

Equity Advisory Board
Applicant Package - Alternate

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Term 02 Oct 2024 - 30 Nov 2027

Positions Available 1

Number of applicants in this package 4

- Archer, Ayana
- Harrell, Ewodaghe
- Odera, Levy
- Quiroga Arcos, Maritza

Name: Archer, Ayana

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Board Name: Equity Advisory Board

Primary Phone:

(352)871-5552

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

I am involved with the NAACP, as well as the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Association of Black Social Workers as well as The National Council of Negro Womenk Social WorkersI sit on the Equity Board within my Job at Meridian. I have several certifications in advocacy and extreamly involved in my community in various capacities

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board, Health Advisory Board

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

I feel I will bring a new perspective, new ideas and opportunities within the community, also the opportunity for the new generation to learn and have a voice on topics to go back and educate others in the community.

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Yes

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

No

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Have you, as yourself or as an employee, agent or consultant for another person or legal entity, transacted business with the authority within the last 3 years?:

No

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :

Yes

If yes, please list board(s):

Bicycle/Pedestrian Board and Health

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Name: Harrell, Ewodaghe

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Board Name: Equity Advisory Board

Primary Phone:

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

Global Health Corps Fellowship, Global Health Leadership and Equity, 2019 Training: Leadership, Effective Storytelling, Management Strategies, Global Health Equity, Systems Thinking; Brown University School of Public Health, Master of Public Health (MPH): Awards: Global Health Equity Scholar; Leadership: Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Committee (2016-2017); Global Health Corps Fellowship, Global Health Leadership and Equity, 2019 Training: Leadership, Effective Storytelling, Management Strategies, Global Health Equity, Systems Thinking

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NKF Colorado, Vice Chair- Board of Advisors

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

If selected for the Alachua County Equity Advisory Board, I am confident that my expertise and dedication to advancing equity could make a meaningful impact. Throughout my career, I have focused on dismantling systemic barriers that create disparities in health, economic opportunities, and social services for underserved communities. My work in public health and health equity has taught me that achieving equity requires not only an understanding of these barriers but also a commitment to amplifying the voices of those most affected. In my roles with organizations like Vital Strategies, I have managed initiatives that prioritize inclusive, community-driven solutions. These experiences have underscored the importance of centering community needs and leveraging local insights to create sustainable, impactful programs. I would bring this same approach to the Equity Advisory Board, helping to shape policies that address Alachua County's unique challenges and uplift its diverse populations. As an advisor with the National Kidney Foundation and Project ECHO, I've focused on health disparities, advocating for programs that reduce chronic disease burdens in marginalized communities. I am committed to translating data and research into policies that directly benefit those who face the greatest inequities. My experience in health equity investing with 2Flo Ventures has further prepared me to identify and support initiatives that drive measurable, lasting improvements in equity. I am passionate about ensuring that every individual in Alachua County has a fair and just opportunity to succeed. My goal on this board would be to advocate for structural changes that create equitable access to resources, promote social and economic inclusion, and foster a community where all residents can thrive.

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No

Employer :

Self

Occupation:

Public Health Consultant

Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :

No

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Attachments

- Ewo Harrell_EAB Application.pdf

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Alachua County Board of County Commissioners

12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Members of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Alachua County **Equity Advisory Board (EAB)**. With over twelve years of experience in global health equity, policy advocacy, and strategy across government, nonprofit, and consulting sectors, I bring a deep commitment to addressing social, racial, and gender inequities through policy review, community engagement, and actionable strategies. My expertise and dedication align well with the EAB's mission to guide the County toward a more equitable future by eliminating biases and promoting inclusivity across all departments and services.

Throughout my career, I have consistently worked to identify and address disparities affecting underrepresented and vulnerable communities. My experience as a program manager overseeing national initiatives to prevent chronic disease and address health disparities would provide a strong foundation for contributing to EAB's goals, particularly in guiding equity action plans and engaging in citizen participatory research. Currently, at 2flo Ventures, I developed strategic frameworks and coordinated with cross-functional teams to ensure that equity remained a core health equity investment.

My role as Vice-Chair of the National Kidney Foundation of Colorado's Board of Advisors has deepened my understanding of community-based engagement and the importance of inclusive, representative input in policy decisions. I am particularly passionate about ensuring that voices from neighborhoods most impacted by social inequity are not only included but prioritized in decision-making processes. I am committed to leveraging my experience in organizational equity reviews to help the EAB thoroughly assess and provide recommendations for county policies, programs, and services to address and mitigate racial and gender biases effectively.

