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Graduating with a B.A. in History and Women's Studies from the University of Florida on a full-ride scholarship, interested in graduate school programs. Research interests include social movement history, oral history, queer theory, digital humanities, and election science.

Education

University of Florida

August 2021 - May 2025, Gainesville, FL

B.A. History/Women's Studies Student

Concentration in Theories and Politics of Sexuality

4.0/4.0 GPA

Sebring High School

August 2017 - May 2021, Sebring, FL

International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipient (45/45)

4.0/4.0 GPA

Experience

Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Student Government Researcher

May 2024 - Present, Gainesville, FL

I started the UF Student Government Oral History Collection within the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. I conducted and transcribed numerous interviews with notable alumni of UF Student Government

The Independent Florida Alligator Opinion Staff Columnist

May 2024 - July 2024, Gainesville, FL

Conducted research for columns about issues related to LGBTQ+ campus life, campus organizing, and the 2024 Presidential race.

UF Health Cancer Center Administrative Assistant

January 2023 - Present, Gainesville, FL

Part-time 15-20 hours/week. I completed various tasks around the administrative office of the UF Cancer & Genomics Research Center including responding to the phone, inputting clinical trial inquiries,

updating calendars, logging and distributing lab coats, maintaining the upkeep of the office, and ensuring the condition of meeting rooms.

Rainbow Kids in Red America Research Assistant

May 2023 - August 2023, Gainesville, FL

I performed research for Rev. Bromleigh McCleneghan's upcoming book, *Rainbow Kids in Red America*. I produced literature reviews and interviews concerning anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, sexual education, and censorship in education. I also presented findings of research in the Summer 2023 Active Learning Program virtual conference

ACPS Women's History Curriculum Development Intern

January 2023 - May 2023, Gainesville, FL

I collaborated with peers to develop a K-12 curriculum on women's history for over 28,300 students in Alachua County Public Schools. I produced lesson plans at grade-appropriate levels, developed resources of primary and secondary sources, and generated discussion questions to facilitate student engagement and address systemic gaps within pedagogical approaches to women's history.

Volunteering

Free Grocery Store

January 2022 - December 2022

I organized, labeled, and shipped food to various food-deprived communities around Gainesville. I packed food according to accommodation requests by families, weighing it to ensure that each person in a family receives 5 to 8 pounds of food for the week.

Extracurriculars

Community Marshaling

January 2022 - Present, Gainesville, FL

In January 2022, I received training from the local chapter of Dream Defenders on how to safely marshal protests and marches to protect participants from traffic and de-escalate conflict. Since then, I marshaled the Hands off Palestine Protest (Jan. 2022), March to Protect Queer Youth (Feb. 2022), Bans Off Our Bodies March (May 2022), and the March for Our Lives Gainesville Protest (June 2022).

Pride Student Union Leadership

October 2021 - March 2023, Gainesville, FL

For the academic year of 2021-2022, I worked as the Pride Student Union historian and photographer. I transcribed interviews with old members of leadership of PSU. I also took photographs at general body meetings and documented them for future historians. From 2022-2023, I

worked as the PSU financial director. I assisted the treasurer in obtaining \$3,400 from UF's student government.

Dream Defenders

June 2022 - September 2022, Gainesville, FL

I was an active member of my local chapter of Dream Defenders. I attended informational meetings on topics concerning student loan debt, gun violence, and politics. I also tabled for the organization at events such as the Bans Off Our Bodies March (May 2022), and the We're Here and We're Queer Festival (June 2022).

Young Democratic Socialists of America Treasurer

January 2022 - May 2022, Gainesville, FL

I crafted and submitted budget proposals for the organization, obtaining \$1,710 from UF's student government. I also organized general body meetings in collaboration with other members of the executive board and attended events representing the organization such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Annual Commemorative March (January 2022) and Graduate Assistant Union Demonstrations (March 2022).

Lead Organizer of March to Protect Queer Youth

February 2022, Gainesville, FL

I organized and led a "March to Protect Queer Youth" alongside my co-organizer Ren Katz, protesting HB1557/SB1834, also known as the "Don't Say Gay" bill. Over 120 UF students and Gainesville residents joined us as we marched down University Avenue to Cora Roberson Park. Several news media outlets interviewed and wrote articles about the march including the Alligator, WCJB TV20, the Gainesville Sun, and WUFT.

Awards

Daniel J. Koleos Undergraduate Research Award

April 2024, Awarded to a history major demonstrating academic excellence and seeking funds to conduct research for their senior thesis. Award amount of \$1,000. Recognized at the Spring 2024 History Honors Conference.

Artificial Intelligence Scholar

March 2024, Awarded to full-time undergraduate students to conduct artificial intelligence-related research one-on-one with UF faculty on selected projects. Award amount of \$1,750. Faculty award of \$500 given to Dr. Seth Bernstein. Recognized at the Spring 2024 History Honors Conference.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant

January 2024

Awarded to promote student research within the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Award amount of \$7,210. Research project conducted with Ren Katz and mentor Dr. Kendal Broad.

CLAS Dean's List

Fall 2021 - Spring 2024, Received recognition from the University of Florida's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for receiving a semester GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Florida Academic Top Scholar Award

2022, Received an additional award from the state of Florida for being the top Florida Academic Scholar in my county.

Benacquisto Scholarship Recipient

2021, Received a full-ride merit scholarship from the state of Florida for my academic achievement as a National Merit Scholar.

National Merit Scholarship Recipient

2021, Received the honor of being a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and National Merit Scholarship Finalist for my academic achievement as well as my score in the PSAT/NMSQT.

UF Presidential Gold Scholarship Recipient

2021, Received a merit scholarship from the University of Florida that holistically considers grades, test scores, leadership, community service, and personal essay.

Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship Recipient

2021, Received full tuition merit scholarship after completing more than one hundred hours of community service while maintaining excellent test scores and GPA.

Skills & Interests

Digital Marketing - Received Google Digital Garage Certification for the Fundamentals of Digital Marketing in August 2021.

Video Editing and Composition - Years of experience editing videos with Adobe Premiere Pro and Adobe After Effects for personal and public use.

Graphic Design - Years of experience producing graphics with Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, and Canva for personal and public use.