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# **SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES NEWSLETTER**

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## **ABOUT**

The Sustainability Studies Newsletter provides information about events, people, and places dedicated to sustainability. It is published at the beginning of fall, spring, and summer semesters and is exclusively available to University of Florida Sustainability Studies students and alumni. This edition focuses on events and opportunities in and around the Gainesville community.



# GLOCAL IN GAINESVILLE

Find out more about sustainable stores, restaurants, organizations, places to visit, events to participate in, and career opportunities that think glocal in Gainesville.

glo·cal

/ˈglɒk(ə)l/  
adjective

Considerate of local and global impacts, essential to sustainability

## Molm Family Gator Career Closet



While the Molm Family Gator Career Closet isn't necessarily a place to buy clothes, it is a place to "shop" for professional clothes. UF students and alumni (up to one year after graduation) can visit this closet to find professional clothes without taking on the financial burden of new clothing.

Students can receive up to one full professional clothing outfit per semester, and the inventory is kept stocked through donations of second-hand clothing.

Stop by the Reitz Union to check out the styles they have if you have an interview or internship coming up!

### More Info:

- Found at the Career Connection Center at the J. Wayne Reitz Union.
- Contact [careerclinet@ufsa.ufl.edu](mailto:careerclinet@ufsa.ufl.edu) for more information!

## Krishna House



Krishna House began in Gainesville in 1989, only 3 blocks from campus. Today Krishna Lunch can be found on UF campus in the Plaza of the Americas serving vegetarian food at an affordable cost. Students line up everyday to get a taste of the rotating menu and try new foods. Many of the food items are also vegan, which not only is a great form of accessible vegan food for students, but also exposes other students to these foods they might not have tried.

In addition to sustainable food practices, Krishna Lunch also brings compostable plates, cups, and silverware- committing to sustainability in all aspects.

### More Info:

- Mondays - Fridays at the Plaza of the Americas from 11am-1:30pm or at the Krishna House 11am-2pm
- Visit <https://krishnalunch.com/about/> to see weekly menus and more info!

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## Haile Village Farmers Market



The Haile Village Farmers Market is a local and independent farmers market located on the Southwest part of Gainesville. It features everything you could need in terms of local produce, meats, cheese, eggs, and more!

The Haile Farmers Market is also a popular spot for walking around to get breakfast from local vendors selling coffee, pastries, and other delicious treats!

This market is dog friendly and supports local farmers, bakers, and craftsmen. There are over 50 registered vendors.

More Info:

- Every Saturday 8:30 am - Noon
- 5213 SW 91st Terrace, Gainesville, FL
- Visit <https://www.hailefarmersmarket.com/> for a list of vendors and more information!

## Local Events

### recurring

#### **Alachua County Farmers' Market**

Date: Saturdays

Location: 5920 NW 13th St,  
Gainesville, FL 32653

Hours: Opens: 8:00 AM

#### **Grove Street Farmers' Market**

Date: Recurring Mondays

Location: Cypress & Grove Brewery

Hours: 4:00-7:00 pm

### upcoming

#### **We Are Neutral Environmental Hike**

Friday May 24, 2024

3:00-4:00pm

Santa Fe River Preserve

#### **Alachua Conservation Trust**

##### **Weekly Walk & Talk**

Friday May 31, 2024

3:00-4:00pm

Tuscawilla Preserve

#### **Green Industries Best Management Practices (GIBMP)**

Thursday July 25, 2024

8:30am-3:30pm

#### **HEAT- 4th Biennial National Juried Art Exhibition**

August 27- October 19, 2024

GFAA Gallery

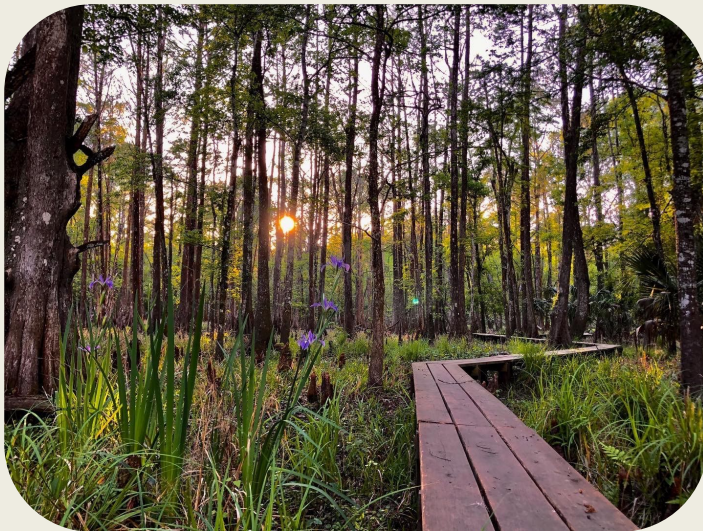
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## more info LOCAL ORGS

