

## NATURE CENTERS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT BALLOT

**Openings:**     **Three (3) full terms to expire 11/1/2022 (City Residency NOT Required)**  
                   **One (1) student seat to expire 9/30/2020**

**Applications:** **Two (2) Application for full term opening**  
                       **Three (3) Applications for student seat**

### FULL TERM BALLOT - PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes - Santos	Comm. Simmons	Mayor Poe	Comm. Johnson	Comm. Ward	Comm. Warren
Bruce Blackwell <i>*seeking reappointment</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cindy Boulware	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							

### STUDENT SEAT BALLOT - PLEASE INITIAL YOUR SELECTION

NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Arreola	Comm. Hayes - Santos	Comm. Simmons	Mayor Poe	Comm. Johnson	Comm. Ward	Comm. Warren
Hannah Gutner		✓			✓	✓	✓
Kotryna Klizentyte <i>*also applied to SCRAB Student seat</i>							
Cecilia Lepa <i>*also applied to TAB Student seat</i>				✓			
Tyler Tornese <i>*also applied to GCAB Student seat</i>							
Carly Zeffren	✓		✓				
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							



City of Gainesville


## Nature Centers Commission

### Board Details

(12-members; 3-year terms) City Residency NOT Required

The Nature Centers Commission (NCC) assists the City Commission through recommendations and advice given in respect to developing programs, ordinances, use regulations and resource management policies as required to protect the natural system and other values to the Nature Centers of the City of Gainesville. The NCC was created by Ordinance 2062 (07/21/75); amended by Ordinances 2592 (04/27/81) and 3088 (12/17/84).

### Overview

 **Size** 12 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

### Additional

#### Advisory Board Website

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/ParksRecreationCulturalAffairs/NaturalResourcesandPrograms/SupportOrganizationsL>

#### Agendas and Minutes are located

upon request

#### Ordinance

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City of Gainesville

## Nature Centers Commission

### Board Roster



#### Alexis Boenker

**1st Term** Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2019

**Email** aboenker@ufl.edu

**Home Phone** Mobile: (961) 961-0663

**Address**

39030404 Keys Complex  
Gainesville, FL 32612

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Student Seat



#### Melissa D Causey Harris

**1st Term** Mar 16, 2017 - Nov 01, 2019

**Email** mdcharris31@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (760) 855-0562

**Address**

2920 Plum Orchard Drive  
Orange Park, FL 32073

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Treasurer



#### Charles Boisseau

**1st Term** Jun 21, 2018 - Nov 01, 2019

**Email** charlesryan.boisseau@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (512) 431-2269

**Address**

3086 NW 14th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32605

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Secretary



#### Mr. Bruce A. Blackwell

**1st Term** Jun 20, 2019 - Nov 19, 2019

**Email** 2bandb2@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Home: (352) 374-6922

**Alternate Phone** Mobile: (352) 514-1732

**Address**

5000 SW 25 Blvd., Apt. 2124  
Gainesville, FL 32608

**Appointing Authority** City Commission



### Nicole Mw Dodds

**1st Term** Nov 15, 2018 - Nov 01, 2020

**Email** nmwulff@gmail.com

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Home Phone** Home: (352) 514-7952

**Address**

2450 NW 49th Pl  
Gainesville, FL 32605

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### Matthew N Audette

**1st Term** Jun 21, 2018 - Nov 01, 2020

**Email** m.audette@hotmail.com

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Home Phone** Mobile: (352) 262-8024

**Alternate Phone** Business: (352) 224-1729

**Address**

3820 NW 10th Place  
Gainesville, FL 32605

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### Penny Weber

**7th Term** Nov 02, 2017 - Nov 01, 2020

**Home Phone** (352) 378-2160

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Address**

3621 NW 30th Place  
Gainesville, FL 32605

**Category** Friends Of Morningside Liaison

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### Amy Carpus

**5th Term** Nov 02, 2017 - Nov 01, 2020

**Home Phone** (352) 393-1450

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Address**

3461 NW 35th Place  
Gainesville, FL 32605

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### Leslie E Straub

**1st Term** Nov 15, 2018 - Nov 01, 2021

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**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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**Alternate Phone** Business: (352) 371-4443

