

2019 Nominee

Juan Riera
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Nomination Information:

Nomination type: I am nominating myself.

Recommendation Information:

I would like to nominate the following individual for the Florida Humanities Council board:

Nominator Name:

Nominator Preferred Email Address:

Nominee Name:

Nominee Email:

Nominee Contact Number:

Contact Number Type:

Nomination Comments/Remarks:

Candidate Information:

If applicable, name of person that recommended I submit my nomination:

Name: Mr. Juan Riera

Organizational affiliation, if applicable:

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State: FL

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Personal or Business Website:

Please write a brief summary highlighting your strengths and potential contributions to the Florida Humanities Board:

My greatest strength is my desire to get things done and accomplished in a timely manner. This I would hope would be a potential contribution because while many are well intentioned, if things are not accomplished good intentions do not resolve anything for a vibrant and active organization.

Please describe any experience you have had serving as a board member for any other organization. Indicate if you held any particular position on the board, or served on any board committee.

I have served on several archaeological and historical boards and have served as program chair and president and have learned, the hard way, that it is necessary for all board members to be on the same page and have the same good faith goals for the organization. Otherwise, in-fighting and ill-will will develop and the organization will suffer.

Resume:

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Letter of Interest:

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Support Letters:

I would like to be considered for a position on the Florida Humanities Council because of my great love of Florida. As a native I have studied Florida History as part of my B.A. and M.A. I have worked in the Family business of selling Florida souvenirs since I was a child. My most enjoyable employment has been leading fourth graders on field trips to learn about Florida as well as portraying a 17th century Franciscan Friar at Mission San Luis. I have also worked for many years in tourism leading tour groups throughout the state and showing off our natural wonders and our varied wondrous cultural traditions. I thank everyone involved for their consideration.

Juan L. Riera
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Education

- 2005-2007 Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
Graduate courses in Anthropology, History, and Humanities
- May 2005 Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Graduate Certificate in Cuban and Cuban-American Studies
- May 2004 Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
Doctoral Candidate in History, minors in Museum Studies and in Anthropology
- Dec. 1996 Florida International University, Miami, Florida
M.A. in History
- Dec. 1992 University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
B.A. in History, minor Geography

Work Experience

Travel and Tourism:

***Travel Agencies-** Miami and Orlando, Florida. Independent Contractor to five Spanish language travel agencies working as a tour guide/tour director/group leader/tour operator. September 2011 to present

***Tour Companies/Destination Management Companies-** Miami, Coral Gables, Key West, and St. Augustine, Florida, as well as from Georgia. Worked as a step-on guide for numerous tour companies in both English and Spanish as an independent contractor. August 2011 to present

***Educational Tour/Travel Companies** Elderhostel Inc. - Boston, Massachusetts. Lecturer for an educational tour/travel company. Lectures in Key West, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami Beach, and Homestead. January 2010 to March 2016. Also refer to Barry University below. Have also delivered a lecture for Grand Edventures.

***Pastelito Travel and Tours-** Miami Florida. Co-owner 2015-2016

***Dade Heritage Trust-** Miami, Florida. Walking Tour Guide and Lecturer during Dade Heritage Days. 2012-2015

Teaching:

***Nova-Southeastern University-** Davie, Florida

Lecturer, Lifelong Learning Institute, October 2011 to July 2016

***University of Miami-** Coral Gables, Florida

Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute,
September 2011 to December 2011

***Barry University-** Miami Shores, Florida

Lecturer, Elderhostel/Road Scholar Program, January 2010 to July 2011
Host, Elderhostel/Road Scholar Program, January 2011 to July 2011

***Florida State University-** Tallahassee, Florida

Research Assistant, Dept. of Humanities, June 2005 to December 2005

***Jose Maria Vargas University-** Pembroke Pines, Florida

Adjunct Faculty, Art Appreciation, fall 2004

***Texas Tech University-** Lubbock, Texas

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Dept. of History, Dept. of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, and Latin American and Iberian Studies Program, January 2000 to May 2004

***Wayland Baptist University-** Plainview, Texas- Lubbock Campus

Adjunct Faculty, Dept. of History

***Florida International University-** Miami, Florida

Telephone Interviewer, Institute for Public Opinion Research, 1994-1997
Research Assistant, Dept. of International Relations, summer 1995
Teaching Assistant, Dept. of History, August 1993 to May 1994

Libraries and Archives:

***Friends of Miami-Dade Public Libraries-** Miami, Florida. Volunteer,
November 2010 to June 2012

***Archivos General de las Indias-** Seville, Spain. Researcher, summer
2003

***Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library of Texas Tech University-** Lubbock, Texas. Oral History Interviewer, summer 2000

***Vietnam Archive/Vietnam Center of Texas Tech University-**
Lubbock, Texas. Research Assistant, January 1998 to December 1999

***North Miami Beach Public Library-** North Miami, Florida. Reference
Assistant, September 1997 to December 1997

***Miami-Dade County Public Library System-** Coral Gables and South
Miami Branches, Florida. Library Assistant, September 1995 to
September 1996

***Florida International University-** Miami, Florida. Student Assistant,
February 1993 to August 1993

Museums and Parks:

***San Carlos Institute-** Key West, Florida. Museum Attendant, May 2015
to July 2017

***Coral Gables Museum-** Coral Gables, Florida. Volunteer, January 2012
to October 2012

***Gold Coast Railroad Museum-** Miami, Florida. Tour Guide, June 2011
to August 2014

***Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden-** Coral Gables, Florida. Volunteer,
October 2009 to November 2018

***Merrick House Museum-** Coral Gables, Florida. Volunteer Docent,
August 2009 to present

***Coral Castle Museum-** Homestead, Florida. Tour Guide, November
2009 to September 2010

***Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department-** Homestead,
Florida, Park Services Aide, June 2008 to March 2009

***U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service-** Homestead,
Florida. Volunteer, February 2008 to June 2009

***Vizcaya Museum and Gardens-** Miami, Florida, Volunteer Guide,
September 2004 to June 2009

***Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Park Service-**
various locations, Volunteer and OPS Ranger, September 2006 to March
2009

***Florida Department of State/Division of Historical Resources-**
Tallahassee, Florida, Volunteer, Education-Historic Re-enactor,
Archaeological Assistant, August 2005 to August 2007

***Lubbock Lake Landmark-** Lubbock, Texas, Volunteer, October 1998
to May 2004

***Mystic Seaport Museum-** Mystic, Connecticut, Intern, May to August
1997

***Historical Museum of Southern Florida-** Miami, Florida, September
1995 to December 1997