Visit  
<https://gatorsvolunteer.ufl.edu/for-volunteers/volunteer-with-environment/>  
for more information.

## Alachua Conservation Trust



Alachua Conservation Trust is a nonprofit land trust whose mission is to protect the natural, historic, scenic, and recreational resources in and around North Central Florida. ACT protects land through purchase, donation, and conservation easements in 16 counties. ACT has facilitated the protection of over 58,000 acres of vital habitat, which includes the management of 12 preserves open to the public for passive recreation. ACT is invested in the community as well as the natural ecosystems and hosts events and volunteer workdays nearly year round that encourage folks to get out in nature and learn about land conservation.

### More Info:

- Contact Alachua Conservation trust at [www.alachuaconservationtrust.org](http://www.alachuaconservationtrust.org) or at [info@alachuaconservationtrust.org](mailto:info@alachuaconservationtrust.org)

## Opportunities

### intern

**Keep Alachua County Beautiful**  
Gainesville, Florida

*Their mission is to beautify, conserve resources, recycle, educate and preserve our community's environmental legacy. Sustainability Interns and volunteers are always needed.*

**Alachua Conservation Trust**  
Gainesville, Florida

*ACT has semester long internships in the Fall, Spring, Summer for students 18y and older that are seeking to deepen their experience in natural resources and nonprofit careers.*

### volunteer

**Earth Day Organization**  
[www.earthday.org/](http://www.earthday.org/)

**We are Neutral**  
[www.weareneutral.com/](http://www.weareneutral.com/)

**Eco Clean Marine**  
[mycleaneco.com](http://mycleaneco.com)

**Project Sunshine**  
[projectsunshine.org](http://projectsunshine.org)

# GATORS TRAVEL

Some new ideas to improve your summer vacation and explore new places both within and beyond the Gainesville community!

## Bioma Travel



Bioma Travel is an organization that works to combine conservation and science to connect people between the two. They conduct Sea Turtle Expeditions, which consist of research, experiential learning, and cultural immersion. These trips take place in Costa Rica, and include amazing excursions filled with incredible learning experiences.

They have various dates open throughout the year, and are now open for the 2024-2025 season!

More Info:

- Visit <https://biomatravel.org/expeditions> for information on the work they do with sea turtles or to book your excursion!

## Vacation Opportunities

### day trip

#### **Ichetucknee River**

Float down the river with friends as a chance to cool off from the heat!

#### **Crystal River**

A beautiful area with springs to float or paddle down with the chance to see a manatee!

#### **Devil's Millhopper**

The perfect day trip that includes snorkeling or diving, depending on activity level.

### night trip

#### **Punta Gorda**

This small town has various nature parks and even an Aquatic Preserve and State Parks where you can visit protected coastlines!

#### **Florida Caverns State Park**

Check out underground explorations of Florida's natural caves, just west of Tallahassee.

#### **Key Largo**

Visit amazing views in the Florida Keys, such as John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, a protected area to visit via snorkeling, glass bottom kayak, banana boat, or by swimming.

When visiting these areas make sure to abide by local flora and fauna regulations to not damage the ecosystems!

# GATORS GOING GREEN

A closer look at how UF students, clubs, alumni, and faculty all contribute to a more sustainable future.

## more info: STUDENT CLUBS

visit [orgs.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu](https://orgs.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu)

- > Log in
- > Organization
- > Find an organization.

## Thrift Club



Thrift Club at UF is an organization that combines the movement of shopping second-hand with the love of fashion. They focus on expressing yourself through style while also encouraging more eco-friendly buying practices.

