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Meet your ROME Site Director!



Name: Audrey Owensby

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

Year graduated: 2018

Major/Minor: Psychology with minors in Spanish and Women's and Gender Studies

Things I enjoy doing:

- Traveling
- Hiking/being in nature
- Reading fiction
- Scrapbooking
- Listening to podcasts
- Going to the beach

Why did I want to be a Site Director?

• My own study abroad experiences and experience working in CofC's study abroad office led to my desire to become a Site Director. While studying abroad in Spain, one of the most positive aspects of my program was the staff on site. They were so friendly and always went above and beyond to help us adjust into Spanish life. I learned how integral this role is in ensuring the success and happiness of the participants and wanted to provide this resource for other students. Working in CofC's study abroad office, I saw how fun and inspiring it is helping students fulfill their dreams of studying abroad. I want to use my travel and study abroad experience to support students in the life-changing semester in Rome.

Things I did in college to prepare myself for the Site Director position:

- Peer Advisor in the Center for International Education
- Cougar Excursion Peer Facilitator
- Spanish Tutor
- Charleston 40 Tour Guide
- Vice President of Social Standards for Delta Gamma
- Studied abroad three times!

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Specific study abroad experiences I have had:

- CofC Women's and Gender Studies program in Germany, Austria, and Italy (Summer 2015)
- CofC Psychology program in Cambodia and Vietnam (Summer 2016)
- Semester in Alicante, Spain through USAC (Spring 2017)

What I am most excited about regarding iCharleston 2019:

- I'm excited to get to know the students and the staff at the American University of Rome! I'm also excited for the opportunity to live in Italy and explore the surrounding areas. I have previously lived in Spain for a semester, so I'm looking forward to seeing the differences and similarities in cultures.

Favorite memory as a CofC student:

- The graduation ceremony is by far my favorite memory. It is very traditional and takes place in the beautiful Cistern yard. It is something that students at CofC look forward to for 4 years. So, to be actually sitting on the stage with my family, friends, and professors in the audience was a surreal moment for me. And of course all of my study abroad experiences!