

## MAHIR RAHMAN

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### EDUCATION

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<b>MA</b>	University of South Florida Applied Anthropology	May 2026
<b>BA</b>	University of Florida, Anthropology Minor in Spanish Certificate in Medical Anthropology Summa cum laude <i>Thesis: Selling Sex Ed: Interactions between the Political Economy and Sexual Health in Huanchaco, Peru.</i>	May 2024

### SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Alvin Wolfe Applied Anthropology Award</b> This award, named in honors of Distinguished Professor Emeritus Alvin W. Wolfe is offered to an incoming M.A. student judged to have special potential for success in applied anthropology.	<b>2024</b>
<b>SEC Exchange Student Leader of the Year Nomination</b> Nominated as the Student Leader of the Year on behalf of the University of Florida due to community and student body impact at the Southeastern Conference consisting of 14 flagship universities in the Southeast of the US.	<b>2024</b>
<b>Brendan O’Sullivan Award for Academic Excellence</b> Awarded \$1000 for being the highest GPA undergraduate graduating senior and academic achievements within the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida.	<b>2024</b>
<b>University of Florida Presidential Service Award</b> Completion of over 2200 service hours throughout time at the University.	<b>2024</b>
<b>University of Florida Student Government Agency of the Year</b> Awarded Agency of the Year as the head of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion operations of the UF Student Government.	<b>2024</b>
<b>University of Florida Fitness Instructor of the Year</b> Selected as the Fitness Instructor of the Year in the entire UF Recreation and Wellness programs.	<b>2024</b>
<b>University of Florida Beyond120 Experiential Scholarship</b> Awarded a total of \$500 to fund additional travel and materials costs in relation to Honors Thesis / Dissertation pilot project.	<b>2023</b>
<b>University of Florida Summer Undergraduate International Research Program</b> Awarded a total of \$5000 to conduct cross-cultural and international anthropological	<b>2023</b>

research on sexual education, health, and the political economy.

**University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Scholars Program** 2023  
Awarded a total of \$3000 to conduct Anthropological research on sexual education, health, and the political economy.

**Elected to Phi Beta Kappa Society** 2023  
Elected into the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Society due to academic achievement and involvement within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List** 2022  
Achieved academic awards for the following semesters:  
Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

**KUA Dr. Gant Quarter Century Community Service Scholarship** 2021  
Awarded \$10000 in academic pursuits due to contribution of over 850 service hours in the school district of Osceola County.

**PERIOD. Menstrual Hygiene Equity Grant** 2021  
Awarded \$850 to develop a holistic hygiene product distribution campaign (Osceola Women's Wellness Project) amongst low-income students and community members in Osceola County.

**Jane Goodall Institute Certificate of Recognition** 2021  
Recognized for the organization of nine service-oriented projects in local community, including menstrual hygiene product distribution and educational art galleries.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Tampa General Hospital, Emergency Department** July 2024 – Present  
Advisor: Dr. Jason Wilson

- Conducting data analysis and collection on several research studies including sepsis analysis and pelvic pain.

**Chemical Engineering Education, University of Florida** January 2023 – April 2024  
Advisor: Dr. Sindia Rivera-Jimenez

- Exploring the Integration of Social Responsibility Themes in Engineering Education: A Mixed-Methods Study on Effectiveness and Barriers

**Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of Florida** August 2022 – April 2024  
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Strong

- The Capitalist Advantage of Abandoning Comprehensive Sexual Education: conduct cross-cultural ethnographies in Trujillo, Peru and Kissimmee, Florida to investigate the interrelations between the economy, health, and education.

**Medical Anthropology Project, University of Florida** August 2022 – August 2023  
*Research Assistant*  
Advisor: Corinne Futch

- Examine literature and conduct visual ethnographies on transgender youth happiness, flourishing, and well-being.

### **Experimental Archaeology Project, University of Florida**

#### **Research Assistant**

Advisor: Emily Bartz

**November 2021 – June 2022**

- Examine foodways and detect biomarkers in sherds and fire-tempered basins to process hickory nuts in the Early Stallings communities.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

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### **Conferences**

- Rahman, M. (2024, March 26-30). *Presentation: Embarazos Adolescentes: Avoidance and Acceptance in Huanchaco, Peru*. Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Rahman, M. (2024, February 15-18). *Presentation: Rethinking our Position: Embodiment in Ethnographies*. Association for Jotería Arts, Activism, and Scholarship National Conference. Los Angeles, California.
- Rahman, M. (2024, February 15-18). *Panel: Otro Mundo es Posible en Florida: Chisme, Strategies, and Stories of Love from the University of Florida*. Association for Jotería Arts, Activism, and Scholarship National Conference. Los Angeles, California.
- Rahman, M. (2023, November 15-19). *Poster: Selling Sexual Education*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada.
- Camus, C. E. & Rahman, M. (2023, July 21). *Presentation: Gestión de Proyectos con Enfoque de Género*. Programa de Formación de funcionarios de los Gobiernos Locales e Integrantes de las Instancia de Concertación de la Provincia de Sánchez Carrión. Perú.