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2284 nw 34 pl  
Gainesville, FL 32605



### **Kathryn G Crummer**

**1st Term** Oct 18, 2018 - Nov 01, 2021

**Email** gracecrummer@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (352) 337-0820

**Alternate Phone** Business: (352) 294-1014

**Address**

3414 NW 25 Place  
Gainesville, FL 32605

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Chair

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### **Jonathan Reiskind**

**4th Term** Jun 20, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Email** jon.reiskind@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Home: (352) 378-8290

**Alternate Phone** Business: (352) 262-5859

**Address**

213 SW 41st St.  
Gainesville, FL 32607

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Chair

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### **Shaun P Jensen**

**1st Term** Apr 04, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Email** jensensp715@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Home: (727) 278-7966

**Address**

2705 NW 18TH WAY  
GAINESVILLE, FL 32605

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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### **Jessica W Wilson**

**1st Term** Feb 21, 2019 - Nov 01, 2022

**Email** j.wheeler.wilson@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (352) 495-9533

**Address**

15203 SW 79th St.  
Archer, FL 32618

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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Home

**Alternate Phone Type**

Cell

Retired  
Employer Job Title

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**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

City Beautification Board: Submitted  
Nature Centers Commission: Submitted

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**Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please submit a detailed explanation of exemption.**

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## Interests & Experiences

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

Since arriving in Gainesville 13 years ago I have been very interested & involved in City & County proceedings. I think my background qualifies me & I am eager to serve the City.

**How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?**

Partial

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## Demographics

**Ethnicity**

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

Male

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?**

Yes  No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

Yes  No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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City Beautification Board



Bruce A. Blackwell

My early efforts in civic beautification came when R. I. Gov. John Chaffee appointed me to the Green Acres Advisory Committee. We had to pick out lands to be purchased by the State, and by keeping out certain developments did keep an area natural.

At a later time, as the first Executive Director of the Vineyard Conservation Society ([www.vineyardconservation.org](http://www.vineyardconservation.org)) I worked to keep house trailers and other roadside development from occurring. (The VCS, which I started in 1965 is still very active today) and has led to the banning of single-use plastic bags, Styrofoam, plastic straws and in at least three towns single-use plastic bottles holding under 34 ounces.

I became co-owner of the Granary Gallery ([www.granarygallery.com](http://www.granarygallery.com)). We purchased an old barn that had been neglected by an absentee landlord. Although the photos at that website are recent, the look is what we created – always green, mowed lawn and fresh paint. The neighbors were very happy!

In 1977 we took a sow's ear of a house and turned it into a silk purse, quite simply but effectively. The Board of Realtors presented us with an award (attached.)

About 13 years ago we moved to Oak Hammock at the University of Florida. I have been on the Building & Grounds Committee ever since. I am also on the Landscape Long Range Planning Committee and the Greening of Oak Hammock Committee.

I am a frequent speaker at City & County Commission meetings on subjects such as the Styrofoam & single-use plastic bags ban.

Education; Ed .B from Rhode Island College.

I taught school – 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

Cape Cod & Islands  
Board of REALTORS®, Inc.

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The REALTOR® Community Service Committee



*presents this certificate of recognition to*



*Bruce Blackwell and Brandon Wight*

*for contributing to the revitalization of our community*

Elizabeth A. Warren, CBR, GRI  
1997 President, CC&IBOR

May 1997

Debra A. Martin  
Committee Chairperson

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Ms. Cindy J. Boulware  
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Gainesville FL 32609  
City State Postal Code

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District 1

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Primary Phone Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

Cell

School Board of Alachua County Teacher, Athletic Director  
Employer Job Title

**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Nature Centers Commission: Submitted  
Public Recreation and Parks Board: Submitted

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## **Interests & Experiences**

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I am a longtime resident of Gainesville, and enjoy outdoor recreational activities. For many years, I was an employee of the Parks and Recreation department during the summer months as a playground leader at Howard Bishop, Westside and Glen Springs, among others. I care deeply about the City of Gainesville and her natural resources. My family roots go way back in this area, and I feel we need as many nature parks and recreational activity locations as we can muster, and that they be well maintained and safe for the citizens of our community.

