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# **CURRENT ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Faculty; Instructional Assistant Professor, Program Director Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) self-supported online program July 2023 - Current (previously Associate Program Director from 2017)

- Manages \$1.2 million budget, leads small team of department staff and graduate student assistants
- Administers the nation's first and only accredited online master's degree in urban planning
  - Emphasis on graduate student recruitment and retention, student experience, professional development
- Enhances graduate student experience through personalized academic advising, professional career development
  - Currently advising and overseeing 100+ graduate students
- Shapes curriculum based on quantitative and qualitative student feedback, accreditation standards
- Continually serves on department administrative committees:
  - Communications team, chair (2019 current)
  - Awards committee, chair (2018 current)
  - Admissions committee, member (2017 current)
  - Events committee, member (2023 current)

## **IMPACT AT UF**

- Produced exponential program growth and enrollment
  - Increased active student enrollment by 212%, from 32 students (2018) to 100 students (2022)
- Fosters international relationships and integrates student opportunities for engagement and research
- Assisted in first-ever successful accreditation of an online master's degree in urban planning (2019)

## **EDUCATION**

#### Ph.D. in Design, Construction and Planning

University of Florida (currently pursuing)

Concentration: Interdisciplinary (Landscape Architecture + Planning)

#### Master of Urban and Regional Planning

University of Florida (2017)

Thesis: Enhancing the Capacity for Sustainable Groundwater Management in the Punta Cana Region

#### Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning

Virginia Tech (2015)

Minors: Wetland Science, Environmental Science

# **SKILLS**

- Teaching, course design
- Public speaking
- Community building
- Systems efficiency
- Project management
- Community surveying
- Systems efficiency
- International development
- Strategic planning/visioning
- Adobe, Microsoft, G Suite
- Wordpress, Mailchimp

# **VALUES**

- Inclusive and equitable engagement
- Environmental education, conservation
- Mentorship and service
- Transparent communication
- Expectation-setting
- Experiential opportunities

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### ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

All courses below currently taught at the University of Florida

• URP 3001, Cities of the World (2021 - current)

Undergraduate course for freshmen - seniors centered around international planning patterns and cultural urban phenomena. Focus on sustainable development and water management issues. *Hybrid model delivery (virtual and classroom)*.

• URP 6941, Internship (2017 - current)

Oversees, distills, and critically values professional planning experience required of graduate planning students. Emphasis on bridging nexus between academic theory and professional planning. Required course for graduate-level planning students. *Virtual/asynchronous delivery*.

• URP 6979, Master's Research Project (2018 - current)

Responsible for guiding and mentoring students completing their final capstone research paper and defense presentation. Required course for graduate-level planning students in final semester. *Virtual/asynchronous delivery*.

### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Program Director, Department of Urban and Regional Planning (2017 2023)
- Urban Planner, The Corradino Group, Miami, FL (2017 2018)
  - Private-sector planner with municipal projects ranging in scale from local villages (Islamorada, FL), to large cities (Fort Lauderdale, FL) and regional planning jurisdictions (Miami-Dade County):
    - Miami-Dade County Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan;
    - City of Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan update;
    - Miami-Dade County Vision Zero plan;
    - Village of Islamorada general planning services.
- Research Facilitator, PuntaCana Foundation, PuntaCana Resort and Club, Dominican Republic (2016)
  - Research current status of wastewater management and water systems within the resort, generation of global best management practices and implementation suggestions.
  - Data collection through surveying of 25 informal communities outside of resort; data collection centered around topics of housing, water, waste, and health variables.

# **SERVICE**

- American Planning Association (APA) Sun Coast Section, Vice Chair (current 2026)
- American Planning Association (APA) Sun Coast Section, Professional Development Officer (2021 2023)
- University of Florida Climate Action Plan, Resilience Working Group member (2019 2021)
  - Provide insight and steering to the university's climate action plan update process, focusing on environmental, social, and infrastructural resilience to acute and chronic concerns.
- International Joint Workshop and Seminar, University of Indonesia, Facilitator (2022)
  - Encourage student group research and critical conversation regarding importance of placemaking and best practices in shaping "*The Good City*".
- Florida Aquarium, Environmental Education Volunteer (2019 2020)
  - Engage with aquarium visitors to provide educational awareness of organisms, ecosystems, and visitors' role in conservation and environmental protection.