

## **Historical Commission**

### **Applicant Package - Citizen at Large**

Historical Commission - Citizen at Large

**Term** 31 Mar 2025 - 31 Mar 2027

**Positions Available** 4

**Number of applicants in this package** 1

- Roca Fernandez, Vailma

**Name:** Roca Fernandez, Vailma

**Address:** 14146 NW 154th PL, Alachua, FL, 32615

**Email:** roca.fernandez.vailma@gmail.com

**Board Name:** Historical Commission

**Primary Phone:**

305-903-1990

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

I have proudly volunteered as a tour guide for over ten years in the Colonial City of the Dominican Republic, including the continent's first cathedral, the "Catedral Primada de América," around 500 years old. As a bilingual tour guide, I developed a strong understanding of the chronological development of colonial structures throughout the Dominican Republic. Additionally, I assisted in my father's architectural and civil engineering firm. While there, I helped manage the logistics for restoring several emblematic buildings around the city. I was also involved in developing and constructing the Majestic Temple of Mormons in the Dominican Republic, which opened its doors between 1998 and 1999. Currently, I work as a digital journalist focusing on multimedia storytelling. I aim to promote the historical heritage of various locations in our country, helping people understand the beginnings of Florida, particularly in Alachua County, one of the most prestigious public universities. By creating engaging stories about historical buildings and sharing them across different platforms with up-to-date information, I hope to positively impact how people view Alachua and encourage them to learn more about it.

**Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:**

N/A

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

As a digital journalist and multimedia storyteller, I aim to create stories about specific structures and areas recognized as historical, highlighting the rich background of the county that is home to one of the most prestigious public universities in our country. We can debunk the notion that Gainesville is merely a college town and instead emphasize its historical significance to our community. The same approach can be applied to the old city of Alachua, where I live nearby, which also hosts small businesses in historical buildings. This perspective will be beneficial from any angle.

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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

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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? :**

No

**I do hereby attest that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:**

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- 5. I strive to uphold the principles of fairness, respect, and responsibility in all my interactions.:**

Yes

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## **Attachments**

- Vailma Roca Fernandez Resume 2024 11.21.2024.pdf

# Vailma Roca Fernandez

Alachua, FL 32615

305-903-1990  
[vailma.roca@me.com](mailto:vailma.roca@me.com)

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## **Professional Summary**

Bookkeeper Professional with more than 20 years of diversified accounting and administration experience including:

- Financial statements compilations and general ledger administration.
- Payroll, Human Resources, Benefit Administration, and Risk Management.
- Analysis, design and implementation of accounting systems and internal control procedures.
- Maintenance of banking relationships and financing.
- Management of administration department.
  - *Attributes:*
- Strong analytical, technical, and problem-solving skills
- Running business with no boss
- Sales experience
- Human Resources experience
- Strong Customer Services skills
- Ability to communicate and interact effectively with individuals on all levels
- Excellent managerial and organizational skills
- Ability to handle various levels of responsibility
- Detail oriented
- Great team worker
- Strong knowledge of law and procedures

## **Computer Skills**

Conversant in Software programs including Microsoft Office 365, QuickBooks, and Skyward.

## **Languages**

Fluent in English and Spanish. French elementary proficiency.

## **Professional Experience**

*TELEMICRO GROUP*  
*President/Owner's Executive Assistant*

*Dominican Republic*  
*1995-2004*

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Manage all national and international agenda of the President and Owner of the TV Station Group. International Trips planner, Meeting with high level executives of private bank entities' and Public Relations handler of the presidential office. Controller of the President personal finances and official translator between the Group and the Exim Bank of the United States of America.

# Vailma Roca Fernandez

SCREEN SERVICE AMERICA LLC  
Consultant/ Administrator

Miami, FL  
2006-2016

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Started as a Startup Consultant between Parent Company in Brescia, Italy and the United States of America. After three years, appointed as a permanent employee for the following duties:

- Preparation of year-end and monthly financial statement.
- Auditor assistant for the year-end preparation of financial statements
- Official Interpreter between high level Italian executives and Mexican clients
- Administrator of General Ledger, including journal entries and multiple bank reconciliations.
- Supervisor of Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable.
- Manager of Human Resources Department and Supervisor of Work Ethic compliance.
- Risk Management Department Supervisor.
- Banking Relations and Cash Management.
- Administrator of the USA branch for Latin America and Caribbean.

VAILMA ROCA LLC  
Owner

Miami, FL  
2017-2018

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Services of Bookkeeping and Startup company's consultant. Consultant and advisor for foreign companies that open branches in the USA; preparing their General Ledger, Payroll, Bank Relations, and supervision of their accounts payable and receivable.

ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gainesville, FL  
August 2018-Current

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## **Kanapaha Middle School (February-December 2021)**

### **Clerical Assistant**

- Daily attendance reconciliation of students
- Secretary of Deans
- Controller of Disciplinary folders
- In charge of late check in and early check out of students

## **District Office (January 2020 – December 2021)**

### **Administrative Secretary Risk Management Dept.**

- Answer all incoming calls and transfer to appropriate desk and/or department
- Process all Certificate of Insurance Request
- Responsible to prepare Bi-Annual Security ERP Access Review
- Responsible and holder of P Card
- Administrator and register of new employees on SafeSchools website
- Assist Safety and Security Department with annual FSSAT of all schools under Alachua County Public Schools System.
- Prepare Purchase Orders and Process all invoices
- Responsible for Tangible Property and Inventory Tracking
- Process all auto property, auto liability, and General Liability claims
- Responsible to keep updated all Playground Safety Checklist of all elementary schools.
- Assist in updating SOV for annual insurance coverage

# Vailma Roca Fernandez

- Responsible to process and compile all documents needed for potential lawsuits received (excluding Worker's Comp.)
- Responsible for record retention and file management for Risk Management
- Assist EA with First Reports processing as needed
- Pickup and distribute of mail
- Assist to any department in the District Office that needs a Spanish-English translator.

## District Office (January-August 2022)

## Executive Assistant Safety and Security Dept.

- Answer all incoming calls and transfer to the appropriate desk
- Register new employees in SafeSchools for trainings
- In charge to follow up FSSAT with all Principals and AP for the 2022-2023 SY
- Responsible of P Card
- Prepare PO and process all invoices
- Assist Chief and Specialist in all related to Threat Assessment and Schools
- All related to the EA position in the School District.

## District Office (September 2022-Current)

## Translator / Interpreter Specialist (Public Information Office)

- Official Interpreter and Translator (Spanish) for the School District
- Responsible of Skylert information in Spanish for the Community and Parents
- In charge of venture with Language Line, official interpreter company of 200 different languages for the school district and parents
- Official voice of Skylert (announcements for the community in Spanish Language)
- In charge to connect parents' non-English speakers with zoning, transportation, superintendence office and school board members if needed.

## Other side jobs:

Translator official documentation for immigration purposes. (AKERMAN LLP- Marisa Casablanca, Immigration attorney. 305-374-5600)

## Education

Universidad Católica Santo Domingo

Dominican Republic Law Degree  
(2002)

USCIS Evaluator/Akerman

Equivalent Juris Doctor Degree in the USA  
Foreign Law Consultancy (2007)

University of Florida  
Bachelor of Arts-Major Education Sciences with  
Emphasis Schools, Society and Policy

2021-2023

# Vailma Roca Fernandez

University of Florida  
College of Journalism and Mass Communication  
Master of Arts in Mass Communication with a  
Concentration in Digital Journalism and Multimedia  
Storytelling

2024-in progress

## **Other Studies**

Université de la Sorbonne  
French Language

Paris, France 1995

Alliance Francaise du Saint Domingue  
Level 10 of 13 French Language

Dominican Republic 1998

## **References**

Will be provided upon request.

## Application Form

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### Disclaimer

Under Florida law, all information, including e-mail, written letters, documents and phone messages, sent to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners are subject to Public Records law. This includes the sender's e-mail address, home address or phone number if shown in the message, the content of the message and any associated attachments to the mail. If you are exempt from aspects of the public records law pursuant to F.S. 119.071, contact the advisory board coordinator at 352-264-6906 prior to submission of this form.

### Please Agree with the Following Statement

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**I have read the disclaimer above and understand my application is subject to Florida's Public Records Law.**

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I Agree

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### Profile

Melanie

First Name

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Middle  
Initial

Barr

Last Name

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Suite or Apt

Gainesville

City

FL

State

32601

Postal Code

mvbarr@bellsouth.net

Email Address

Home: (352) 377-4217

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

self

Employer

Historic Preservation  
Consultant

Occupation

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### Education:

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BA: Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida, Major - Political Science, MA: Urban and Regional Planning with an emphasis on Historic Preservation, University of Florida, Thesis: An Historic Preservation Plan for Jasper, FL

### Professional Organizations:

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American Association for State and Local History The Florida Association of Museums The National Trust for Historic Preservation The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Historical Commission: Appointed