I am enthusiastic about the prospect of collaborating with County staff, community leaders, and other stakeholders to create sustainable, community-driven solutions that enhance equity across Alachua County. I welcome the opportunity to contribute my skills and insights to help the EAB achieve its mission of fostering an equitable, inclusive environment for all residents.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of serving Alachua County in this important role and contributing to the vital work of advancing equity throughout the County.

Warm regards,



Ewo Harrell, MPH

SUMMARY

Impact-driven global health professional with expertise in project management, policy, advocacy, and communications. MPH graduate with training in social determinants of health, qualitative research, and systems thinking. Experienced in cross-cultural collaboration, community-building, and creative problem-solving.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2Flo Ventures, Equity Fellow, *Remote* 4/2024- present

- Evaluate potential investment opportunities by conducting comprehensive due diligence on target companies.
- Create and distribute high-quality content such as newsletters, blog posts, and social media posts.
- Serve as member of 2Flo Ventures Health Equity Investing Committee; organize events, and workshops.

Independent Consultant (Select Experiences)

National Kidney Foundation & Telligen QI Connect Project ECHO, Advisor (Contract), *Remote* 2/2023- 8/2023

About: A Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program

- Advised nationally recognized experts on issues associated with managing early CKD diagnosis.
- Identified topics in CKD to improve the quality of healthcare services and aligned with evidence-based practices. Suggested topic and conducted initial research for “Diabetes Management in Patients with CKD” including decreasing albuminuria through nutritional choices.
- Presented the patient perspective in education didactics as a patient advocate; Lead segment titled, “Optimizing Disease Diagnosis and Treatment —Patient and Practitioner Partnership.”

Global Health Visions (GHV), Operations Assistant (Contract), *Remote* 7/2022-11/2022

Portfolio: Operations, Internal and External Communications, Recruitment and Onboarding, Airtable Database Manager

- Managed and maintain project and partner database from proposal development to project closeout.
- Developed internal systems for operational efficiency for senior leadership and consultants.
- Led internal and external communications for social media, team meetings, and client partner needs.
- Coordinated meetings with partners and prospective clients for Chief Strategy Officer.

Bloomberg Philanthropies, Partnership for Healthy Cities Initiative at Vital Strategies, Manager, *Remote* 4/2020-4/2021

Cities: Vancouver (Canada), San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, São Paulo, Birmingham (UK), Athens, Helsinki, Barcelona, Muscat (Oman), Melbourne (Australia)

- Managed 11 city government leads on 27 COVID-19 and noncommunicable disease and injury prevention projects.
- Tracked project timelines, milestones, deliverables, and over 1.8 million in grant funding.
- Delivered operational, contractual, and technical updates, and maintained associated records.
- Coordinated with communications team to showcase project achievements on Vital Strategies website and [blog](#).

U.S. House of Representatives (CO-02), Constituent Advocate and District Representative, *Fort Collins, C.O.* 3/2019-4/2020

Portfolio: Public Health and Healthcare, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program, HHS, SSA, HRSA, CDC, Food and Drug Administration

- Met with individuals, families and advocacy organizations seeking legislative support and drafted memos to Congressman.
- Implemented health portfolio and recovered over \$200,000 in federal benefits through constituent casework.
- Partnered with federal agencies including Health and Human Services and Center for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Established the Congressman's Senior Advisory Council, Black Caucus scholarship panel, and healthcare roundtables.

DotHouse Health (DHH), Communications Associate and Global Health Corps Fellow, *Boston, M.A.* 6/2018-3/2019

- Directed media operations, social media, and editorial content at DHH, a federally qualified health center.
- Strategized external and internal communication campaigns for primarily Latinx and Vietnamese audiences.
- Developed communications and marketing plans, DHH templates, and brand standards.

International Development Enterprises (iDE), Strategic Business Development Fellow, *Denver, C.O.* 1/2018-6/2018

- Executed the development of Unilever’s Global Development Award application; selected as winner in July 2018.
- Conducted extensive data management across Global Business Development Team to inform decision making.
- Sought strategic opportunities from bilateral and multilateral donors for nutrition and agriculture focused projects.

