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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Clemson University, 2003

Major: Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, emphasis Recreation Resource Management

Dissertation Topic: The Environmental Perceptions of Whitewater Kayakers.

Committee: Dr. Rob Bixler (Chair), Dr. Fran McGuire, Dr. Bill Norman, Dr. Dewyane Moore

Master's of Recreation Administration: Georgia Southern University, 1996

Major: Recreation Administration

Advisors: Dr. Henry Eisenhart, Dr. Larry Mutter

Bachelor of Science: Georgia Southern University, 1994

Major: Biology

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2002- Present

East Tennessee State University:

Department of Physical Education, Exercise and Sport Science
Assistant Professor and Graduate Faculty

Oversight of Park and Recreation Management Concentration within Sport and Leisure Management Major.

Serve as the academic advisor for all undergraduate students majoring in Park and Recreation Management.

Serve on various university and departmental committees.

Faculty Senate 2004-2007

Buccaneer Outdoor Recreation Club Advisor 2002-present

College of Education Technology Committee

Teacher of Record

SALM 3100	Introduction to Leisure Services	Fall 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
SALM 3105	Leadership and Programming of Leisure Services	Spring 2003, Fall 2004
SALM 3110	Interpretation of Cultural and Natural Resources	Spring 2003, 2005
SALM 3117	Recreation for Special Populations	Fall 2002, Spring 2004, Fall 2005
SALM 3120	Outdoor Recreation Skills	Fall 2002, Fall 2004
SALM 3130	Natural Resource Management	Fall 2003, Spring 2005
SALM 3135	Administration of Leisure Services	Spring 2003, 2004
SALM 3220	Facility Planning & Event Management	Fall 2005
SALM 4107/5107	Alpine Tower Leadership	Fall 2003, Fall 2005
SALM 4127	Rocky Mountain Experience	Summer 2003
SALM 4956	Managing Park Services (Cumberland Island)	Summer 2005
SALM 4215	Social Psychology of Sport and Leisure	Spring 2005, Summer 2005
SALM 3115	Wilderness First Responder	Summer 2004
SALM 3210/3211	Practica	Every Semester
SALM 4250	Internship in SALM	Every Semester
PEXS 5900	Behavioral Aspects of Outdoor Recreation (Directed independent study)	Spring 2004

1999- 2002

Clemson University

Graduate and Research Assistant

Teacher of Record

PRTM 309	Behavioral Aspects of Leisure	Spring 2001
	Topics included social psychological aspects of leisure behavior.	
	<i>Responsibilities included:</i> syllabus and class development, lecture preparation, exam construction and performance evaluation.	

Courses Co-Taught

PRTM 390	Initiatives for Change	Spring 2000
	Topics included group initiatives; group needs assessments as well as program construction, delivery and management.	
	<i>Responsibilities included:</i> lecturing, content development and student evaluations.	

Research

Research Associate: National Recreation Use Monitoring Project, United States Forest Service, South Carolina. Rob Bixler Ph.D., principle investigator.

Grant USFS (\$84,000), October 2001-September 2002

Responsibilities include: project management, recruiting, training, and coordinating research assistants, completing required bi-monthly and monthly reports as required by the USFS.

Research Assistant: Assessment of Conditions and Public Attitudes Concerning Marine Sanitation of the Lakes Encompassed by the Savannah River Watershed: Policy projections for the future. Kenneth Backman Ph.D., principle investigator.

Grant: (\$22,000) South Carolina Water Resources Institute. June 2000-December 2000

Responsibilities included: Survey development, data collection, and data analysis.

Research Assistant: Cognitive Dimensions of Wilderness Privacy, William E. Hammitt, Ph.D.

Responsibilities included: Literature review and data analysis.

Un-funded Research Project: Environmental Preference of Whitewater Boaters at Tallulah Gorge State Park, GA. Fall 2000.

Responsibilities included: All aspects of the research project, i.e. instrument development, data collection, data analysis, report completion and presentation.

1994-1996 Georgia Southern University, Graduate and Research Assistant

Research Assistant: Georgia Southern University; Dr. Oh.

Grant: Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Resident Participation in Freshwater and Saltwater Sport Fishing in Georgia.

Responsibilities included: recruiting, training and coordinating research assistants, data collection and analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

Davis, T. J., Hedrick, D. (2004). Stock car racing. Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure, Charles Scribner's Sons.

Davis, T. J., Coates, T. (October 2003). Supporting natural resource management through service learning. Conference Papers Online.

Hammit, W. E., Backman, K. F., & **Davis, T. J.** (2001). Cognitive dimensions of wilderness privacy: An 18-year trend comparison. Leisure Sciences, 23, 4. 285-292

PRESENTATIONS

Davis, T. J. (Oct 2005). Assessing Whitewater Kayakers Motivations in the Southeastern United States. International Conference of Outdoor Recreation Educators, Buffalo, New York.