Their most popular events are thrift swaps, where club members bring clothes, accessories, book, and more to exchange them for other items people brought. Thrift swaps are a great way to make sure your old items are going to a good new home, while also picking something up for yourself!

### More Info:

- Follow [@thriftclubuf](https://twitter.com/thriftclubuf) for updates on GBMs, thrift swaps, and other events/information for this upcoming school year.

## LinkedIn Alumni Network



### Gator Sustainability Studies Alumni Network

Listed group

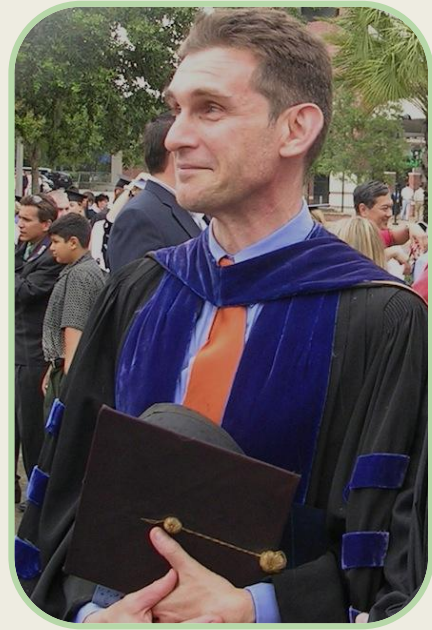
The UF Sustainability Studies Alumni Network on LinkedIn aims to connect current students and alumni with each other. This network frequently features local and global career opportunities, local UF Sustainability news, and general environmental current events.

By creating a network of Gators passionate about sustainability, new opportunities and insightful conversations can arise. This network is also open for alumni and students to post their own content regarding career opportunities.

### More Info:

- Visit the LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12501462/>) for weekly updates, job postings, sustainability news and more!
- Contact [camerondelgado@ufl.edu](mailto:camerondelgado@ufl.edu) for more information

# GATORS GOING GREEN



Robert S. Wagman

## Professor Spotlight

Robert Wagman is a classicist specializing in the epigraphy and archaeology of ancient Greece. He is from Italy and has been at UF since 1990, where he teaches various courses in classics, including Classical Antiquity and Sustainability- an option to fulfill the humanities requirement for sustainability studies majors.

### **How did you get into the realm of sustainability and classics?**

As a field archaeologist it is normal for me to engage with the physical environment of the sites I research. The Greek land has a lot of stories to tell if you learn how to read it. The evidence it provides is as important for understanding antiquity as are the works of Homer and Plato.

### **What is your favorite part about teaching, and your favorite class to teach?**

The first question is easy. My favorite thing about teaching is that every semester I get to know and (usually) befriend lots of new people. There are not many professions that allow you to do that. As for the second question, I don't know- I like all the subjects I teach, whether it is Greek, the ancient environment, or Egyptian hieroglyphs. It is the rapport with the students that makes the difference. Regardless of the subject, each new class has its own vibe.

### **Do you have any advice for current UF Sustainability Students?**

My advice for Sustainability students is the same that I would give to all my other students. Don't be blinded by all the corporate advertising that has taken over UF and other schools. Forget about being top 5 or 4, and work on learning and thinking. We have a long way to go.

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Professor Robert  
Wagman  
(cont.)

## **How can students apply sustainability and classics to this modern age?**

Being able to think critically about the past enables us to make informed choices about the present and the future. This is not some corny piece of wisdom downloaded from the internet, but a basic fact of the cognition process which uses information from past experience to adjust behavior. To trace the origins of many of our behaviors today, including how we use the Earth's resources,, we often need to go back millenia.

## **You are currently in Greece, what are you doing there and how do you think learning new cultures can benefit students wanting to do the same in a program abroad?**

I always encourage students to travel, because there is only so much you can learn in the classroom. Learning is subversive by definition. There is no better way to break off from habit and conformity than by traveling to other countries and experiencing places and cultures different from your own. I go to Greece for my fieldwork. For students, to volunteer at an archaeological site is a great study abroad option. It is like one of those 2 for 1 promotions you not only get to travel across space; you also get to travel across time.



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## Alumni Spotlight

Lily Schare graduated from UF in 2023, and is currently attending The University of Miami for a MS in Marine Science. She had various internships and involvements during her time at UF!