### **Invited Talks**

- Jane Goodall Institute, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Leadership Summit (July 11). Grassroots Project Planning.
- Jane Goodall Institute, Washington DC, Roots & Shoots Leadership Council (April 22). Panelist for National Youth Leadership Council.

### **Journal Publications**

- Rahman, M., (2024). Chisme Realities: Histories through Positionality. *Practicing Anthropology*. (Submitted, in review)
- Rahman, M., (2024). Teen Pregnancies: Constructed Anxieties & Sexual Agency among Huanchaqueros. *Human Organization*. (Submitted, in review)
- Rahman, M., (2023). La Femina Poderosa. *Esferas NYU Undergraduate Journal* (14).
- Rahman, M. & Futch, C., (2022). Brotherhood, Male-Sexual Assault, and Homophobia. *UF Journal of Undergraduate Research* (24). <https://doi.org/10.32473/ufjur24130903>

### **Articles**

- Rahman, M., (2023). Combatting Injustice through Academia. *UF Spanish and Portuguese Studies Newsletter*.
- Rahman, M., (2022). How I Embraced Change During My First College Semester. *Forbes*.
- Rahman, M., (2021). Bring Politics to the Dinner Table. *The Gainesville Sun*.

## **AFFILIATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT**

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### **Gainesville Health and Fitness**

GroupFit Instructor

**October 2023 – July 2024**

Organize and host weekly cycle classes on behalf of the local fitness facility. Cleared in advanced dual-structured formats (i.e., Cycle x Strength).

**Recsports**

**July 2023 – July 2024**

*Group Fitness Instructor*

Organize and host weekly cycle classes on behalf of the University of Florida RecSports. Cleared in cycle, bootcamp, and movestrong (weightlifting) formats.

**Common App**

**June 2022 – June 2024**

*Student Advisory Committee*

Promote equity within the college application process for underserved individuals.

**P.K. Younge Developmental School**

**August 2023 – December 2023**

*Volunteer Spanish Instructor*

Developed four lesson plans to assist Sra. Santiago in instructing third to fifth grade students in basic Spanish linguistic and cultural skills.

**Teach for America**

**January 2022 – December 2022**

*Fellow*

Aid underprivileged students to develop better reading/comprehension skills based on self-developed curricula aligned with school/state-mandated alignments.

**Planned Parenthood**

**September 2021 – June 2022**

*Volunteer*

Develop and present educational workshops on menstrual equity and disparities in incarcerated populations.

**SDOC Risks and Benefits Management**

**May 2021 – August 2021**

*Health Promotion Intern*

Curate health promotion campaigns for the School District of Osceola County. Organize the facilitation of employee Open Enrollment and Health Benefits for over 8,000 employees.

**Jane Goodall Institute, Roots and Shoots USA**

**December 2019 – December 2021**

*National Youth Leader Council Member*

Assist other youth leaders in developing local programs to address animal, social, and environmental issues within their respective communities.

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**COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL SERVICE**

**University of Florida Office for Accessibility and Gender Equity**

Student Advisory Board, *from April 2022 to April 2024*

**University of Florida Gator Diplomats**

Executive Director, *from April 2023 to April 2024*

Outreach Coordinator, *from May 2022 to April 2023*

General Body Member, *from February 2022 to May 2022*

**University of Florida CLAS Student Council**

Communications Chair, *from April 2022 to April 2024*

General Body Member, *from September 2021 to April 2022*

**University of Florida Freshman Leadership Council**

Council member, *from September 2021 to April 2022*

**Students Taking Action Against Racism**

Agency Head, *from April 2023 to April 2024*

Vice Chair of Constant Engagement, *from June 2022 to April 2023*

Assistant Director of Programming, *from June 2021 to April 2022*

**Osceola Women's Wellness Project**

Founder and Organizer, *since April 2020 to August 2021*

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**LANGUAGES**

**English:** Native Proficiency

**Bangla:** Native Proficiency

**Spanish:** Professional Fluency, Florida Gold Biliteracy Seal

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**SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

**Athletics and Fitness Association of America:** Certified Group Fitness Instructor

**American Red Cross:** Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

**CITI Training:** Biomedical Research (Tampa General Hospital), Biomedical Investigators and Key Personnel (University of South Florida), Responsible Conduct of Research for Social and Behavioral Sciences (University of Florida), Social / Behavioral Research Investigators and Key Personnel (University of Florida)

**Microsoft:** Fluency in Microsoft Suite

**ADOBE:** Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop (Visual Design Specialist)

**CIW:** Information Technology Business Certification

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**AFFILIATIONS AND PROGRAMS**

Society for Applied Anthropology	<b>2023</b>
Society for Medical Anthropology	<b>2022</b>
American Anthropological Association	<b>2022</b>
Medical Anthropology Health Professions Education Special Interest Group, AAA	<b>2022</b>
Completion of <i>University of Florida in Peru Archaeological Field School</i>	<b>2022</b>
Completion of <i>University of Florida Global Health Institute</i>	<b>2020</b>