Council on Foreign Relations (Global Health Program), Post-Graduate Intern, *Washington, D.C.* 9/2017-12/2017

- Conducted research for book “Plagues and the Paradox of Progress” on the global fight against infectious disease.
- Organized logistics for global health roundtable on noncommunicable diseases in New York offices.

Brown Univ. Academic Development, Diversity, and Inclusion Office, Research Assistant, *Providence, R.I.* 1/2016-5/2017

- Performed qualitative analysis on interviews of over 30 key informants recruited through campus networks.
- Presented report and analysis to stakeholders across campus to provide context for university-wide policy changes.

- Brown Univ. Student and Employee Accessibility Services**, Graduate Assistant, *Providence, R.I.* 9/2016-5/2017
- Maintained tracking of accommodative services in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) policies.
 - Implemented and monitored assistive technology projects and saw the projects through to completion.
- Bloomberg Philanthropies**, Summer Associate —Global Public Health Team, *New York, N.Y.* 6/2016-9/2016
- Analyzed tobacco industry strategies for undermining tobacco taxation using data from the World Health Organization.
 - Collaborated with events team to organize logistics for 40 experts for a two-day meeting on household air pollution.
 - Created data-driven case studies for Data for Health, Road Safety, and Drowning Prevention Program webpages.
- National Kidney Foundation (Government/Constituent Services)**, Research Consultant, *New York, N.Y.* 1/2016-6/2016
- Researched and developed framework for NKF’s “Patient Engagement and Advocacy Guide.”
 - Presented guide to more than 100 kidney patients at NKF’s annual Kidney Patient Summit.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

National Kidney Foundation (NKF)

- Vice-Chair- Board of Directors, *NKF Colorado* 9/2021-present
- Provide leadership in advancing NKF’s mission-based outcomes and fundraising initiatives.
 - Advocate for the needs of kidney patients through the development and implementation of key programs.
- Kidney Advocacy Committee, *NKF National Office* 4/2015-present
- Meet with federal and state elected officials to build support for legislation in Congress and state assemblies.
 - Serve as a speaker on educational panels and review research for NKF.
- Patient Advocate, *NKF Florida* 4/2012-8/2015
- Led Florida delegation at 2014 Kidney Patient Summit meetings with lawmakers on policies for kidney patients.
 - Awarded Inaugural Rich Salick Memorial Scholarship for active service to the community.

Union College Alumni Council

- Vice President of Communications and Marketing 5/2023-present
- Responsible for the overall messaging of the Alumni Council.
- Finance Committee Member 5/2020-5/2023
- Oversee and analyze the budget for special projects and initiatives for the Union College alumni community.
- Congressman Joe Neguse Black Leadership Council**, Scholarship Committee 4/2020-present
- Expanded eligibility requirements for black students applying to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundations scholarship.

EDUCATION

- Brown University School of Public Health**, Master of Public Health (MPH), *Providence, R.I.*
- Graduate Thesis Projects : *Constructing Disability: Students with Disability Navigating Post-Secondary Institutions. Patient Engagement and Advocacy Guide* (Commissioned by the National Kidney Foundation).
 - **Awards: Global Health Equity Scholar**; Leadership: Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Committee (2016-2017).
 - Core Courses: Global Health Nutrition, Comparative Healthcare Systems, Burden of Disease in Developing Countries
- Union College**, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Chinese Language, Minor: Africana Studies, *Schenectady, N.Y.*
- Senior Thesis Project: *China in Africa, Africa in China: Exploring the Truth Behind Mutually Beneficial Cooperation.*
 - **Honors: Rotary Foundation Endowed Prize for International Study**

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- McKinsey & Company**, Black Leadership Academy and Management Accelerator, 2021 & 2023
 Certifications: Business Fundamentals, Problem Solving, Business Strategy, Communicating for Impact
- Emerge America**, Emerge Colorado Signature Political Training Program, 2021
 Training: Ethical Leadership, Cultural Competency, Campaign Strategy, Public Speaking and Communications
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)**, 2020
 Certification: Social and Behavioral Research
- Global Health Corps Fellowship**, Global Health Leadership and Equity, 2019
 Training: Leadership, Effective Storytelling, Management Strategies, Global Health Equity, Systems Thinking

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Board Name: Equity Advisory Board

Primary Phone:

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1) I created and run an organization that tackles youth marginalization and exclusion in governance, policy making, and development work. For 8 years I have tested and improved a process that results in just governance that includes youth and values them. I have also guided numerous youth on how to do policy work that includes the voices of diverse community members and prevents policy outcomes that result in social inequity; 2) I served in my university's; 3) I have served as the DEIA chair of the faculty in my university for almost 4 years, where I created and facilitated various workshops and designed DEI interventions for classrooms; 4) I currently serve as the co-chair of our university's DEI committee, which includes advocating for faculty, students, and advising the president; 5) Due to my DEI roles I have attended various workshops on how to address equity issues, and 6) I currently teach and guide students in a policymaking course that entails teaching them how to design policies that are equitable.