Lily Schare

### **What made you choose to study sustainability at UF?**

I had always been passionate about the environment and sustainability, and I wanted to learn how to do that in the most effective way possible, to try and translate it to other people.

### **How did your internships at Alachua Conservation Trust and EARTHDAY.ORG impact your experiences and knowledge of working in sustainability?**

They were valuable experiences, for sure, and I was very lucky to have been given those opportunities. I had never done any hands-on work or outreach before. Starting school with COVID was really hard, so I didn't have any opportunities until in my last year, I felt it was really important for me to learn about community engagement, event planning, and social media outreach, especially after the pandemic. I've been able to carry those skills into my graduate school career. I did social media for both internships, and for ACT I was actually able to go to the community events, which were a lot of fun. It felt so good to actually be able to do things in person. The EARTHDAY.ORG internship was remote, and a new branch of the department which was exciting since there was a lot of development happening.

# GATORS GOING GREEN

Lily Schare  
(cont.)

## **What type of work do you do in graduate school and what does your day-to-day look like?**

I have a lot of different things going on right now, but no project that I'm working on yet- but, I have been given so many opportunities. I have a class schedule, but everyday is different. I did a week of hands on shark research, which was so much fun and a great opportunity. I've also been collecting baseline data for one of the parks in the Florida Keys, and have even done some terrestrial things as well. We learned how to safely capture and handle invasive snakes. I like how many opportunities I've been given, and I am able to do so much now. It is challenging, but very rewarding.

## **What is your end goal with attending graduate school for a masters in marine conservation?**

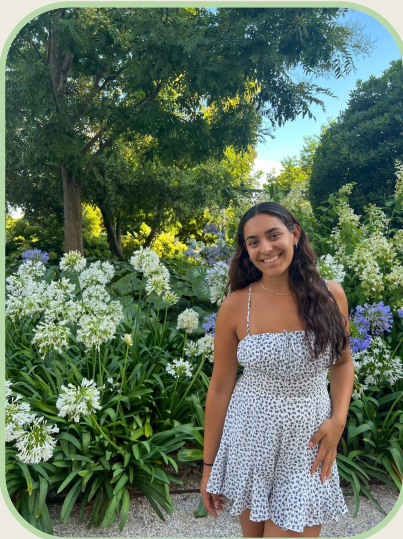
Even in undergrad, people would ask me what my end goal or ideal career was, and it's such a scary question. I don't have a specific job title or career or even area of study I want to work in. My main goal is to communicate science to the general public. If we're being realistic, people don't sit around in their day-to-day reading published scientific papers, but I think it's important people so know what is happening in the world. I want to turn this information into something that is more digestible across platforms that are accessible to everyone.

## **Do you have any advice for soon to be sustainability graduates who are looking to go to grad school in the future?**

Take every opportunity you are given, even if it's not honestly what you want to do, run with it. It's going to create opportunities for you to network, meet new people, and get directed towards other people. All experiences are going to help you grow. We need to remember we're doing this for something bigger than ourselves, so remember where you started and it'll help you get through it.

# BEHIND THE NEWSLETTER

## Cameron Delgado EDITOR



Cameron Delgado is a rising fourth year Sustainability Studies student who is earning minors in Environmental Justice and Policy, Communication Studies, and Public Relations. She is also working towards a certificate in Geospatial Information Analysis and participating in the Social Impact and Sustainability Initiative Scholars Program and International Scholars Program. At UF, Cameron is involved in Green Greeks as the Executive Vice President, and the Events Director for her sorority- Kappa Alpha Theta. This summer, she is interning at Verde Environmental, an environmental consulting firm, as an Environmental Science Assistant. She is also working with #Unlitter as a Marketing and Social Media Intern. After graduation, she hopes to continue her education in a graduate program!

## Dr. Thiele DIRECTOR & DEPARTMENT HEAD



Dr. Leslie Thiele is the Director of Sustainability Studies and oversees the Active Learning Program (ALP) in the Center for Adaptive Innovation, Resilience, Ethics and Science (UF CAIRES). He teaches the gateway and capstone course for the Sustainability Studies Program as well as political theory courses and seminars in the Department of Political Science.



Congratulations to the 2024 UF Graduating Class of Sustainability Studies Students!

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