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I am a professor in the School of Landscape Architecture and Planning and the Center for Latin American Studies. I joined the University in 2017, after serving at SUNY Westchester and for thirteen years at Penn State. I teach at all levels of our academic programs (BA to PhD, including our professional programs) and collaborate with faculty across five colleges. While I joined our faculty five years ago, my academic career has deep roots in Florida.

I am an anthropologist who studies coupled natural and human systems from a deep-time perspective. In my research, teaching, and service, I have a demonstrated commitment to building capacity from the bottom up through collaboration and community engagement.

My experiences, first as a student and now as a professor across Florida's State System of Higher education provide a unique foundation to advocate for three key goals:

- First, I am committed to continuing our journey for a more diverse, equitable, and just campus.
- Second, I want to strengthen our shared governance.
- Third, I want to collaboratively develop strategic ways to improve faculty work-life balance.

The tireless effort of staff, faculty, and students elevated the stature and reputation of UF over the last three decades. Our foundation is strong. Yet, there is still work to be done. I believe that the broad arc of my academic experience and extensive collaborations will open the door to many corners of campus so that we can better listen to all faculty voices.

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