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Board Name: Equity Advisory Council

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Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment::

see resume; Founder and co-leader, Creation Care and Climate Justice Task Force, United Church of Gainesville; former leader, Open and Affirming Committee, UCG

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

see resume

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?:

I would be excited to contribute and learn about the many opportunities in our great county.

Please Agree with the following statements:

I understand this application is the property of Alachua County and subject to public records laws. I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. I understand that Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees". I understand that some boards and committees require Financial Disclosure (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes) and I am willing to file if required. I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?:

Yes

Note: This question is for the Gainesville-Alachua County Airport Authority Board

Do you currently hold any publicly elected office in the State of Florida?:

No

Time of Submission: 09/13/23 10:30:29 AM

Attachments:

Jim W. Harper

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30 years of Experience

at local, state, federal, international levels

300+ articles published

in magazines, newspapers, blogs, journals

2 graduate degrees

in sciences and arts

Roles:

University Communicator 8 years

Journalist 10 years

Non-profit/agency Manager 7 years

Teacher 7 years

Communications Manager, University of Florida

2017-present, Gainesville, FL

Serve as sole manager of communications for the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems, based on federal grant to Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Work includes:

- website development (using T4 content management)
- social media
- print media
- publication management
- coordination of meetings and events

Communications & Outreach Specialist, NOAA Fisheries, as ERT Inc. contractor

2015-2017, Silver Spring, MD

Led all communications for Habitat Protection in federal headquarters of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Published report for Congress on deep-sea coral program. Managed websites, social media, and outreach plans.

Writer, Nova Southeastern University

2014-2015, Davie, FL

For short-term contract, created copy & supported overhaul of website for Florida's largest private university.

Part-time

2006-2016, Miami, FL

- **Freelance Journalist** with regular contributions to *Biscayne Times*, 2006-2016
 - Created two monthly columns about the environment (Going Green) and urban parks (Park Patrol)
- **Senior Communications Consultant**, Strategic Ocean Solutions, 2012-2015
 - Won grant & created “Our Florida Reefs” for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- **Adjunct Professor**, English & Communication, Florida International University, 2010-2012
- **Outdoor Educator**, Shake-A-Leg Miami, 2011-2012
- **Program Manager**, Environmental Coalition of Miami & the Beaches, 2012

Teacher, ELS Language Centers at Barry University

2005-2007 & 2009-2010, Miami Shores, FL

Taught English as a Second Language to foreign students preparing for college.

Senior Writer, Miami Dade College

2007-2009, Miami, FL

Served as primary writer for president & board of largest college in U.S.

Program Director; Media Relations Officer, University of Miami

2003-2005, Miami, FL

Led Pew Fellows Program in Marine Conservation; managed press relations for engineering and science.

Director of Communications, Research for Better Schools

1999-2002, Philadelphia, PA

For mathematics and science education, managed publication of books, websites, & newsletters.

Program Officer, Eisenhower Fellowships

1997-1999, Philadelphia, PA

Created traveling fellowships for global leaders. Organization chaired by President George H. W. Bush.

Teacher, public and private schools

1992-1994: international schools in Switzerland, England, and Kuwait

1990-1992: public middle school in South Bronx, NY

Education

M.S. Environmental Studies, 2012-2014

- *Editor*, University Graduate School
- Thesis: *Stakeholder Perceptions & Preferences for Coral Reef Restoration & Sustainable Resource Management*

M.A. Mass Communication, 1994-1996

- *Broadcaster*, WUFT-FM
- Thesis: *A Global Mirage: Mass Media's Influence on Young Adolescents' Images of Foreigners*

B.A. English Literature, 1986-1990

Awards

- Best Poster Presentation, Graduate Scholarly Forum (2014)
- Best Oral Presentation, Earth & Environment Department (2014)
- Honorable Mention, Miami Public Space Challenge (2013)
- Scholarship, Florida Outdoor Writers Association (2012)
- Science Seminar, Metcalf Institute for Marine & Environmental Reporting, Louisiana (2011): aftermath of the Deep Horizon oil spill
- Cooper Fellow, Empowering Capable Climate Communicators, University of Miami (2011)
- Scripps-Howard Seminar for Environmental Journalism, Florida Atlantic University (2006): field-based investigations of environmental issues in southern Florida
- Traveling Fulbright Program for Educators, Paraguay (2002)
- Scholar Athlete in Swimming (1990)
- Rotary Clubs International Exchange Student, Sweden (1985-86)

Skills

- Editing & proofreading
- Public relations
- Essay & journalistic writing
- Coaching & team building
- Spanish proficiency