

Ray Thomas

I am an Associate In Geological Sciences with research interests that include the development of sensors to study nitrogen and phosphorous nutrients that feed harmful algal growth in the rivers and springs of North Florida, and developing methods and instruments to measure the greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. I have also worked to promote science education using digital storytelling.

Over the past 7 years I have had the pleasure of serving on numerous Faculty Senate and joint committees, and councils, and I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve with faculty from so many of our colleges. Currently, I am in my second term as a member of the Faculty Senate, a member-at-large of the Senate Steering Committee, and a member of the Welfare Council. In my service as a member of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee, including 5 years as Chair, I have gained insight into the bicycle, pedestrian, automobile, and mass transit issues impacting the campus community. I am currently a faculty participant on the Transportation and Parking Strategic Plan Steering Committee where I have been advocating for better parking for faculty and staff. I believe I have a record of responding to faculty concerns - be it problems with insurance and People First, or the difficulties encountered while trying to complete mandatory online training.

As the University of Florida reaches for top five status, I will advocate for compensation and benefits that rival those of our aspirational peers.

Thank you.