



Getting to know...

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I'm Binghamton raised and returned. I have a lot of pride in our community, helping it thrive, and just hit my 1-year mark of working at Binghamton University. I graduated with my bachelors in Cultural Anthropology and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources from Colorado State University in 2020.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Tell me about your job and why you love what you do?

I'm in a forward-facing role at the Bartle Library Reader Services Desk, supervising the Libraries' student employees and working with patrons to help them access the tools and resources they need to succeed professionally and academically. I also oversee Course Reserves, which is fascinating in a different way, with more technical problem-solving. We've got such a great team, I love engaging with the students that work and visit us at the desk, and helping them strengthen their capacities for understanding. Perhaps my favorite part is being a part of the Libraries -- there are many opportunities to learn from my colleagues in my own and across departments.

How did you get involved with UUP?

I come from a long line of union-strong teachers, UUP involvement was a no-brainer :) I started with the Member Organizing Drive over the summer, going around campus representing the employee perspective for prospective members to ask questions and learn more about the benefits of being part of our union. I deeply value the opportunity to connect with more colleagues across campus and be a helpful resource in movement towards strengthening our numbers and capabilities.

How do you make a difference?

I approach everything I do with a people-forward mentality. I like understanding people, their values and backgrounds, and creating inclusive spaces where others feel valued and knowledgeable. Part of that is by closing information and resource access gaps, especially through advocating. I'm willing to put in the behind the scenes work to champion success for many.

What about your community engagement; any hobbies?

I just started volunteering with the Move-Out Project on campus and stay engaged with community climate resilience building. I spend equal time outdoors exploring, being surrounded by lovely nature, and time indoors reading and playing music. I'm patiently leveling up my green thumb from the black plague of death I started at -- currently getting solidly good at house plants.