**What position(s) are you applying for?**

member

**Interests & Experiences**

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

Yes  No

**If yes, please list board(s):**

Alachua County Historical Commission

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

The Gainesville Historic Preservation Board award - 2025 The Pleasant Street Historic Society's President's Award - 2015; The Matheson Award - 2010; The GFWC Gainesville Junior Women's Club - State of Florida's Junior of the Year - 1996; Historic Gainesville Inc. -for contributions to Historic Preservation, 1991; Outstanding Alumna Award from the University of Florida Urban and Regional Planning Department - 1986 Officer positions from the 1980s to the present: Chair - The Alachua County Historical Commission, the City of Gainesville Historic Preservation Board, the City of Gainesville Board of Adjustment; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary - The Micanopy Historical Society, The Pleasant Street Historic Society, the Duckpond Neighborhood Association Researched hundreds of historic house histories Completed or provided substantial assistance for 10 National Register Nominations. Completed 14 historic tax credit applications. Completed 10 Historic Site Surveys or Inventories. Completed or have worked on 6 State Historic Markers. Wrote grants for historic preservation projects. Made presentations at conferences for the Florida Historical Society, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society. Made presentations to the Retired Educators Association, Micanopy and Hawthorne Historical Societies, local elementary and middle schools, Rotary clubs in Alachua and Broward Counties, at historic building workshops and preservation fairs, to classes at the University of Florida, the Haile Neighborhood Association, the Mount Dora Historical Society, etc. I taught History of Gainesville classes for Santa Fe College Community Education

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

I have been involved with preserving history in Alachua County since I first joined Historic Gainesville Inc. in 1972. I have been a historic preservation consultant since I received my Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 1979. I was a founding member of the Pleasant Street Historic Society in 1984. I wrote the Josiah Walls State Historic Marker in 1988 and, more recently, the Tom Petty State Historical Marker and the Gainesville Woman's Club marker. I have attended 91 conferences for various history organizations. I was the local site specialist for the Survey of Gainesville in 1980. I worked with historians in the towns of Alachua, Micanopy, Hawthorne, and in Archer when I did their survey of historic sites in 1994. I have an institutional memory of Alachua County history that contributes to the preservation, protection, and promotion of history in our county.

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## Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

### Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

Female

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Date of Birth

### Are you over the age of 60? (Required for some boards)

Yes  No

### Are you a resident of Alachua County?

Yes  No

### If you are an Alachua County resident, how long have you lived in the county?

52 years

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## Supplemental Questions

**Some of the boards and committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement?**

Yes  No

**Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?**

Yes  No

### Please Agree with the Following Statement

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I Agree

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I Agree

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Historical Commission - Citizen at Large

**Term** 30 Mar 2025 - 29 Mar 2028

**Positions Available** 5

**Number of applicants in this package** 1

- Cheesborough, Jerald

**Name:** Cheesborough, Jerald

**Address:** 3813 SW 34th Street Apt C16, Gainesville/Florida, 32608

**Email:** Jeraldcheesborough@gmail.com

**Board Name:** Historical Commission

**Primary Phone:**

8509660998

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

Newberry Historical Association

**Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:**

Vice President ACHC

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

I feel that I can offer the board diverse ideas

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Yes

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No

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No

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No

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Yes

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- Kirkman, Karen

**Name:** Kirkman, Karen

**Address:** 5518 SW 88th CT, Gainesville, 32608

**Email:** kvkirkman@gmail.com

**Board Name:** Historical Commission

**Primary Phone:**

352-262-5652

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

President & Historian Historic Haile Homestead; Historian for Alachua Cty Community Remembrance Project; transcriber of Alachua Cty Ancient Records; cemetery preservationist; author

**Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:**

Member of Alachua County Historical Commission

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

I have been researching aspects of Alachua County's history for over 24 years; have spent many years researching the enslaved people on plantations, including research and documentation of Black cemeteries here

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No

**Employer :**

Retired

**Occupation:**

Historian, cemetery preservationist

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Yes

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- Wood, Ashley

**Name:** Wood, Ashley

**Address:** 8430 SE 182 Ave, Box 22, 32633

**Email:** amwood352@windstream.net

**Board Name:** Historical Commission

**Primary Phone:**

352/591-1089

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

University of Florida History Advisory Council, (2005-2010) Micanopy Historical Society (current) Florida Historical Society Wood and Swink Preservation Society (VP) Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame Board, 2004-2015 Association for Communications Excellence (Life member, past pres. and inter. coordinator) Old Florida Heritage Highway Board (VP) Kiwanis Club of Gainesville (Board member and past pres.) Ala. Conservation Trust (member) Conservation Trust for Florida (member), Micanopy Boy Scouts (Committee Chair), Micanopy Friends of the Library (Spokesperson), Numerous international communication awards through the Agricultural Communications in Excellence, including Awards of Excellence in both Graphic Design and Management, and the Professional Award (highest award presented to a member). Numerous communication and management awards through the University of Florida Communications Council. Awarded the Distinguished Service Medallion by the IFAS Vice President. Kiwanis International Award and Medallion and club award for new member.

**Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:**

Alachua County Historical Commission, Alachua County Charter Review Commission

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

Have served on Historical Commission for many years and in the past chaired the commission. Have presented a number of historical lectures about the Evinston area and south Alachua County. Have been active in numerous projects with the commission including the writing and editing of county historical markers and other documents for print and the Web and working toward Alachua County as Certified Local Government. Will continue support on the commission for Alachua County's Truth and Reconciliation efforts, Currently working with several historical groups to see that county historical building and sites continue preservation efforts. Have served on several local groups to help protect the counties natural and historical resources.

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Yes

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**Attachments**

- AM Wood short bio.pdf

## Ashley M. Wood (short bio)

- Lifelong resident of Alachua County.
- Sixth generation Floridian on mother's side, Sixth generation Floridian and Century Pioneer Farm Family member from father's side.
- Great grandson of Evinston's founder and founding family.
- University of Florida graduate: BSBA 1969, M.Ed. 1974.
- Employed in IFAS Communications from 1969-2009 as Visual Communications Specialist, Associate Director, and Director.
- Served on UF Committees including IFAS Administrative Council, UF Communications Advisory Committee, UF Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee, UF History Advisory Council.
- International coordinator for six years of the Association for Communications Excellence, then served as VP, Pres.-elect, President, and Past President, currently life member.
- Member, Kiwanis Club of the University City (currently Gainesville Kiwanis), past Secretary, Vice President, Pres.-elect, President, Past President, and past Board of Directors member.
- Multi-year member of the Alachua County Historical Commission, served as secretary, vice-chair, and chair (sixth terms).
- Vice president of the Wood and Swink Preservation Society and member of the PleinAir Paint Out Committee.
- Vice president and board member of the Old Florida Heritage Highway Organization (a Florida Scenic Road Association).
- Member, Micanopy Historical Society, and other historical societies and groups.
- Committee Chair, Micanopy Cub Scout Pack 379.
- Micanopy Friends of the Library, member and spokesperson.
- Member of several environmental organizations and groups.
- With wife and family live on the original Evins-Wood Farm and own the 1880s family home.

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- Asner, Trey

**Name:** Asner, Trey

**Address:** 3425 SW 2nd Avenue Apt. 264, Gainesville, Florida, 32080

**Email:** aasner@gmail.com

**Board Name:** Historical Commission

**Primary Phone:**

904 501 8533

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

Please see resume

**Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:**

Gainesville Historic Preservation Board

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

I feel that I can bring to the board my experience in identifying, protecting, and interpreting our historic sites in Alachua County. Additionally, I am experienced in advocacy, community engagement, and highlighting underrepresented heritage. Let us together keep the past present for future generations and preserve what makes Alachua County special.

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**If so, please disclose the nature of the transaction.:**

N/A

**Employer :**

N/A

**Occupation:**

N/A

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Yes

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**Attachments**

- Trey Asner Resume Alachua HP Board.pdf

# Trey Asner

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## Education

University of Florida (Gainesville, FL) – Graduated 2020; GPA 3.8

MS, **Historic Preservation** - College of Design, Construction, and Planning

Thesis, *History of Shell Based Construction in St. Augustine*

University of North Florida (Jacksonville, FL) – Graduated 2017; GPA 3.9

BA, **Art History** - College of Arts and Sciences • Placed on *Dean's List* every semester, for ongoing academic achievement

Douglas Anderson School of the Arts (Jax, FL) – Graduated 2013 – Drawing, painting, printmaking, photography

## Experience

**Historic Preservation Consultant** (*North Florida*) – October 2022- Present

### Freelance

Performed historic preservation research, wrote historic structure reports, and made recommendations for historic preservation projects to property owners that ensured compliance with secretary standards and local ordinances.

**St. Johns County Government** (*St. Augustine, FL*) – March. 2022- August 2022

### Cultural Resource Coordinator

- Reviewed land development applications for compliance with cultural resource regulations and made recommendations to consultants, planners, engineers, and the public on land development activities. Advised on land acquisition management program
- Reviewed, evaluated, and provided recommendations on cultural resource matters, implemented cultural resource regulations, and prioritized cultural resources for significance, protection, and management.
- Managed archaeological and historic preservation investigations on sites including historic structures and Native burial mounds.
- Managed and conserved County archives/ artifact collections and County owned house museums.
- Coordinated the discussion and relocation of the Canright House, a structure with local and national significance to the Civil Rights Movement.

