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With 5+ years in higher education administration, roles ranging from genetics research to client management, and an academic background in history, political science, law, and intercultural communication, I can bridge gaps between groups to move interactions toward shared goals. My varied experience has helped me finely hone my senses of priority and risk and develop the understanding that meaningful work often stems from compromise.

EXPERIENCE

2020 – PRESENT

ACADEMIC ADVISOR II, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

The UF Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering has 5000+ undergraduates across 14 different majors. I work with first year students across all 14 majors. We work with students to create a plan to graduation, find involvement opportunities on campus, and set themselves up for academic success. We use Zoom and Canvas as virtual tools.

2018 – 2020

WRITER, KAPLAN, INC

Content creation and editing for Kaplan Test Prep. Specific projects include AP American Government and Politics, World History, Human Geography, and United States History. I also consulted on editing, video production and review. This was a virtual role using the Inkling digital content platform.

2017– 2018

ADMISSIONS OFFICER, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA ONLINE

Walked prospects through the application process, reviewed academic records, advised on personal statements and application packets. We utilized an intensive recruitment strategy with multiple touches per prospect. Hosted webinars for several hundred interested students. During my tenure UF Online offered 18+ degree programs, I was responsible for 11 of them, and had to know the admissions requirements for freshmen and transfer students.

EDUCATION

MAY 2015

MA, HISTORY, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

MAY 2011

BA, HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, *MAGNA CUM LAUDE*, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

SKILLS

- Interpersonal communication
- Proofreading/copyediting
- Scheduling and organizational logistics
- Attention to detail
- Working under pressure
- Rapid acclimatization

ACTIVITIES

2022-PRESENT

BOARD MEMBER, CONSERVATION BURIAL INC

Conservation Burial Incorporated is the oversight organization for the Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery, a local not-for-profit conservation burial ground on the eastern side of the Payne's Prairie State Park. I have volunteered with the cemetery since 2017. As a Board Member I support staff development, volunteer engagement, and strategic planning for the cemetery's growth.

2017 – PRESENT

VOLUNTEER, PRAIRIE CREEK CONSERVATION CEMETERY

Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery is a conservation burial ground east of Gainesville. In my volunteer role I assist with events and burials.

COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS

"He was extremely helpful in giving me an idea of what I should be focusing on in the coming semesters. I appreciated the discussion on the things that I can be doing out of school to further enrich my education with clubs and faculty members."

"Very great advice. I already had a lot of my stuff figured out because I asked questions to mentors in my major, but he still brought up good things for me to think about (like do I want to consider Computer Engineering, How do I want to do my Business minor?, what specifically in CS [computer science] do I want to focus on, etc.)"

"Mr. Davenport was exceedingly helpful both during the group advising session and after with one-on-one advice. He showed me a few resources I wasn't aware of and helped me solve two problems with my schedule / academic plan I didn't think had a clear answer. He went above and beyond to make sure I would be successful."

"Mr. Davenport was very good, helped me understand exactly when I need to declare my major (with certainty) and what major my current interests pertain to."

"I was very happy with this session. I came in with a lot of uncertainty and left with a newfound sense of direction."

"I'm happy that Mr. Davenport is my advisor!"