# Saige Middleton

### Education

University of South Florida Tampa, FL

Master of Arts (MA) Climate Change and Global SustainabilityMay 2021Graduate Certificate in Food Sustainability and SecurityMay 2021Bachelor of Science (BS) Environmental Science and PolicyMay 2020

#### Work Experience

# Programs and Development Associate | The Global Warming Mitigation Project

June 2021- Present

Remote / Aspen, Colorado

- Assist Development Director in fundraising efforts, specifically for Sphere, but also for the Keeling Curve Prize by conducting major donor and foundations research, creating fundraising materials, planning virtual and in-person events, and assisting with grant research and writing.
- Manage the GWMP Sphere by maintaining communications with Sphere members, auditing members of the Sphere, and introducing concepts that will increase reach and potential of the Sphere organization.
- Organize and run the Constellations Internship application process and program for three semesters each year which includes developing the Constellations network, finalizing and managing cohorts, planning virtual events for Constellations students, and writing intern spotlight blog posts 2-3 times per semester.

## **National Leadership Intern | Our Climate**

Jan. 2021- June 2021

Remote / Washington, DC

Researched federal policy initiatives and platforms, scheduled and coordinated meetings with members of Congress and their staffs, and provided administrative and logistical support for meetings, webinars, and other online events to support Executive Director and Executive Leadership Team

Supported communication and social media projects by drafting newsletters, blog posts, and social media posts to

Assisted Executive Director and Director of Strategic Relationships and Programs with fundraising by preparing written and visual materials for funder briefings, providing support with the planning and implementation of fundraising events, researching foundations and potential donors, drafting LOIs and other outreach materials.

# Analyst for Florida Statewide GIS Canopy Study | UF/IFAS

Feb.-July 2020

Wimauma, FL

Implemented a vast array of Geographic Information System (GIS) tools to create random points to estimate percent tree coverage in each Florida county studied, including creating multilayered aerial maps of over 150 Florida counties. Determine the ecological benefits of canopy coverage in the state of Florida such as carbon sequestration and urban runoff filtration by organizing and analyzing data obtained from GIS.

# **Urban Tree and Landscape Management Research Intern | UF/IFAS**

Aug. 2019 - Jan. 2020

Wimauma, FL

Studied tree risk assessments, conducted urban forest inventories, and ecological assessments.

Used Geographic Information System (GIS) to take inventory of urban parks for tree species and park amenities and create a landscape plan for park improvement.

### **Vegetation and Resource Management Intern | Yellowstone National Park**

June Aug. 2019

Yellowstone National Park, WY

Identified, recorded, and removed invasive plant species within Yellowstone National Park in both backcountry and front country areas.

Enhanced guest experience by providing logistical support to ~500 park visitors, through both one-on-one and phone interactions at Madison Information Station.

## **Peer Advisor Leader | USF New Student Connections**

June 2018- Jan. 2019

Tampa, FL

Drove student engagement and improved retention rates by developing community involvement.

Supported students by providing one-on-one peer coaching to 3-4 students per week.

Facilitated small groups of 5-12 people to foster connection and teamwork between students.

Organized and managed event calendar for a community building program called The Network.