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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). (In progress: Coursework Completed) UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL. Political Science: American Politics, with minors in Policy/Public Administration and Methodology. Awarded a Full Graduate Teaching Assistantship.

Master of Arts (MA) in Urban and Regional Planning (M.A.U.R.P.). UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL. Awarded a full Graduate Research Assistantship.

Master's Thesis: http://etd.fcla.edu/UF/UFE0043862/WRIGHT_K.pdf

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, and PUBLICATIONS

2021 APA-FL Award of Excellence recipient on behalf of the City of Neptune Beach for planning innovations in coastal resiliency and inclusive collaborative planning processes on behalf of the City of Neptune Beach in Miami, Florida at the annual statewide **Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association** Conference in September 2021.

Los Angeles, CA: Annual American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, 2023

- Created and presented a poster on Political Economy, Equity, and the relationship to Political Participation and Housing.
- Selected to participate in the Graduate Student Poster Competition within the Class and Inequality Section.
- Recipient of a Travel Award from the University of Florida to attend the National Conference and present my research.
- Awarded the APSA First Generation Scholars Award.

Seattle, WA: Annual American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, 2021

- Presenting on the Lobbying and Strategy Panel: <https://tinyurl.com/v2hmv973>
- Recipient of 2021 APSA Award for Research in Health Politics and the 2021 APSA Travel Award

Porto, Portugal: World Conference on Qualitative Research, 2019

- Presentation and international publication:
<https://publi.ludomedia.org/index.php/ntqr/article/view/234/238>

Orlando, Florida: Chair of the Southwest Social Science Association Annual Conference, 2018

- Panel: Civic Engagement and Participation. <https://sssaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Program-final.pdf>

Boston, MA: Annual American Political Science Association (APSA) National Conference, 2017

- Presentation: Reducing Inequality Through Political Participation in Planning Processes.
https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/apsa/apsa18/index.php?cmd=Online+Program+View+Session&selected_session_id=1401550&PHPSESSID=1f6bv3a1s5v31gd4apqg2pfmn4
- Recipient of an APSA Travel Award.

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Orlando, FL: Public Administration Research Conference, University of Central Florida, 2017

- Presentation: Then and Now: Reducing Inequality, Creating Economic Growth, and Citizen Engagement and Public Participation through Planning Processes in Miami, Florida and Denver, Colorado: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-administration-research-conference-university-of-centralflorida-tickets-42716613541>

Fulbright Finalist and Bauhaus Dessau Foundation Fellowship Recipient

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Instructor, University Writing Program. 2022-present

- Teaching ENC1101 at the University Writing Center. Responsible for creating syllabi and leading all classroom activities, discussions, and grading.
- Teaching POS 2041: Introduction to American Government, in-person and online. POS 2041 serves the state requirement for all incoming college students to take a government or history course satisfying the requirements of Civic Literacy Competency as required by Florida Statute 1007.25.
- This experience prepares students for advanced civic engagement and includes grading, advising, and hosting office hours for undergraduate students.
- Highly rated instructor per end of the semester online evaluations.

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Santa Fe College. 2023-present

- Teaching POS 2041 American National Government for students both in-person and within hybrid formats.
- Led the course development, including syllabi and exams and encouraged interactive learning through student led discussions at the end of seminars.
- Encouraged political participation and collaboration through discussion threads and public meetings and current event discussions outside of the classroom.

PRINCIPAL AND CEO, Economic Equity & Redevelopment Partners, LLC. 2021–present

Assisting the legal and development community throughout the planning and redevelopment processes, specializing in planning and economic development analyses in addition to long range planning, workshop, and design charette facilitation, project management, and grant-writing.

- Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Code updates, including Evaluation and Appraisal Reports.
- Economic Development, Land Development, Entitlement Analyses, and Feasibility Studies
- Business Development: Identification of RFP and RFQ solicitations and proposal development
- Development of Ordinances and text amendments while overseeing municipal regulatory requirements for projects throughout the State of Florida.
- Creation of Community Redevelopment Areas (CRAs) including Finding of Necessity and CRA Plans to advance the quality of life and equity for communities throughout the State of Florida.
- Public participation expert with experience leading design charettes, public workshops, and public meetings.
- Guest speaker at national and statewide industry and academic conferences.
- Planning Consultant, which includes contract work with The Euclid Group in Miami, Florida and the Shubin and Bass Law Firm, which led the planning and development of approximately 13 acres in North Bay Village.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

City of Neptune Beach – Neptune Beach, FL.