Davis, T. J. (Feb 2005). A comparison of whitewater kayakers across rivers. SERR poster Presentation. Savannah, Georgia.

Davis, T. J., Coates, T. (October 2003). Supporting natural resource management through service learning. National Recreation and Park Association Congress. St. Louis, Missouri.

Davis, T. J., Backman, K. F., Walker, J. T. (2001). Perceptions of Water Quality in the Five Lake Savannah Watershed Region. Paper presented at the Southeastern Recreation Research Conference; Asheville, NC.

Walker, J. T., **Davis, T. J.,** & Backman, K. F. (2001). Exploring the Effect of Trip Distance on Boater's Perception of Water Quality. Paper presented at the Southeastern Recreation Research Conference; Asheville, NC.

Davis, T. J., Backman, K.F., & Walker, J.T (2001). Perceptions of Water Quality in the Five Lake Savannah Watershed Region. Poster Session at the Graduate Student Research Forum; Clemson SC: Presented at Annual Catfish and Grits Dinner for the state legislatures.

Davis, T. J. (2001). Environmental Preference of Whitewater Boaters at Tallulah Gorge State Park, Georgia. Poster Session at the Graduate Student Research Forum; Clemson SC.

Walker, J. T., **Davis, T. J.,** & Backman, K. F. (2001). Exploring the Effect of Trip Distance on Boater's Perception of Water Quality. Poster Session at the Graduate Student Research Forum; Clemson SC.

Davis, T. J., Hammit, W.E., & Martin, B. (2000). Charleston Harbor: Recreation Attitude Study. Paper presented at the Southeastern Recreation Research Conference; Charleston, SC.

Davis, T. J., Smith, D., Eisenhart, H., & Oh, I. (1995). Resident Participation in Freshwater and Saltwater Sport Fishing in Georgia. Paper presented at the Southeastern Recreation Research Conference; Chattanooga TN.

Guest Lecturer

- PRTM 101 Concepts of Leisure Fall 2000
Topics presented include: “Morale Welfare and Recreation, (MWR) overview.”
- PRTM 205 Program and Event Management – Summer 2000
Topics presented include: “Outdoor Recreation Programming”, “MWR programming issues.”

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Southeastern Recreation Research Conference	1995, 2000, 2001, 2005
Doctoral Student Teaching Seminar, Clemson University, Clemson, SC	1999-2002
Graduate Student Research Seminar, Clemson University, Clemson, SC	1999-2002
National Recreation and Park Association Congress, Kansas City, MO	1996
Community and Family Support Center Recreation Managers Course, United States Army Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR)	1996
Clemson University Graduate Student Research Forum, Clemson, SC	2001
National Recreation and Park Association Congress, Denver, CO	2001
National Recreation and Park Association Congress, Tampa, FL	2002
National Recreation and Park Association Congress, St. Louis, MO	2003
National Recreation and Park Association Congress, Reno, NV	2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

June 1999	United States Army, Recreation Specialist.
February 1998	Manager of three areas in the recreation division at Fort Carson Colorado. These areas include the Alpine Tower challenge/ropes course, The Penrose House Retreat/Conference Center and, Camp Falcon camping area on Fort Carson. My duties included every aspect of management from marketing, budget preparation and execution, to training and facilitation of the ropes course.

- February 1998
May 1996
- United States Army, Non-Appropriated Fund Management Trainee.
Primarily provided outdoor recreation opportunities for active duty soldiers, dependents, and Department of Defense employees. These activities ranged from rock climbing to white water rafting. Duties also included facilitation of an Alpine Tower challenge/ropes course. I was also responsible for the management of the Outdoor Recreation Complex. This involved the direct oversight of an Equipment Rental Center, Retail Store, R.V. Storage lot, and Park to include miniature golf, batting cages, go-cart track, and skate board ramp.
- January 1996-
April 1996
- Cumberland Island National Seashore.
Worked as an interpretive ranger and also in visitor services. Handled every aspect of visitor orientation, education and safety while on the island.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Wilderness First Responder (SOLO) 2003-2006
- Member of the National Recreation and Parks Association 1995-1999, 2001-present
- Member of the American Whitewater Association, 1999-present
- Lead Facilitator, Clemson University Team Ventures (1999-2002)
- Facilitator Instructor, Clemson University Team Ventures (2000-2002)
- Project Wild certified
- Certified whitewater raft guide, Colorado
- Certified swiftwater rescuer (Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center) 1996

Research Interests

- Human behavior in natural recreation settings
- Environmental cognition in outdoor recreation settings.
- Socialization in the adoption of a recreation activity.
- Use of challenge courses as a means of fostering environmental awareness.