**How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?**

None

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## **Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

Female

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?**

Yes  No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

Yes  No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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# **STUDENT SEAT APPLICATIONS**

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	First Name		Last Name	

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Street Address

Suite or Apt

GAINESVILLE  
City

FL  
State

32603  
Postal Code

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District 4

Home: (954) 397-8809  
Primary Phone

Home:  
Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

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**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

University of Florida  
Employer

Intern at Sustainable UF  
Job Title

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**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Nature Centers Commission: Submitted  
Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee: Submitted

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## Interests & Experiences

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

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Government is taken for granted but so critical to every single person's daily life. To serve the public in local government would be the single most direct positive impact on constituents and an honor. I would love to learn more about how the government closest to its people works practically.

**How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?**

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## Demographics

**Ethnicity**

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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Female

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?**

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Yes  No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

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Yes  No



**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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# HANNAH GUTNER

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## EDUCATION

*Bachelor of Science, Environmental Management*  
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
GPA 3.38/4.00

December 2020

Relevant Coursework: International Development, Soil Quality, Wetlands and Water Quality, GIS in Soil and Water Science

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Undergraduate Researcher*

September 2017 - Present

Masanori Fujimoto, University of Florida

- Authored an independent research project investigating influential factors of toxin synthesis and cell growth of *Microcystis aeruginosa*, a cyanobacteria species
- Collected and extracted DNA from soil samples for amplification and sequencing using qPCR methods
- Reviewed hundreds of research projects to determine most appropriate research methods

*Legislative Intern*

January 2019 – May 2019

Ballard Partners, Tallahassee, FL

- Conducted policy research and section-by-section legislation summaries to
- Wrote legislative memoranda to keep clients updated on pertinent issues
- Assembled and created legislative packets for members of the Legislature
- Collaborated with members of the State Legislature on blue green algae blooms to lay the framework for bloom mitigation
- Created sections 117.201, 117.209, 117.215 of Florida Statutes and revised several other subsections in section 117

*Participant in Weston University*

September 2016 - May 2017

City of Weston, FL

- Conducted a simulation City Commission meeting
- Visited government agencies to learn about everything from media communications to organization of a police department to the intricacies of traffic engineering
- Worked directly with the City Commissioners and the City Manager to gain experience

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient of Emerging Scholars Program Award  
Dean's List Student

December 2017 – December 2018  
August 2018 – May 2019

## SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish

**Profile**

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_____	<b>Kotryna</b>	_____	<b>Klizentyte</b>	_____	<b>319387</b>
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City		State	Postal Code

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Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

None Selected

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

<b>University of Florida</b>	<b>Graduate Assistant- PhD Student</b>
Employer	Job Title

**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Nature Centers Commission: Submitted  
Student Community Relations Advisory Board: Submitted

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## **Interests & Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

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Since moving to Gainesville, I have been looking to get involved in local government and decision-making in some way. I stumbled upon both the Student Community Relations Board, as well as the Nature Centers Commission, and these both seem like a perfect fit. Being a student for the past six years at the University of Florida, I am a community resident of the university and Gainesville region, as well as familiar with the school systems in the county. I have an interest in public policy and making a difference in my community. It is my career goal to be a public servant, teach, and exude the conservation of natural resources.

**How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?**

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None

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## **Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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Female

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?**

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Yes  No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

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Yes  No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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# Kotryna Klizentyte

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Kklizentyte@ufl.edu

## EDUCATION

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**May 2022**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, FOREST RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

University of Florida, Gainesville FL

Specialization: Outdoor recreation and natural resource economics

Certificate: Environmental Education

**August 2018**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE, FOREST RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

University of Florida, Gainesville FL

Specialization: Natural Resource Policy

**May 2017**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, FOREST RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

University of Florida, Gainesville FL

Specialization: Environmental Pre-Law

## EXPERIENCE

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**August 2016- PRESENT**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Lead and assist in multiple funded research projects (see "Research Experience" attachment)

**AUGUST 2016-PRESENT**

**TEACHING ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Forest Ecology (2016), *School of Forest Resources and Conservation*

Natural Resource Policy and Economics (2017, 2018, 2019), *School of Forest Resources and Conservation*

Integrated Natural Resource Management (2018, 2019), *School of Forest Resources and Conservation*

Ecotourism in Costa Rica (2018), *School of Forest Resources and Conservation*

Nature of Running (2018), *School of Forest Resources and Conservation*

Society and Natural Resources (2019), *School of Forest Resources and Conservation*

Forests of the Future (2019) Economics lecturer, *School of Forest Resources and Conservation*

**APRIL 2014-OCTOBER 2016**

**WATER TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY TECHNICIAN, AMEC FOSTER WHEELER**

*Gainesville FL*

Supervised a team of three laboratory technicians and conducted bioassay experimentation based on EPA guidelines

## AWARDS

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### 2018-2019

Forest Resources and Conservation Outstanding Teaching Assistant of the Year

### 2017-2018

Forest Resources and Conservation Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership and Service Award

## AFFILIATIONS

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### AUGUST 2016-MAY 2018

**PRESIDENT**, FORESTRY GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Organize and host the School of Forest Resources and Conservation annual spring research symposium

Plan social events and serve as a liaison between faculty, graduate students, and the graduate school

### DECEMBER 2015-MAY 2017

**COHORT 7 MEMBER**, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

International service experience (2016)

Community impact project with non-governmental organization (Alachua Conservation Trust)

### JANUARY 2015- MAY 2017

**TREASURER**, SIGMA ALPHA PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL SORORITY

Network with agricultural professionals around Florida

Professional development and service-based organization

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Lithuanian (native)

**Forestry:** Forestry accredited bachelor's degree with all necessary coursework to be a forester in the state of Florida

**Laboratory:** Water testing, microscope mounting

**Computer:** Qualtrics, R software, STATA, SPSS, MC office

**Communication:** Presentation and teaching experience, nominal and focus group meetings, needs assessments, technical and research report writing

## REFERENCES

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Professor, Ecotourism  
University of Florida  
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**Damian Adams**, PhD  
Associate professor, Natural  
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University of Florida  
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**Martha Monroe**, PhD  
Professor, Environmental  
Education  
University of Florida  
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Economic tradeoffs regarding uneven and even-aged longleaf pine management**

Andres Susaeta, Kotryna Klizentyte- University of Florida

August 2019- Present

### **Agricultural water security through sustainable use of the Floridan Aquifer: An integrated assessment of economic and environmental impacts**

Damian Adams, Kotryna Klizentyte- University of Florida

August 2019-Present

### **Barriers and drivers to entering the nature-based tourism and agritourism industry in Florida**

Kotryna Klizentyte, Taylor Stein, Martha Monroe, Damian Adams- University of Florida

August 2017-July 2018

### **Economic barrier to small-scale restoration logging efforts**

Damian Adams, Kotryna Klizentyte- University of Florida

January 2017-January 2018

### **Expanding the role Collier County Extension can play in the development of nature-based tourism and agritourism**

Kotryna Klizentyte, Taylor Stein- University of Florida

January 2017-December 2017

### **Legal analysis of invasive species policy in thirteen Southeastern states**

Kotryna Klizentyte, Damian Adams, Michael Olexa

May 2016-Present



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University of Florida  
Employer

Graduate Assistant  
Job Title

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**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Nature Centers Commission: Submitted  
Tree Advisory Board: Submitted

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## **Interests & Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

As I enter my fifth year living in Gainesville I would like to continue to serve the community. In my undergraduate career I was president of Delta Nu Zeta service sorority where I completed 20 hours of community service to the city of Gainesville every semester since my Freshman year. Now that I am a Graduate Student, I would like to use my expertise in forestry to help better serve the community.