**PaleoWest** (*Tallahassee, FL - remote*) – Feb 2021- Oct 2021

### Architectural Historian – Temporary Assignment

- Responsible for writing architectural narratives for structures including identifying architectural styles, performing on-site and archival research.
- Determined eligibility of structures in multiple municipalities for placement on the National Register of Historic Places based on criteria set by the National Park Service (NPS)

**Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park** (*Cross Creek, FL*) – May 2020- August 2022

### Volunteer Curator

- Researched, dated, and identified the style of artifacts within the museum's collection including furniture, decorative objects, and art - and created an updated inventory for proper management and tracking of all artifacts
- Wrote and implemented a conservation plan for the entire museum collection and educated staff and volunteers on the handling procedures and conservation techniques in addition to giving tours of the collection to visitors of the museum

**University of Florida** (*Gainesville, FL*) – Sept 2018-April 2020

### Research Assistant

- Performed archival research, on-site building surveys and interviews, and photographic analysis under the supervision of the director of the Historic Preservation program with a focus on St. Augustine and resiliency against sea level rise.
- Led research project focused on finding potential Florida post-war neighborhoods that could be added to the National Register of Historic Places. These included socially significant post war African American subdivisions.

**The Lightner Museum** (*St Augustine, FL*) – Jan 2016-May 2018

### Museum Associate - Historian & Curator's Assistant

- Assisted the curatorial staff in conservation of objects, preparation, and maintenance of exhibitions, and dating of artifacts within the collection at one of the largest museums in Florida
- Educated museum guests and volunteers on the history of the museum and its collection by performing organized tours and preparing supplemental educational materials which focused on art history as well as the social history of the former hotel. This included the stories of black Americans who built and worked in the Alcazar hotel at the turn of the century.

## **Historical Commission**

### **Applicant Package - Citizen at Large**

Historical Commission - Citizen at Large

**Term** 30 Mar 2025 - 29 Mar 2028

**Positions Available** 5

**Number of applicants in this package** 1

- Gordon, Jacob U'Mofe

**Name:** Gordon, Jacob U'Mofe

**Address:** 11317 NW 8TH RD, Gainesville FL, 32606

**Email:** Jgordon07@gmail.com

**Board Name:** Historical Commission

**Primary Phone:**

785-249-8173

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

Organized the Alachua County Bicentennial Symposium December 7, 2024. Founding President, Alachua County African & African American Historical Society, Inc. Member of Alachua County African American History Task Force. Past-President, United Nations Assn Gainesville Chapter. Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas. PhD, History.

**Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments:**

Alachua County Historical Commission. UF African American Studies Advisory Committee. member.

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

Promote, advise, and educate members and community historians in sound research methods. Encourage broad community interest in Alachua County history. Help to disseminate and inform our citizens about local history and culture; and its importance to everyday life within our broad socioeconomic environment.

**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

**I do hereby attest that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:**

- 1. I have maintained good moral character throughout my personal and professional life.**
- 2. I have not engaged in any conduct or behavior that would reflect adversely on my honesty, integrity, or ethical standards.**
- 3. I have not been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving dishonesty, fraud, or moral turpitude.**
- 4. I have adhered to all applicable laws and regulations in my personal and professional dealings.**
- 5. I strive to uphold the principles of fairness, respect, and responsibility in all my interactions.:**

Yes

**Time of Submission:** 03/07/25 11:55:04 AM

**Board Application Historical Commission**

Thank you for your interest in applying for an Alachua County advisory board/committee. Please complete this application in its entirety and attach your resume and other relevant supporting material for consideration.

**First Name (Required)**

Barry

**Last Name (Required)**

Baumstein

**Address (Required)**

2026 NW 17th Lane, Gainesville, FL 32605

**Email (Required)**

barry@baumstein.net

Please confirm your email (Required)

**Attachments**

Please include with the application when submitting

**Board Applied**

Historical Commission, Citizen at Large (30 Mar 2025 - 29 Mar 2028)

**Primary Phone (Required)**

352-318-7168

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

REAL ESTATE APPRAISER  
PRES. GAINESVILLE ASSN. OF REALTORS - 1980  
PRES. MATHEW HISTORY MUSEUM - 2015

Please list any current/previous Advisory Board appointments (Required)

ALACHUA Co. HISTORICAL Commission

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board? (Required)

EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ALACHUA Co. HISTORY

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- Yes
- No

**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? (Select one option)

- Yes
- 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? (Select one option)

- Yes
- No

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Yes

No