

# Marissa Salas

## Curriculum vitae

Text & Technology PhD Program  
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## EDUCATION

2019            Ph.D. Student, Text & Technology Program, University of Central Florida.  
1999            M.S.P. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.  
1997            B.S. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.  
1998 - 2012   Continuing Credit at National and State APA Planning Conferences.  
2001            American Institute of Certified Planners course review, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University

1999 Summer      Adjunct, Introduction to Human Geography, FSU  
1998 - 1999       Graduate Research Assistant, Planning Department, FSU  
1998                Graduate Research Assistant, Geography Department, FSU

### Professional

2002 - 2007        Trainer, Lopez & Cheung, LLC, Seattle, WA  
1999 - 2002        Trainer, National Grid, Boston, MA

### Civic

2012 - 2018        Trainer, Civic engagement and leadership, FL  
1995 - 1997        Trainer, Crisis Hotline Counselor  
1995 - 1997        Trainer, Epidemiology HIV/AIDS Florida Hotline Counselor

## PUBLICATIONS

### Researcher

1999            Co-Researcher. Capstone: Salas, M (1999). *Benefit-Cost Analysis for Bay County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy*.  
1999            Map Research. Mapping hazards, Martin, S., *Environmental hazard perception: Taylor County's Dilemma*, University Press of Florida, 1999.

### Research Assistant

2011            Research Assistant, P. Doan chapters, Doan, P. L. (2011). *Queerying Planning: Challenging Heteronormative Assumptions and Reframing Planning Practice*. Ashgate Publishing, Ltd.

- 2004 Data Research Project Manager, Dang, A., & Fraser, S. (2004). Same-sex Couple Households in the United States: A Report from the 2000 Census. Retrieved from <https://www.thetaskforce.org>.
- 1998 Research Assistant, Ruiz, M. (1999), 'Using Trip Diaries to Improve Real-time Geocoding', GeoSpatial Information & Technology Association Conference, Chicago, IL., Aurora, CO.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2007 Principle of Marissa Salas Consulting, Orlando, FL. (current)
- 2008 Planner, Community Development Department, City of Largo, FL.
- 2002 - 2007 Senior Project Director, Lopez & Cheung, Inc. tele-commuter Seattle, WA.
- 1999 - 2002 Geographic Information Specialist & Quality Assurance and Control Software Test Manager & Analyst, Geonetics, Inc., Boston, MA.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Professional

- 2014 Keynote Speaker at 2014 Convocation: FSU Urban and Regional Planning.
- 2012 State Democratic Convention: Presenter: *Being Counted LGBT & the Census 2012*.
- 2011 Florida American Planning Association Conference: Panelist & Author: *Being Counted LGBT & the Census 2010*.
- 1999 Bay County Commission, FL: *Benefit-Cost Analysis for Bay County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy*

### Educational

- 2005 Geography in the Planning Field: Introduction to Geography; 12th grade, Windermere Preparatory School, Windermere, FL.
- 2004 Health Education for High School Girls.
- 2004 Culinary Arts Overview.
- 2003 Fair Housing and Civics: A Play. Cambridge School, Cambridge, MA.

## DEPARTMENT / UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 1999 Service Award from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University.
- 1998 Student Representative Departmental Appointment: Executive Committee Member of the Florida Chapter of American Planning Association.

## MEDIA RECOGNITION

2005	Analysis and Political mapping reproduced in the Los Angeles Times.
2004	Public Policy research in the NY Times and a linked reference by UCLA School of Law.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2018	Member, reThink - Pine Hills Advisory Group, Orlando, FL. (current)
2014	Mayoral Appointment, MetroPlan Orlando Citizens Advisory Committee. (current)
1999	Executive Committee Member as FSU Student Representative, Florida Chapter of American Planning Association.

## **COMMUNITY / CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

2018	President, Rainbows of Orange County, FL
2016	Vice President, Florida LGBTQA Democratic Caucus.
2015	Campaign Chair, Florida LGBTQA Democratic Caucus.
2014	Member, Congressional Advisory Board for Latin America and the Caribbean.
2011	Conference Chair, Pug Rescue of Florida, Inc. (current)

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH AWARDS**

2017	Leadership & Service award from the FL LGBTQA Democratic Caucus.
2013	Congressional Recognition for Dedicated Civic Engagement. Read into the congressional record proceedings and debates of the 113th Congress, 1st Session.
2013	Conference Planning Award. FL LGBTQA Democratic Caucus.
2011	Rock Star Award. Pug Rescue of Florida, Inc.
2007	Civic Award. Municipal League of King County.
1997	Florida HIV/AIDS Hotline Counselor and Supervisor.