

Nicholas Altensee

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Education:

University of Oregon

Department of Anthropology

September 2019-Present

Advisor: Dr. Scott Fitzpatrick

University of Central Florida

Burnett Honors College

Graduation: May 2019

Major: Psychology • Minor: Anthropological Archaeology • Overall GPA: 3.9

Anthropology Coursework: Archaeology and the Rise of Human Culture • The Human Species • General Anthropology • Historical Archaeology • Archaeology of Caribbean Piracy • Caribbean Archaeology Practicum • Archaeological Method and Theory • Archaeology of Coastal Societies • Anthropology Independent Study • Archaeology Methods and Theory • Archaeology of Coastal Societies

Laboratory Experience:

Thesis Research, University of Oregon

October 2019- Present

- Analyzed vertebrate assemblage from Coconut Walk
- Digitally catalogued all findings for future research purposes

Independent Study, University of Central Florida

August- December 2018

Supervisor: Dr. Peter Sinelli

- Analyzed ceramics recovered from Palmetto Junction during the 2018 field season
- Catalogued all findings for future research purposes

Field Experience:

Caribbean Archaeology Practicum

May- June 2018

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos

Supervisor: Dr. Peter Sinelli

- Learned and demonstrated knowledge of excavation methodology
- Gained an understanding of the history of the precolonial Caribbean

Academic Teaching Experience

Graduate Employee

Fall 2019-Present

ANTH 248: Archaeology of Wild Foods

ANTH 145: Principles of Archaeology

ANTH 170: Introduction to Human Origins

- Led laboratory and discussion sections
- Graded student assignments and held office hours and review sessions

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016, 2017

Team Leader, Burnett Honors College

- Led 15 university students through the Honors Symposium course, advised students on successful integration into college
- Facilitated discussions related to community and belonging
- Evaluated and graded in-class performance and discussion sessions

Work Experience:

Resident Assistant

Spring 2017-May 2019

UCF Department of Housing and Residence Life

- Responsible for 50 university students per semester, mentored residents to assist their transition to college and adult life
- Served as a first responder for communities of up to 1000 residents during emergencies
- Implemented programs in order to develop and inclusive and involved community
- Enforced University protocols to maintain the safety and security of residence life

Orientation Advisor

Summer 2016, 2017

Honors Peer Ambassador, Burnett Honors College

- Advised students on academic planning and course selection
- Guided incoming freshman students through Honors Orientation
- Introduced students to the Burnett Honors College on their first day as UCF students

Volunteer Experience

Student Accessibility Services Notetaker

Spring 2019

Archaeology of Coastal Societies

- Recorded and synthesized quality class notes for students with learning disabilities

Curriculum Committee

Spring 2018

Curriculum Development and Assessment Task Force, UCF Department of Housing and Residence Life

- Created educational curriculum covering Self-Awareness, Cultural Competence, Community Engagement, and Global Impact affecting over 11,000 residents
- Presented the committee's findings to the 2018 Housing Student Leadership Banquet
- Created lesson plans and supplemental materials for 13 strategies implemented by UCF Department of Housing and Residence Life
- Reviewed feedback data to assess the Residential Curriculum's effectiveness in retention and personal growth

Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office

Spring 2017

- Aided in the registration of new voters at a Naturalization Ceremony
- Assisted with the loading of election ballots and materials during a municipal election

AVID Mentor

Fall 2015

- Mentored students at McCoy Elementary School
- Organized, planned, and orchestrated lessons to help the growth of students

Awards and Honors

UCF Magna Cum Laude

Spring 2019

Within the top five percent of the graduating class in the College of Sciences

UCF President's List

Fall 2017 – Fall 2018

Awarded to undergraduates receiving a 4.0 GPA in an academic semester

UCF Dean's List

Spring 2016 – Spring 2017

Awarded to undergraduates receiving a 3.4 GPA or greater in an academic semester

Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship

Fall 2015 – Present

Awarded 25,000 dollars for undergraduate study

UCF Burnett Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship

Summer 2018