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None

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

1) As a result of my experiences in teaching and applying systems thinking and with my experience in DEI work, I will bring insights on how to use systems thinking to achieve the goals of the board; 2) I have worked on tackling youth marginalization and exclusion in governance, policy work, and development initiatives. From my experience I will bring skills and knowledge on how to engage diverse youth that are often affected by biased policies and; 3) The work that I have done in my university as a faculty DEI chair and university-wide DEI co-chair on addressing equity and advising the university's leaders has equipped me with knowledge that will be helpful for achieving the boards goals, especially in educational issues; 4) As a faculty DEI chair I worked with my committee to create a toolkit for auditing courses and advising faculty on how to revise courses to address DEI shortcomings; the knowledge that I acquired from this experience will be valuable for reviewing county policies, programs, and services, 5) In the policymaking course that I teach we review biases, which will be valuable for the work that the board is doing; 6) In the organization that I created to tackle youth marginalization and exclusion I designed a toolkit that can be used to review urban plans to identify biases and inequities, and improve them; the knowledge I have acquired from this work can be used to facilitate discussions with various policy stakeholders and designing of county programs and services; 7) In the same organization I designed a toolkit for creating community forums that bring a diversity of stakeholders and facilitate dialogue that includes input from diverse stakeholders in policies; the knowledge acquired from this work will be valuable for ensuring input from neighborhoods and communities impacted by racial and inequities in policies.

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No

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Attachments

- L. Odera CV_2024-November.pdf

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Levy Charles Odera, Ph.D.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Florida, 2013
Major Field: Comparative Politics
Minor Field: Research Methodology

M.A., Political Science, University of Florida, 2010

M.P.A., Valdosta State University, 2006

B.B.A (Economics), Valdosta State University, 2006

B.A., Political Science, Valdosta State University, 2005

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Villars Institute, Villars-sun-Ollon, Switzerland, January 2024-February 2024.

- Facilitated a course on *Collaborating for Change*

Instructor, Villars Institute, Villars-sun-Ollon, Switzerland, September 2023-October 2023.

- Facilitated a course on *Applying Systems Thinking*

Associate Professor, College of Social Sciences, Minerva University, San Francisco, CA, June 2023-Present.

- Policy Pathways to Sustainable Development Goals Track Lead, Minerva University Japan Sustainability Lab, August 2024 - Present.
- Curriculum and Pedagogy Lead, College of Social Sciences, August 2022-present.
- Faculty DEI Committee Chairperson, August 2022 - Present.
- Co-Chair, Minerva University DEI Committee, May 2023 - Present.

Adjunct Lecturer, Masters in Sustainable Development Practice, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, August 2022 - December 2022.

Assistant Professor, College of Social Sciences, Minerva University, San Francisco, CA, August 2016-June 2023.

- Curriculum and Pedagogy Lead, College of Social Sciences, August 2022-present.
- Faculty DEI Committee Chairperson, August 2022 - Present.
- Track Lead, College of Social Sciences, May 2018-May 2022.

Adjunct Lecturer, *Poverty and Development in Africa*, University of Florida, Center for African Studies, Fall 2013.

Adjunct Lecturer, *African Experience*, University of Florida, Center for African Studies, Summer 2013.

Instructor, *Poverty and Development in Africa*, University of Florida, Center for African Studies, Spring 2012.

Instructor, *African Experience*, University of Florida, Center for African Studies, Summer 2012.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Renata Serra, *African Experience*, University of Florida, Center for African Studies, Fall, 2011

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Patricia Woods, *Comparative Politics*, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, Spring, 2010.

Teaching Assistant for Professor Bryon Moraski, *Comparative Politics*, University of Florida, Department of Political Science, Fall, 2009.

