

**GAINESVILLE CULTURAL AFFAIRS BOARD  
APPOINTMENT BALLOT**

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

**Applications:**   **One (1) 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
Stephanie Birch	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Paula Pringle			✓				
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
Sophia Corugedo <i>*also applied to DRB</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Jonathan Franklin					✓		
Tyler Tornese							
READVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS							



City of Gainesville

# Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

## Board Details

10-members; 3-year terms appointed by the City Commission.

Reference Ordinances 2397, 3154, 3486, and 3913. Add one Student Adjunct Member [Ordinance No. 3427 (03/28/88)]; and changing name of board and method of appointment of five members [Ordinance No. 3586 (11/14/88)]; and consolidation of Art in Public Places Trust (Ordinance No. 3913; 10/18/93); and the separation of the Art in Public Places Trust (Ordinance No. 960440; adopted 01/13/97). City Residency NOT Required.


NO MEMBER MAY BE ON THE STAFF OF AN ARTS ORGANIZATION.

The duties of the Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board shall be to advise the City Commission in regard to interest in and promotion of the arts and eco-heritage tourism, to develop local cultural resources and to assist the Cultural Affairs Manager in the planning and implementation of community cultural involvement.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES: 1) Arts Education; 2) Budget and Grants; 3) Planning; 4) Outreach; 5) Cultural and Economic Development

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## Overview

 **Size** 10 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

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## Additional

### Advisory Board Website

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/ParksRecreationCulturalAffairs/ArtsCulture/SupportingOrganizations.aspx>

### Agendas and Minutes are located

<https://gainesville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### Ordinance

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City of Gainesville

## Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board

### Board Roster



#### Irfan Kovankaya

**1st Term** Jan 04, 2018 - Sep 30, 2019

**Email** irfan.kovankaya@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (850) 980-1358

**Alternate Phone** Home: (850) 391-2585

**Address**

1404 W University Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32603

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Category** Student Seat



#### Fred Sowder

**3rd Term** Nov 03, 2016 - Sep 30, 2019

**Home Phone** (352) 219-0120

**Address**

1304 NE 13th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601

**Appointing Authority** City Commission



#### Marcie M Stefan

**1st Term** Oct 01, 2017 - Sep 30, 2020

**Email** marcie\_stefan@yahoo.com

**Home Phone** Home: (786) 271-9503

**Address**

3003 SW 98th Dr  
Gainesville, FL 32608

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Vice-Chair



#### Kole A Odutola

**1st Term** Oct 01, 2017 - Sep 30, 2020

**Email** kole2@yahoo.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (352) 575-4817

**Alternate Phone** Business: (352) 273-2959

**Address**

2432 NW 45th Lane  
Gainesville, FL 32605

**Appointing Authority** City Commission



### Saeed R Khan

**1st Term** Oct 01, 2017 - Sep 30, 2020

**Email** khan@pathology.ufl.edu

**Home Phone** Home: (352) 376-8527

**Alternate Phone** Home: (352) 258-2036

**Address**

3504 SW 1st way  
Gainesville, FL 32601

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Secretary

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### Chelsea E Carnes

**1st Term** Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2021

**Email** gainesvillechelsea@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (352) 278-2529

**Address**

927 ne 7th avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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### Tatiana Bastian

**1st Term** Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2021

**Email** tatiana.bastian9@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (786) 290-8693

**Address**

19  
MIAMI, FL 33169

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

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### David J Ruiz

**1st Term** Jun 21, 2018 - Sep 30, 2021

**Email** davidjruiz@gmail.com

**Home Phone** Mobile: (352) 665-0019

**Address**

4000 SW 23rd Street Apt 5-307  
Gainesville, FL 32608

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Position** Chair

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### Mr Donald T Niemann Jr

**2nd Term** Oct 03, 2019 - Sep 30, 2022

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**Home Phone** Mobile: (321) 223-8828

**Alternate Phone** Mobile: (321) 223-8828

**Address**

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Gainesville, FL 32601

**Appointing Authority** City Commission



**Suzanne B Kiker**

**1st Term** Aug 15, 2019 - Sep 30, 2022

**Email** suzannebk@gmail.com

**Appointing Authority** City Commission

**Home Phone** Home: (352) 378-4966

**Alternate Phone** Home: (352) 246-9624

**Address**

224 SW 40th Terrace  
Gainesville , FL 32607



**Vacancy**

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Prefix      Stephanie      \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

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Middle Initial      L      \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Suffix

