

2019/2020 Green Grad Group



Lorenzo Martino (GGG President)
M.S. Sustainable Business Candidate 2020

Lorenzo Martino graduated from University of Miami in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Ecosystem Science and Policy minoring in Entrepreneurship. In Fall 2019 Lorenzo started a Master of Science in Sustainable Business at the Miami Business School. During his gap year between undergraduate and graduate he worked at Duty Free Americas(DFA) as a Marketing Administrator Assistant. At DFA Lorenzo coordinated Golf Tournament Event to benefit the Children's Tumor Foundation.



Nick Berman (GGG Vice President)
M.S. Sustainable Business Candidate 2020

Nick received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami with a double major in Economics and Ecosystem Science & Policy. While in undergrad he worked with the Floridians Against Fracking Coalition to protect the state's natural resources. His work experiences have all focused on waste reduction of one form or another and include the manufacturing, utility, foodservice, and education industries. The goal of converting the economy to a sustainable model through the private sector led him back to UM where he is currently pursuing a M.S. in Sustainable Business.



Cristina Castro (GGG Treasurer)
M.S. Sustainable Business Candidate 2020

Cristina has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. During her undergraduate studies, and driven by a desire to contribute to the recovery of her home country Venezuela and the region of Latin America as a whole, she focused on sustainable economic development and gained experience in the consulting field through an internship with a B-Corporation in Lima, Peru. She is now pursuing a M.S. in Sustainable Business after relocating to Miami and hoping to work in sustainability consulting after graduation.



Alexina Prather (GGG Secretary)
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Alexina has a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and Social Entrepreneurship from Northeastern University in Boston, MA. After graduating, Alexina moved to New York where she worked for One Acre Fund, an international social enterprise, in the People Operations department. Alexina's experience has mainly been in the nonprofit/social enterprise sector. She is pursuing a M.S. in Sustainable Business to shift towards the for-profit social impact space. Additionally, she is the founder of a sustainable fashion brand that up-cycles used clothing and promotes the secondhand clothing industry.

Sophie Cirone (Sustainability Coordinator)
M.S. Sustainable Business Candidate 2020



Eugenia Oribe (Social Media Coordinator)
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Eugenia has a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies. She has worked for 7 years in the family business gradually gaining more experience until reaching general manager in the year 2015. She furthered her education in London, England studying an MSc in Innovation, Creativity and Leadership from Cass Business School. She went back to her country of origin (Uruguay) where she worked as Head of Innovation in the largest consultancy firm of Latin America CPA Ferrere. She is now a candidate for the University of Miami Ms in Sustainable Business.

Paisley Dee Freund

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Paisley graduated from the University of Miami with a BFA specializing in Photography. She spent the first part of her artistic career working with 501C3's across the globe living with indigenous cultures and documenting the human condition. Her works range from traditional black and white documentary photography to hyper-magnified microscopic photography of organic forms. Drawing attention to globalization's increasingly uncomfortable intimacy, her works are always already aware of the structures that build out our contemporary world. She claims territories of science and nature using different types of proprietary technology to create work which challenges how we view our surrounding environments. Driven by current environmental issues, Freund intends to connect the viewer to nature and shift current culture by focusing on social, economic, and environmental sustainability. She currently works for the City of Miami Beach's Environment and Sustainability Department in charge of Plastic-Free Miami Beach and is currently enrolled in the MS for Sustainable Business at The University of Miami.



Mark Jackson (Innovation Coordinator)
M.S. Sustainable Business Candidate 2020

Mark has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Hawai'i Pacific University Honolulu, HI. After graduating, Mark moved to Atlanta Ga, where he worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as a Natural Resource Specialist. Mark's experience has mainly been in the Government sector. He is pursuing a M.S. in Sustainable Business to shift towards the Sustainability Consulting sector. Additionally, he has led solid waste reduction programs that have seen sustained profits and waste reduction through educational programs.

Leyna Stemle



I am a PhD Student in the Biology Department of UM. I am interested in geographic information systems, conservation, herpetology, wildlife survivorship, and animal movement. More specifically, I am interested in how we can use movement and habitat use data to improve management practices and policies for wildlife. I received my Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology, with a minor in Environmental Studies, from Florida Southern College. For my honors thesis at Florida Southern, I studied the movement patterns and natural history of the Striped Mud Turtle in central Florida. During a Fulbright Student Research Grant, I was affiliated with the Ghana Wildlife Division and University of Ghana, researching a method to reduce sea turtle catch in gillnet fisheries. My project exploited the differences in the visual capacities of fish and turtles to deter the sea turtles from nets. I have always been passionate about sustainability and I hope to promote a more sustainable campus with our events.