Professional Experience

Founder and President, Systems Acumen for Youth-Led Development Solutions (SAYDS), June 2018 - Present

Program Ambassador, MOTIV8U of North Central Florida, January 2024 - August 2024

- Program Design and Implementation

Academic Program Manager, Minerva Project, July 2021 - July 2022

- Global Citizen Year
 - Course Management
- Miami University
 - Co-coordinated Program Design
- University of South California
 - Course Management
 - Instructor for Masters Course
- Libertad University
 - Program Design

Research Assistant, Center for African Studies, Sub-Saharan Africa Business Environment Report Project University of Florida, January 2015 – August 2015

Post-Doctoral Associate, Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Florida, January 2014 – July 2014

Research Assistant, Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Florida, April 2013 – January 2014

Research Assistant, Center for African Studies, Sub-Saharan Africa Business Environment Report Project University of Florida, August 2012 – May 2013

Consultant, Duke University – Department of Political Science, Research project on “Democratic Accountability and Citizen-Politician Linkage” in Kenya: A study conducted by Prof. Herbert Kitschelt, March 2008 – September 2008

Consultant, Boys and Girls Club of Valdosta, Georgia, March 2006

Research Assistant, Strategic Research and Analysis Department -Valdosta State University, August 2006 – December 2006

Research Assistant, Political Science Department-Valdosta State University, August 2005–December 2006.

Presentations & Workshops

“Active Learning Strategies Targeting Student Impact for Liberal Arts Faculty”, workshop conducted at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville Florida, September 27, 2019.

“Minerva Schools At KGI: Faculty Development For Fully Active Teaching Aid Learning” (with Joshua Fost, James Genone, and Trisha Stan), presented at the Academic Resource Conference, Burlingame, CA, April 25-27, 2018.

“Microenterprise Adaptation to Devolution in Kenya: Examining Three Years of Change” (with Erica Odera and Michael Shiroya), presented at the African Studies Association 60th Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 16-18, 2017.

“Improving the Poors’ Small Business Outcomes through Strengthening the Microfinance ‘Group Loan Approach’” (with Heejin Ahn), presented at the 2015 International Conference on Sustainable Development, Columbia University, New York, September 23-24, 2015.

“Devolution of Power and New Institutional Structures in Kenya: An Assessment of the Experiences of Small Entrepreneurs” (with Michael Shiroya), presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 20-23, 2014.

“Comparing the Effect of Microfinance Institutions’ Rules and Informal Sector Borrowers’ Rules on Late Payments and Default Rates in Kenya”, presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, November 29 – December 2, 2012.

“Comparing the Effect of Microfinance Institutions’ Rules on Late Payments and the Implications for State Development Policy in Kenya”, presented at the 36th Annual National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, March 7 – 10, 2012.

“Urban Development’s Moderating Effect on Clientelism: A Comparative Analysis of Clientelism in Kenya’s Three Cities”, presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 17 – 19, 2011.

“Citizen-Politician Linkages in the Informal Sector in Kenya: When are Politicians Most Likely to be Responsive to Citizens”, presented at APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September, 1 – 4, 2011.

“The Political Impact of Business Organizations in Kenya’s Informal Sector: The Influence of Social Network Structure on Citizen-Politician Linkages” (with Dominic Lisanti), presented at the 68th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference in Chicago, IL, April 22 - 25, 2010.

“Politics of the Informal Sector in Kenya”, presented at University of Florida Center for African Studies, SASA Lunch, March 25, 2009.

“The Positive Effect of Judicial Independence on the Electoral Performance of Minority Parties in Africa”, presented at the 51st Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, November 13-16, 2008.

“Democratizing Despite Deep Social Divisions: The Positive Impact of Caste System on India’s Democracy”, presented at the Valdosta State University 11th Annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research, Valdosta, GA, April 15, 2005.

“Democratization in Africa”, presented at the Valdosta State University 10th Annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research, Valdosta, GA, April 15, 2004.

Publications

Odera, L., Lamm, A.J., Odera, E., Duryea, M., and Davis, J. 2015. “Understanding How Research Experiences Foster Undergraduate Research Skill Development and Influences Stem Career Choice.” *NACTA Journal*, 59 (3): 180-188.

Odera, Levy. 2013. “The Role of Trust as an Informal Institution in the informal Sector in Africa.” *Africa Development*, 38 (3&4): 121-146.