2019–2021

Directed the city's \$485,000 Community Visioning process involving citywide collaboration for creation of the city's new comprehensive plan and land development code. Managed the departmental annual budget for four full-time employees.

- Received the **2021 Award of Excellence in Best Practices from APA-Florida** for *City of Neptune Beach: A Model City for Inclusive Planning and Coastal Management Innovation*.
- Led Neptune Beach City Council and the Community Development Board through staff reports and presentation of agenda items to provide findings, recommendations, and additional research for the benefit of the community and the decision-making of local elected officials.
- Guided the city through the creation of a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to supplement the city's budget as an advanced implementation strategy for key civic redevelopment and infrastructure projects.
- **Received CNU-A Accreditation from the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU).**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CRA DIRECTOR

City of High Springs– High Springs, FL

2018–2019

Provided strategic and operational leadership to expand the city's community development mission and outcomes.

- Secured grants including the **Competitive Florida Partnership Program**, Florida Division of Historical Resources Grants, grants through the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and grants through Visit Gainesville in Alachua County, Florida.
- Led the CRA and the City through the development of a \$4 million Master Plan for the Downtown CRA District, which was featured in the **2019 Florida Redevelopment Association's Best Book** highlighting the best in redevelopment within the State of Florida. This project was the result of the citywide collaboration with Marquis, Latimer, and Halbeck.
- Partnered with GAI Consultants Inc. to conduct the Finding of Necessity for the possible CRA expansion to include Workforce and Affordable Housing Development.
- Repositioned the High Springs CRA for successive renewals from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and presented all Annual Reports and key updates to increase the level of collected taxable revenues and impact of the High Springs CRA.
- Led the CRA towards financial self-sufficiency through innovative and strategic projects to increase the tax base and improve the CRA, the City and Alachua County while also serving as the **Non-voting Delegate to the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC).**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Nassau County Board of Commissioners – Yulee, FL

2017–2018

Led the County's Planning and Zoning Board meetings and Conditional Use and Variance Board meetings. Assisted in the supervision of five employees.

- Researched the development of two (2) CRAs for the County and served as the staff liaison to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
- **Achieved Florida Redevelopment Association Redevelopment Administrator (FRA-RA) Certification in October 2017.**

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- Developed the county's architectural design standards for small area plans and overlay districts and updated the Land Development Code to include mixed-use overlay districts to actively promote and achieve fiscally responsive and sustainable community development patterns.
- Completed Leadership Nassau 2017-2018.

COMMUNITY LIAISON COORDINATOR: MT. PLYMOUTH-SORRENTO CRA

Lake County Board of Commissioners – Tavares, FL

2016–2017

Managed the Mount Plymouth-Sorrento Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) through development review, project management, and fiscal reporting. Assisted the Community Services Director through the facilitation and leadership of CRA meetings and special event coordination.

- Created the county's first Paint-Only Program on behalf of the CRA and guided the Advisory Board through the development of the county's design standards for the CRA.
- Presented at and served as a Lake County liaison to the Chamber of Commerce and at networking events on behalf of the Mount Plymouth-Sorrento CRA and the county.

Courses Taught

POS 2041 American National Government

- Taught in-person, online, and hybrid courses, developed syllabi, lectures, and exams.
- Successfully managed course development and instruction for up to 130 students each semester.

ENC 1101 Expository and Argumentative Writing

- Taught in-person sections to advance academic writing for diverse disciplines in Fall 2023.
- Taught online sections to advance academic writing for diverse disciplines.

IDS 2935 Special Topics

- Assisted Dr. Stonecipher with the Quest Course for 46 students in a Seminar that examines the relationship between love and politics through advanced writing.

AFFILIATIONS

An accredited member (CNU-A) of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), Member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), American Planning Association member (APA), American Political Science Association (APSA), American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA), and a Certified Redevelopment Administrator (FRA-RA) from the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA).

MENTIONS

Macdonald, B., et al. (2024). "Establishing an Agenda for Public Budgeting and Finance Research." *Public Finance Journal*, Vol. 1(1). <https://doi.org/10.59469/pfj.2024.15>