARCH ASSOCIATE*, UNEP funded project: *An Ecosystem Approach to Restoring West African Drylands and Improving Rural Livelihoods through Agroforestry-based Land Management Interventions*. Obtained, compiled and transformed global datasets of environmental and economic parameters to create a database producing environmental accounts of 164 nations. (Summarized results can be viewed at legacy site <http://goo.gl/2XE9bX>). Performed intensive internet and literature searches and created annotated bibliographies for agriculture, erosion, and carbon sequestration data in the West Africa region. Compiled and transformed regional environmental and economic data for specific land uses into energy accounting tables and analyzed a variety of farming practices and land uses in West Africa. Created graphics and contributed to papers reporting findings.

**University of Florida, College of Medicine**  
Gainesville, FL

Jan 1995 to Jan 1999

*BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIST:* Performed a variety of molecular biology procedures in neuropharmacology (ELISA, western and northern blot, electrophoresis, etc.). Optimized laboratory procedures and protocols. Trained laboratory personnel. Managed, analyzed, and documented data and results.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS**

- Coscieme, L., F. M. Pulselli, N. Marchettini, P.C. Sutton, S. Anderson, S. Sweeney. 2014. Energy and ecosystem services: A national biogeographical assessment. *Ecosystem Services* 7: 152-159.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2013.11.003>
- Brown, M.T., M.J. Cohen and S. Sweeney. 2009. Predicting national sustainability: The convergence of energetic, economic and environmental realities. *Ecological Modelling* 220(23): 3424-3438.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2009.08.023>

### **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

- Sweeney, S., M. Cohen, D. King, and M. Brown. 2007. **Creation of a Global Energy Database for standardized national energy synthesis**. In Bardi, E. et al (eds.) *Energy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Energy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 23.1-23.18.
- Cohen, M., S. Sweeney and M. Brown. 2007. **Soil, water, fish and forests: natural capital in the wealth of nations**. In Bardi, E. et al. (eds.) *Energy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Energy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 18.1-18.22.
- Cohen, M., S. Sweeney and M. Brown. 2007. **Computing the unit energy value of crustal elements**. In Bardi, E. et al. (eds.) *Energy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Energy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 16.1-16.12.
- D. King, M. Cohen, S. Sweeney and M. Brown. 2007. **Comparative analysis of indicators of well-being using environmental accounting**. In Bardi, E. et al (eds.) *Energy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Energy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 4.1-4.18.

## RESEARCH REPORTS

Cohen, M.J., S. Sweeney, D. King, G. Shepherd and M.T. Brown. 2012. [Environmental Accounting of National Economic Systems: An Analysis of West African Dryland Countries within a Global Context](#). United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi. 139 pp.

Cohen, M.J., D. King, S. Sweeney, G. Shepherd and M.T. Brown. 2012. [Ecosystem Services and Rural Livelihoods in the Sahel: Environmental Accounting and Wealth Surveys](#). United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi. 115 pp.

## MANAGING EDITOR, PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2017. [Emergy Synthesis 9: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology](#). Proceedings of the 9th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2014. 219pp.

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2015. [Emergy Synthesis 8: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology](#). Proceedings of the 8th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2014. 319pp.

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2013. [Emergy Synthesis 7: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology](#). Proceedings of the 7th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2012. 586pp.

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2011. [Emergy Synthesis 6: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology](#). Proceedings of the 6th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2010. 610pp.

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2009. [Emergy Synthesis 5: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology](#). Proceedings of the 5th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2008. 610pp.

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## ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Website design, management and editing; Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Adobe Flashbuilder software; courses in HTML, CSS, Flex/Actionscript
  - Office, Acrobat Pro, Minitab, SPSS, Omeka (digital library software), oXygen XML Editor, SobekCM
  - Metadata familiarity/working knowledge: MARC, Dublin Core, MODS, METS and XML standards
  - Continuing education (Coursera): Copyright for Educators & Librarians, Data Scientist's Toolbox, R Programming, The History of (Mostly) Higher Education
  - Course development: developed lab course component of *Environmental Analysis* course and the lab modules for *Spatial Analysis* (a Geographic Information Systems course)
  - GIS/GPS/Remote Sensing software: proficient in ArcGIS, Idrisi; familiar with ERDAS Imagine, ENVI and Pathfinder (GPS)
  - Laboratory and field experience: protein & nucleotide procedures (ELISA, electrophoresis, etc.); lab & radiation safety courses; field research courses; knowledge of Florida ecosystems
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## SERVICE

- Chair of Alachua County Library District Board of Trustees (2016-current)
  - Governing Board of the Putnam-Alachua-Levy Library Partnership (2017-current)
  - Board Member/Trustee Liaison, Alachua County Library District Foundation (2016-current)
  - Listserv manager for International Society for the Advancement of Emergy Research (2010-current)
  - Volunteer for [DataRefuge](#) and attended [DataRescueDC](#) event in March 2017 (2017-2018)
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## REFERENCES

Dr. Mark Brown	Emeritus Professor, Environmental Engineering Sciences, UF, 352-392-2309, <a href="mailto:mtb@ufl.edu">mtb@ufl.edu</a>
Dr. David Kaplan	Assoc. Professor, Environmental Engineering Sciences, UF, 352-392-8439, <a href="mailto:dkaplan@ufl.edu">dkaplan@ufl.edu</a>
Dr. Matt Cohen	Associate Professor, Forest Resources & Conservation, 352-846-3490, <a href="mailto:mjc@ufl.edu">mjc@ufl.edu</a>
Dr. Mark Clark	Assoc. Professor, Soil & Water Science, Univ. of Florida, 352-294-3115, <a href="mailto:clarkmw@ufl.edu">clarkmw@ufl.edu</a>
Dr. Mike Binford	Professor, Geography, Univ. of Florida, 352-294-7500, <a href="mailto:mbinford@ufl.edu">mbinford@ufl.edu</a>