Odera, L., Anita Spring, and Robert Rolfe. “The Sub-Saharan Africa Business Environment, 2012-2013: Development and Sustainability in Africa Business.” In PD Rwelamila and Anita Spring, eds. *Proceedings of the International Academy of African Business & Development*, 2014.

Odera, L., Anita Spring, and Robert Rolfe. *Sub-Saharan Business Environment Report 2012 - 2013*. Gainesville, FL CIBER: 2013.

Odera, Levy, J. Scott McDonald and Jerry Merwin. 2007. “Economic Development: Government’s Cutting Edge in IT”, in Mahesh S. Raisinghani (ed.). *Handbook of Research on Global Information Technology*, Hershey, PA: Idea Group Inc.

Service

Volunteer, The LAND Mentoring Program, Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church, Gainesville

- The LAND Mentoring Program provides mentoring, gardening education, nature-based survival skills, and entrepreneurship training to elementary through high school students.

Youth Soccer Coach, Gainesville Soccer Alliance, January 2023 - Present

DEI Committee Member, Minerva University, August 2020 - Present.

Founder/President, Systems Acumen for Youth-Led Development Solutions, March 2018 to Present

Trainer, UNESCO Youth As Researchers Program, November 2017

Member, College of Social Sciences Search Committee, Minerva Schools at KGI, Spring 2017

Board of Directors, Community Collaboration & Development Initiatives, 2015 - 2017

Chairperson, Board of Directors, Boulevard to Victory, Inc., 2015 - 2017

Judge, Challenge 2050 Certificate Program Student Innovation Presentations, University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, December 3, 2014.

Discussant, panel entitled “Urban Neoliberalism in Africa and Impact on Contemporary Cities”, 54th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 17 – 19, 2011.

Reviewer, African Studies Quarterly Journal, 2009 – 2013.

Comparative Politics Student Field Chair – University of Florida, Department of Political Science, August 2009 – March 2010.

Discussant, Research Frontiers in African Politics, Workshop at University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, January 30 – 31, 2009.

Reviewer, Journal of Information Technology and Politics, 2008 – 2012.

Discussant, panel entitled "How IT Has Shaped Economic Development: A Story of the Tail Wagging the Dog", South East Conference on Public Administration, Nashville, TN, September 27, 2007.

Awards

2014 Distinguished Alumnus, Valdosta State University College of Arts and Sciences, Political Science Department.

Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement 2010, University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

James Button Memorial Award 2010, awarded for outstanding poverty focused research, University of Florida.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2009, “The Positive Effect of Judicial Independence on the Electoral Performance of Minority Parties in Africa”, University of Florida, Department of Political Science.

Hugh C. Bailey Outstanding Graduate Student Award, 2006-2007, Valdosta State University (an award given for the most contribution to the MPA program, in and out of the classroom).

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award 2006, The Rotary Club of Valdosta, Georgia.

William Morrow Outstanding Student Award 2005, Valdosta State University, Department of Political Science.

Best Paper Award of 2004, “Democratization in Africa”, Valdosta State University, Department of Political Science.

Senior Student Leader Award of the year 2005, Valdosta State University.

Students In Free Enterprise Service Leadership Award 2005-06, Valdosta State University, Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business.

Standard Bearer, Valdosta State University Graduate school (a recognition awarded by VSU to the graduate student with the highest GPA and outstanding performance).

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Board Name: Equity Advisory Board

Primary Phone:

(786) 627-8782

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Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce 2018 Health Care Hero - Youth Recipient & Miami Dade College Civic Action Award, Gold (2021)

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N/A

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With a background in civic engagement and democracy initiatives, I bring hands-on experience in coordinating inclusive programs, promoting equity, and driving community involvement. My work as a Civic Ambassador and in other roles has equipped me to connect with diverse populations, foster civic participation, and support fair policy development, aligning well with the goals of the Alachua County Equity Board. If selected, I'm excited to contribute my skills in community outreach and policy development to enhance equity and representation for all members of Alachua County.