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**Gender**

Female

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**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

Yes  No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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# Cecilia Mirjana Lepa

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## Education

### **University of Florida**

B.S. Forest Resources and Conservation Aug. 2015 - May 2019

Specialization: Recreation Resource Management

GPA: 3.78

M.S. Forest Resources and Conservation Aug. 2018 - May 2020

## Experience

### **Graduate Assistant**

Aug. 2019- Present

*University of Florida: Gainesville, Fl*

- Assist in teaching and grading for undergraduate classes in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation
- Complete research in recreation and ecotourism for the University of Florida
- Complete coursework necessary for graduation with a Master of Science Degree in Forestry

### **Recreation Assistant**

Apr. 2018 - Aug. 2019

*Florida Forest Service: Gainesville, Fl*

- Maintained 15 trails and 100 campsites across 7 forests which receive 10,000 visitors annually
- Helped band and record data for Red Cockaded Woodpecker restoration
- Performed prescribed fires and plant longleaf pines for habitat restoration
- Inspected invasive species and formed a plan to eradicate through herbicide treatment

### **Research Assistant**

Jan. 2017 - Present

*UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation: Gainesville, Fl.*

- Performed surveys in Indian River and Collier Counties at recreation sites to address questions about visitor motivations
- Analyzed data, created graphs and helped come to conclusions about motivations for recreating

### **Biological Research Technician**

May 2017 - Oct. 2017

*US Department of Agriculture: Gainesville, Fl.*

- Took care of research plants which included melaleuca, Chinese tallow, and crepe myrtle
- Reared flea beetles and tested to see if they would attack Chinese tallow in the field
- Worked in field to collect invasive plants around the Gainesville area
- Maintained quarantine research area by daily cleaning and checking insects

### **Intern**

Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2016

*Alachua Conservation Trust: Gainesville, FL.*

- Performed daily cleaning and maintenance tasks
- Performed trail maintenance on 10 trails, invasive species removal through herbicide treatment, and prepared sites for fire
- Taught volunteers how to use auger, mower, and other equipment

## Technical Skills and Relevant Coursework

**Coursework** Urban Forestry, Dendrology, Ecotourism

**Technology** Microsoft Office; ArcGIS

**Certifications** S130/S190 Basic Wildland Firefighting; Emergency Vehicle Operation; CPR and First Aid for the Professional Rescuer; Water Safety Instructor

**Public Speaking** SAF National conference presentation Oct. 2018. 2nd Place Student Oral Presentations in Science and Technology

## Leadership & Volunteer Activities

### **Leadership**

**Delta Nu Zeta Sorority:** President: Managed 150 active sisters, coordinated over 4,000 community service hours each semester, planned new member intake process

**Women's Water Polo Club:** Fundraising Chair: Earned \$10K for the team to accommodate travel and equipment expenses

**Clubs** Forestry Club, Society of American Foresters, Xi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity

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District 1

Mobile: (941) 441-7798  
Primary Phone

Home:  
Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

University of Florida  
Employer

G.I.S Student Assistant  
Job Title

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**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board: Submitted  
Nature Centers Commission: Submitted

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Yes  No

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## **Interests & Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

I am currently a student at the University of Florida studying Sustainability and the Built Environment as well as Urban and Regional planning for a combined undergrad-graduate (BS-MS) degree. Having lived here in Gainesville for the past 4 years, I feel like it is my time to give back to a community that means so much to me. To add to that, my educational and professional experience have equipped me with skills that I feel would be a major benefit to the commission's overall goals.

**How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?**

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## **Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

Male

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?**

Yes  No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?**

Yes  No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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**Tyler Cosmo Tornese**

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**Cosmott@ufl.edu**

**941-441-7798**

**Work/Volunteer experience:**

**Englewood Tennis Club: 4 years- 8/1/12-6/1/16**

- General Manager/ Assistant Manager, responsible for opening/closing facility
- Oversaw club sales, new memberships, lessons, court and club maintenance
- Customer service representative, responsible for ensuring members satisfaction

**Venice Elementary: 1 year- 8/1/15-6/1/16**

- Assistant teacher for kindergarten class of 30 students
- Helped prepare students for major benchmark assessments
- Personally tested/taught each student weekly with simple arithmetic work