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Street Address

Apt 101  
Suite or Apt

Gainesville  
City

FL  
State

32605  
Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> \*

District 2

Mobile: (217) 415-0176  
Primary Phone

Business: (352) 273-2656  
Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

Office

University of Florida  
Employer

Assistant Librarian  
Job Title

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**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

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## Interests & Experiences

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

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After moving to Gainesville from Illinois in 2016, I very quickly became involved in the City's arts & cultural programs. I want to continue serving the local arts community as a member of the Cultural Affairs Advisory Board. In addition to my involvement in the local arts community, I have professional experience in arts administration, heritage preservation, public education, grantsmanship, and cultural programming. I believe that art has power. It allows us to envision the best versions of ourselves. It is healing. It is entertainment. If a city can be measured by the vibrancy of its arts and culture scene, Gainesville shines bright. I wish to contribute, as a member of the Cultural Affairs Advisory Board, to the promotion of artistic expression, heritage tourism, and cultural celebration throughout Gainesville.

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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# STEPHANIE BIRCH

[sbirch2@gmail.com](mailto:sbirch2@gmail.com) | 217.415.0176 | [www.stephaniebirch.com](http://www.stephaniebirch.com)

## + EDUCATION

2016 Master of Arts, African Studies, University of Illinois  
2016 Master of Library Science, University of Illinois  
2012 Master of Arts, History, University of Illinois Springfield  
2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art History, University of Illinois

## + EMPLOYMENT

### **University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries | 2016 – present**

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Gender, Sexualities, & Women's Studies, 2019 – present  
Assistant Librarian in African American Studies, 2016 – present

### **Figure One Art Gallery, Champaign, Illinois | 2014-2016**

Interim Director, 2015-2016  
Gallery Assistant, 2014-2015

### **Department of African American Studies, University of Illinois | 2013-2015**

Graduate Research Assistant

### **Spring Art Association, Springfield, Illinois | 2012**

Summer Programs Assistant

### **Historic Preservation Commission, Illinois Supreme Court | 2010-2013**

Historical Researcher

### **Research & Collections Center, Illinois State Museum | 2011 - 2012**

African Ethnographic Collection

### **Policy Research Center Library | Illinois Department of Transportation | 2010-2012**

Graduate Public Service Intern

### **Spurlock Museum, Urbana, Illinois | 2007 – 2010**

Collections & Exhibits Assistant

## + AWARDS

2018 Employee Excellence Award for Outreach, UF Libraries  
2017 Employee Excellence Award for Outreach, UF Libraries  
2016 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, US Department of Education  
2015 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, US Department of Education  
2012 Sustainable Arts Award, University of Illinois Springfield

## + PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (selected)

UF Faculty Senator, 2019-2021  
UF Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Planning Committee, 2016 – present  
United Faculty of Florida, 2018 – 2019 Vice President  
UF Libraries Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, 2018-2019 Co-Chair

## + GRANTS

2019

[Digital Publishing on Black Life and History Collaborative Meeting](#)

George A. Smathers Libraries Strategic Opportunities Grant, \$4,940

[Enhancing SPOHP's Legacy Digital Collections for Improved User Access](#)

George A. Smathers Libraries Strategic Opportunities Grant, \$4,954

[Film on a Boat: Digitizing Historical Newspapers of the Caribbean](#)

CLIR Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives, \$434,124

2018

Intersections: Research-into-Teaching: Mass Incarceration

Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, \$30,000

[Bibliographic & Digital Internship on Black Education in Florida](#)

George A. Smathers Libraries Internship Program, \$7,500

2017

Special Programs Internship in the Humanities & Social Sciences

George A. Smathers Libraries Internship Program, \$5,000

## + VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Gainesville @ 150 Planning Committee, A. Quinn Jones Museum & Cultural Center

Alachua County African American History Task Force

Thieves Gilde Productions, Inc.

Acrosstown Repertory Theatre

## + SKILLS

Grant writing

Marketing & promotion

Event planning & facilitation

Community engagement & outreach

Public education program development

Non-profit administration

Project management

**Profile**

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Gainesville City FL State 32641 Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> \*

District 1

Mobile: (352) 318-3863 Primary Phone Mobile: (352) 727-3835 Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

Not employed Employer Recreational therapist Job Title

**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

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

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I severed several years back. 30 years in the field of recreation. Event planning is one of my favorite things to do.