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Are you currently serving, or have you ever served, on an Alachua County advisory board? :

No

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EDUCATION

University of Florida Gainesville, FL
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Miami Dade College Miami, FL
Associate of Arts in Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Development and Administrative Coordinator Sep 2024 – Present
A.M Crawford Gainesville, FL

- Efficiently manage grant project timelines and deadlines, ensuring timely completion of tasks and grant proposals.
- Foster positive relationships through effective communication and collaboration with clients and staff.
- Track and maintain detailed records of grant applications, deadlines, and outcomes while assisting in proposal preparation.
- Conduct comprehensive research to identify funding opportunities and support grant writing efforts.
- Develop and maintain efficient filing systems and oversee general office operations, enhancing overall workflow.
- Produce clear, concise documentation and manage professional correspondence, ensuring responsiveness and organization. Utilize various software platforms (Asana, Harvest, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace) to streamline administrative and fundraising activities.
- Develop and maintain efficient filing systems and oversee general office operations, enhancing overall workflow. Provide comprehensive administrative assistance, including coordinating meetings, managing correspondence, and organizing office supplies to ensure smooth daily operations.

Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy Civic Ambassador Feb 2020 – May 2021
Miami Dade College at Kendall Campus – Miami, FL

- Supported and coordinated civic engagement and change-making initiatives for students and faculty at the Miami Dade College Kendall Campus, including the Academic Service-Learning and America Reads AmeriCorps programs, the Andrew Goodman Fellowship (team leader), and department communications.
- Supported the department's mission to help promote, organize, and find service-learning opportunities for students according to their interests by managing our 19+ student organization affiliations.
- Generated accurate records for students through our SLAW database and tracked Service-learning for students, faculty, and community partners.
- Assisted supervisor in leading a college-wide strategic plan to increase voter turnout amongst students in the 2020 election by educating students and staff through a 6-

month long campaign, including 40+ educational events led by students and faculty, 10+ partnerships and student fellowships, and weekly presentations and voter registration drives.

U.S. Department of State, East Asia Pacific VSFS Intern

Sep 2021- May 2022

- Created social media content for U.S. 47 embassies and consulates in East Asia.
- Compiled and distributed digital content to over 250 social media practitioners. Regularly compile and distribute public diplomacy content for our digital teams in over 25 countries, getting an inside look at U.S. foreign policy priorities and the State Department's messaging efforts.
- Analyzed and collected content highlights from State Department social media pages, summarized reports, and articles on digital trends.
- Made topics interesting and engaging using storytelling and graphic design in blogs increasing interactions by at least 25% on most platforms. Edit and proofread reports and compile research.

U.S. Department of State, Information Resource Management VSFS Intern Sep 2022-May 2023

- Created and shared social media content for the department and assisted staff on ongoing projects.
- Reviewed and designed plans to appeal to new target audiences on social media to increase following by 10% every few months.
- Monitored social media trends as well followers, comments, and captioned videos.
- Developed and presented plans to improve engagement with Executives and CIO's postings.
- Research technological tools for analytics and data gathering using AIs and Microsoft

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Chapter Leader, Andrew Goodman Foundation

August 2020-May 2021

Created visual engagement content through different platforms such as TikTok and Instagram. Worked on the production of flyers and presentations to increase democratic engagement in the student body. Held meetings with engaging games and podcasts for students to join for questions and increase their awareness of democratic processes

Chief Coordinator, MDC Student Government Executive Board

May 2020 – May 2021

Elected by the student body to oversee the Student Government budget and act as a liaison to all 30+ student clubs and organizations, keeping them updated on events and changes affecting them, as well as a variety of other duties. Prior to being elected, served as Inclusion Chairperson during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Region 4 Coordinator, Florida College System

June 2020- June 2021

Coordinated monthly meetings and activities with 11+ Student Governments to discuss and address issues in the region and unify member colleges. Also developed sessions and

workshops for state meetings with 28+ colleges and represented nearly one million students when discussing Florida legislation with state representatives.

Vice President, Debbie Powell Youth Council Board October 2020 – December 2020

Formed informational events and structures to advocate for the youth residing in Florida's 26th District, while working alongside community leaders and government workers to increase the community's civic awareness.

GENERAL EXPERIENCE

- **Trader's Joe**, Section Lead Writer
July 2023- Aug 2024
- **Starbucks Coffee Company**, Team Lead Supervisor Barista
May 2021- May 2023
- **Miami-Dade County General Election**, Poll Worker
November 2020

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** Reading, writing, speaking, and translating abilities in English and Spanish
- Facebook Certified in Digital Marketing
- CCC Business Specialist in Marketing from Miami Dade College
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite