NERDC Staff Profile: Kristiina Butler

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Recently, /Update caught up with NERDC Office Manager Kristiina Butler. Butler, who's been with NERDC for just over three years, makes sure things many of us take for granted run smoothly. She is responsible for leave, purchasing preparation, and building maintenance, in addition to supervisory duties.

/Update: What are your responsibilities here at NERDC?

Butler: "I have many duties, for example, preparing requisitions, all property transactions (inventory, survey, and transfer), leave transactions, and supervising the front office staff."

/Update: What keeps you busy when you're not at work?

Butler: "Studies, golf, and house-hunting."

/Update: Where did you live before coming to Gainesville?

Butler: "St. John, Virgin Islands; before that it was Orlando, Germany and Finland. I would love to live in Finland again. Of all places in the U.S., Gainesville is my favorite."

/Update: What are you studying?

Butler: "I'm going to pursue a B.A. in linguistics. My interests are in a couple of different areas: speech pathology or translation. I'm taking one class at a time, so it's going to take me several years to get my degree. I have my transcripts from Finland so hopefully I'll find out soon that I can start as a junior. The structure of schooling in Finland is a little different. You go straight to your speciality for four years. You don't have to take general studies in college, because those are covered in high school. I have a two-year business degree and started studying German afterward, but wasn't able to finish because of the move to the U.S."
How many languages do you speak?

Butler: "Five: Finnish, English, Swedish, German, and beginning Spanish."

What were you doing when you first started here?

Butler: "I started as a clerk/typist, was there for three months then became a word processing operator for three months, then finally, office manager."

What's the best part about working here at NERDC?

Butler: "Working with a great staff with great personalities. Also, the variety. My days are very different. I enjoy working in an environment where the possibilities to learn are endless, where I can work and be able to study and finish my degree."

Thank you!

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