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

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One

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## Demographics

Ethnicity

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African American

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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# **STUDENT SEAT APPLICATIONS**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Sophia \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ Corugedo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street Address Suite or Apt

Gainesville \_\_\_\_\_ FL \_\_\_\_\_ 32601  
City State Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> \*

District 1

Home: (786) 282-9027 \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

City of Gainesville \_\_\_\_\_ Research and Prototyping Intern,  
Employer Job Title Office of the Clerk of the  
Commission

**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

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

Development Review Board: Submitted  
Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board: Submitted

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## **Interests & Experiences**

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

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I have been living in Gainesville for over a year now and have been biking everywhere since my arrival. I have ventured on bike lanes and roads that suggest cyclists and cars share the road and encountered negative interactions with automobile drivers. I have explored trails in Alachua County and their safety and connection to one another, or lack thereof. I avidly try to support cyclist safety and presence on the road and believe that our presence should be more reckoned. Many drivers are unaware of cyclists' presence and needs for safety on roads. I also believe that pedestrian safety and connectivity can see improvement. There are substantial areas in town that would benefit from crosswalks, as pedestrians deserve just as much consideration for safety on roads and sidewalks. I find that as an active student who advocates for cyclist safety and use, the board would benefit from having a voice from the perspective of both a city and university dweller working to safely bike through the City of Gainesville and the Greater Alachua County while being conscious of the needs of citizens on all forms of transportation. My background includes over 10 years as a dancer and artist involved in the arts community of Miami, and I find that bringing the diversity of South Florida and other international communities that visit and live in Gainesville would be a great benefit to everyone who lives here. I would love to serve on the Cultural Affairs board to add insight on my background both as a student and an artist to see how others can get involved, share their cultures and learn about one another in this tight-knit community. I am currently pursuing my Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida, and spent August through December of 2018 interning at the City of Miami's Planning Department and getting an inside look at development from a City's perspective. I find that I would be a great asset to any of these boards and I am eager to make a difference in my community!

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

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## **Demographics**

**Ethnicity**

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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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# Sophia Corugedo

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2926 SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL • Cell: 7862829027 • scorugedo@ufl.edu

## Professional Summary

Highly driven and detail-oriented intern or employee with more than four years of combined experience in customer service, sales, marketing, both the housing and food industries, city planning, and policy research all to be combined with a specialized focus on sustainable development through urban planning and design.

## Languages

Fluent: English

Professional Working Proficiency: Spanish, Portuguese

## Skills

Community Outreach

Time Management

Marketing

Quantitative & Qualitative Data Research

Microsoft Word and PowerPoint

Planning, Coordinating, and Directing

## Work History

**Research & Prototyping Intern**, 01/2019 – Present

**Gainesville City Commission**

- Work in rotation with Commissioners and the Mayor to perform research and help update and develop policies for the City. Topics of research and development include Zero Waste, Affordable Housing, Land Trusts, Business and Economic Growth, and Equity and Equality.

**Intern, Planning and Zoning Department**, 08/2018 – 12/2018

**City of Miami Government**

- Worked with department head and employees on projects spanning GIS Graphics, the Wynwood Streetscape Master Plan, and the Miami Marine Stadium Development.
- Expedited the City of Miami's Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan Review while maintaining thorough updates and introducing new goals and resiliency initiatives.
- Conducted insightful and consistent research that was later reported and presented to city staff. Research topics included Waterfront Development Standards, Storm Surge Modeling, Sustainable Design Standards, Urban Agriculture, and Master Planning.

**Hostess & Waitress**, 08/2018 – 12/2018; 07/2017 – 12/2017

**Harry's Pizzeria – Coconut Grove, FL**

- Followed all safety and sanitation policies when handling food and beverage to uphold proper health standards, while consistently offering professional, friendly and engaging service.

**Housing Consultant**, 03/2018 – 08/2018

**The Scion Group, LLC.** – Gainesville, FL

- Greeted prospective and current residents in a courteous and timely fashion, in person, over the phone and via email. Adhered to their needs and requests with high standards of customer service while maintaining organization and order in the leasing office.
- Pushed sales and signed over 50 leases in a competitive atmosphere.

## Education

**University of Florida** - Gainesville, FL

**Master of Arts:** Urban and Regional Planning, 2022

**Bachelor of Science:** Sustainability and the Built Environment, 2021

- Vice President of United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Rinker Chapter
  - Plan community engagement projects and coordinate relationships with local company owners in the construction and green building space.
- Tactical Urbanism Committee Representative for Students for New Urbanism (SNU)
  - Participate on University and City advisory boards to voice SNU's advocacy on pedestrian and bicycle mobility.
- Recipient of Florida Bright Future's Scholarship
- Coursework in International Sustainable Development, Urban and Regional Planning, Entrepreneurship, Landscape Architecture, Site Analysis, Global Economics