**University of Florida, Office of Research: 1 year- 4/1/17- 5/1/18**

- Responsible for all incoming and outgoing mail for the Office of Research, Grinter Hall
- Assisted in new employee orientations
- Delivered sensitive and confidential documents in a timely matter
- Served as a campus liaison for research guests, accountable for representing the University of Florida well

**Geohazards Inc: 3/15/18- 12/14/18**

- Assisted in geophysical testing and geological instrumentation set up
- Create forensic engineering investigative sheets to assist engineers on projects
- Handle customer service calls and client scheduling
- Perform QAQC (Quality Assurance, Quality Control) on report data when needed

**Geoplan Center UF: 1/14/19- Present**

- GIS student assistant

**Skills:** Microsoft Office, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and ArcGIS 10\*, ArcGIS Pro

**Educational experience:** Knowledge of general green building techniques and technologies, low energy solutions, sustainable development, and spatial reasoning. Extensive course history in Environmental sciences and geography.

**Education:** 2012-2016- Venice High School. 2016-present- University of Florida

**Highschool GPA:** unweighted- 3.81 weighted- 4.5

**GPA currently @ University of Florida (combined undergrad and graduate):** 3.75

**Major:** Sustainability and the Built Environment- Specializing in GeoDesign and use of GIS

**Master's Program:** Pursuing a combined Bachelor's degree in Sustainability and the Built Environment and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning (1 year in program so far)

**Expected graduation:** Fall 2019- Spring 2020 with Bachelor's, Spring 2021 with Master's.

**References:**

**Dorothy Long:** Assistant Director for Human Resources, University of Florida. Work Number (352)-392-6621

**James Olsen, P.G:** Director of Geology and Geophysics at Geohazards Inc. Work Number (352)-371-7243



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None Selected

Employer	Student	Job Title
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**Are you applying for a student seat** Yes  No**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**Nature Centers Commission: Submitted  
Public Recreation and Parks Board: Submitted

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## **Interests & Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

I am a recreation resource management student in the school of forest resources and conservation at UF. I am up to date on current recreation theory and practice and have a fresh perspective on what visitors want out of nature parks in their city. I also want to get more involved in my local community and be a part of the processes that make up what I care most about. I am a frequent hiker and spend lots of my free time in recreation areas.

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## **Demographics**

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**Gender**

Female

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Yes  No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?**

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# Carly Zeffren

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## OBJECTIVE

Seeking a career in natural resource management, recreation, and education

## EDUCATION

### University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

B. S., forest resources and conservation, specialization in recreation resource management  
Spanish Minor

August 2017- May 2021

### Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Mérida, México

Study abroad course for Spanish Minor and courses in tropical ecology

June - August 2018

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Morningside Nature Center, Gainesville, FL

*Environmental Educator and Camp Counselor – Intern*

August 2018

- Educated 27 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> graders about Florida's nature such as birds, plants, and wildlife
- Interned in the park and learned park management skills on site
- Assisted with camp logistics

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Nelson's Insurance Services, Apopka, FL

*Filing assistant - temporary*

August – December 2016 and June 2019

- Organized and filed client information and took phone calls

### Congregation Ohev Shalom, Maitland, FL

*Summer Camp Counselor*

Summers 2015 - 2019

- Planned and organized camp activities for over 200 campers ages from K-8

### Hometown: Orlando, FL

2014 - 2017

*Frequent babysitter and nanny*

- Frequently cared for children throughout high school

## LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

### UF Women's Water Polo Team

*Participant*

2017 - Present

### Gainesville VegFest Planning Committee

*Member and volunteer*

2019

### Key Club, Altamonte Springs, FL

*President*

2015 - 2017

- Planned and organized community service events, kept logistics, fundraised, and ran bi-monthly meetings

## Relevant Course Work

- Dendrology/Forest Plants, Foundations for Natural Resources & Conservation, Natural Resource Sampling, Society & Natural Resources, Forest Ecology, Forest Resources Information Systems, Sustainable Ecotourism Development

**SKILLS:** Proficient in Microsoft Office, conversational Spanish, team leading, working with children

Certification: Project Learning Tree educator, Gainesville, FL (2017)