**Miami Dade College** – Miami, FL

Dual Enrollment Courses: 2016, 2017

**New World School of the Arts** – Miami, FL

High School Diploma: 2017

- Performer in the Dance Program
- Choreographer of 2 recognized dance pieces

## Volunteer Experience

**Amelia Earhart Park** – Miami, FL

- Organized & carried out reoccurring park clean-ups: 2016, 2017, 2018

**Thomas Armour Youth Ballet** – Miami, FL

- Office Aide & Assistant Dance Instructor: 2013, 2014, 2016

**Profile**

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_____	<b>Jonathan</b>	_____	<b>Franklin</b>	_____
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 Email Address

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Street Address	Suite or Apt

Hawthorne	FL	32640
City	State	Postal Code

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I do not live in Gainesville

Mobile: (352) 234-5931	Home:
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

None Selected

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

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Employer	Job Title

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

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Serving on this board will add valuable experience to my resume, and will also give me an opportunity to be active in the community in my field of interest.

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

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## Demographics

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African American

Gender

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Male

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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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# JONATHAN FRANKLIN

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## EDUCATION

Eastside High school  
Gainesville, FL

*High School Diploma (graduated 2016)*

Santa Fe College  
Gainesville, FL

*AA Political Science Candidate (Expected graduation May 2020)*

- **Extracurricular Activities:** Americorps Florida Conservation, Greater Gainesville International Center Intern, GGIC Annual International Gala Planning Committee, Fiesta Luminoso Gala Volunteer, Food Committee Chair , Hurricane Micheal Disaster relief

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Greater Gainesville International Center , Gainesville, FL

*Intern, Mar 2019 – Present*

- Confer with board members, organization officials, or staff members to discuss issues, coordinate activities, or resolve problems.
- Event planning committee member
- Chairperson for the food planning committee
- Draft meeting agenda and record minutes
- Participate in conference calls and board meetings.
- Deliver and accept payments for signage

Florida Conservation Corps, Gainesville, FL

*Corps Member, Jul 2018 – Dec 2018*

- Collected and analyzed data to determine environmental conditions and restoration needs.
- Conducted site assessments to certify a habitat or to ascertain environmental damage or restoration needs.
- Provided disaster relief
- Provided volunteer coordination and supervision
- Filled out after action reviews of each project.
- Lead and documented safety meetings before the start of the workday.
- Provided support for community education and outreach regarding recreational trail use and care.
- Replaced and/or restored worn, misplaced, or out-of-date signage
- Aid in the creation of new trails, trail extensions, or extending trail width

- Repaired trail support structures, such as boardwalks, handrails, shelters, or benches
- Addressed erosion problems through the installation of various control structures
- Assisted in the creation of informational accessibility materials based on GPS mapping, and trail assessments
- Conducted and participated in team building activities

#### Sam's Club, Gainesville, FL

##### *Connections Associate, Oct 2016 – Jul 2018*

- Provided Connection Center products services, to Members.
- Assisted Sam's members with purchasing.
- Assisted Sam's members with service contracts, plans, from Sprint, At&t, and Verizon.
- Received merchandise, organized, and maintained the connection center.
- Processed purchases, returns, refunds, and exchanges.

##### *Grocery Sales Associate , Oct 2016 – Jul 2018*

- Provided member service, identified their needs, and assisted with purchasing decisions as needed.
- Resolved issues, concerns, and promoting Company's products.
- Handled claims, and returns including arranging, and organizing the merchandise.
- Maintained stocking, setting up, cleaning, and organizing displays.
- Received and stocked merchandise, completed paperwork and other required documentation.

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- OSHA Certificate - General Industry

### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- Turkish-Intermediate level speaking, reading, and writing
- French-Beginner level speaking, reading, and writing
- Disaster Services
- Computers including Microsoft Office
- Written and verbal communication
- Effective multitasking
- Problem solving and troubleshooting
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Creativity
- Self-motivation
- Ability to Work Under Pressure
- Leadership

### **REFERENCES**

References available upon request

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First Name		Middle Initial	Last Name	

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Email Address

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Street Address	Suite or Apt

Gainesville	FL	32601
City	State	Postal Code

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District 1

Mobile: (941) 441-7798	Home:
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

**Primary Phone Type**

Cell

**Alternate Phone Type**

None Selected

University of Florida	G.I.S Student Assistant
Employer	Job Title

**Are you applying for a student seat**

Yes  No

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

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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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[Resume\\_TorneseTyler19.pdf](#)

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**Ethnicity**

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**Gender**

Male

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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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**Tyler Cosmo Tornese**

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**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

