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ACADEMIC SUMMARY:

Degree	University	Date	Degree
B.S.	Radford University Radford, VA	1982	Recreation and Leisure Services Minor: Business Management
M.S.	Radford University Radford, VA	1988	Recreation and Leisure Services
Ed.D.	Temple University Philadelphia, PA	1999	Sport and Recreation Management

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Undergraduate courses taught at Frostburg State University:

RECR 100 Diversity in the American Culture
RECR 221 Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation
RECR 321 Theories and Concepts in Therapeutic Recreation
RECR 380 Recreation Leadership
RECR 382 Program Planning
RECR 388 Research in Recreation
RECR 421 Program Design and Evaluation in Therapeutic Recreation
RECR 440 Organization and Administration
RECR 491 Senior Seminar

2. Internship related course work:

RECR 492 Internship Project
RECR 495 Internship in Recreation

3. Graduate courses taught at Frostburg State University:

RECR 611 Foundations and Concepts in PRRM
RECR 654 Developing Promotional Information Systems in PRRM
RECR 681 Research Methods in PRRM
RECR 682 Evaluation and Statistics
RECR 683 Thesis Preparation
RECR 700 Thesis

PRESENTATIONS:

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference, November 2007; Ashville, NC, “An Exploratory Case Study of the Outcomes of the Teens Outside Initiative” and “Civic Engagement through Service Learning Across the Curriculum”.

National Recreation and Park Association, SPRE Conference, “Breaking the Term Paper Blues”, Jan 2007, Clemson, SC.

United States Coast Guard Expo, “The 4 R’s – Recruitment, Retention, Readiness, and Recreation”, 2006, Louisville, KY

Maryland Recreation and Park Association mid-year training, “Successful Internships-How Every Body Wins”, 2006, Wisp, MD.

Maryland Recreation and Park Association annual conference, “Interns: now that they are here what do I do?”, 2004 Ocean City, MD.

Maryland Recreation and Park Association, annual conference, “Create a win-win with internships”, 2003, Ocean City, MD.

5th Annual Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trends Symposium, “Adventure Recreation Credentialing”, 2000, Lansing, MI.

National Recreation and Park Association, Research Symposium, ”Certification and accreditation programs in national adventure recreation organizations: A grounded theory analysis”, 1999, Nashville, TN.

U.S. Army, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers International Training, “Trends in recreation”, 1999, Leesburg, VA.

National Recreation and Parks Association, Professional Training Institute, “Trends in recreation”, 1997, Salt Lake City, UT.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

National Recreation and Park Association

Maryland Recreation and Park Association

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Maryland Recreation and Park Association conference committee, education committee: coordinated 5 educational sessions, CEU forms, session hosts, and moderators, 2006, and 2005, Ocean City, MD

Maryland Recreation and Park Association conference committee: student mentor program:

- 2005 coordinated 50 mentors for students from 3 different universities
- 2004 coordinated 25 mentors for students from 3 different universities
- 2003 assisted with coordinating 3 mentors for students from 3 different institutions

National and Park Association volunteer for Congress:

- 2014 Charlotte, NC Room Host for 15 hours
- 2012 Atlanta, GA Room Host for 15 hours

PUBLICATIONS:

2010- Contributing author to introduction to recreation text. Wrote the chapter on program planning.

2009 – “Applied Research and Evaluation in Parks and Recreation” Human Kinetics

2006 – Parks and Recreation Magazine, “How to create a once in a life time experience”; co-authored with Gail Hahn.

2006 – “Dancing through Life: Guts, Grace and Gusto”; Story contributed “It’s Just Hair”.

2005 - Maryland Recreation and Park Association publication: Here in the mirror with you: A reflection on the impacts others have had on the lives of Park and Recreation professionals and volunteers. Three short stories submitted and published.

2004 – Kentucky Parks and Recreation Association: co-authored with Dr. Steve Grimes: “The role of agency accreditation and professional certification in the promotion of safety and the reduction of liability in recreation settings”.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Recreation and Park Association, CPRP Examination Committee, 2009-present.

National Recreation and Park Association, CPRP Committee, 2009-present.

National Recreation and Park Association, CAPRA Visitor. Visits conducted in July 2006 – City of Kettering Parks and Recreation Kettering, OH; 2004 Montgomery County Recreation Department, Silver Spring, MD; and 2004 Mammouth Park and Recreation Department, New Jersey.

National Recreation and Park Association, “Step Up To Health – It begins in the Park” program. Working with the organization to develop an assessment plan for this national initiative, 2006.

City of Frostburg, Recreation Commissioner, service focuses on assisting in developing recreational programs and services for the town, 2004-2006.

Maryland Recreation and Park Association Strategic Plan Task force. Conducted a survey of 500 recreation employees within the state of Maryland, Completed quantitative and qualitative data analysis, and generated a findings report. Working to synthesis individual query and departmental query data for final report and recommendations for the board of directors and a presentation at the state conference 2004.

Maryland Recreation and Park Association Conference Committee – evaluations analyzed and generated a conference report based on over-all conference evaluations and individual session evaluations, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE SUMMARY:

Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Association Professor Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD, 1999 to present.

Assistant Recreation Programmer, South Run Recreation Center, Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax, VA, 9/97-5/98.

Assistant Director of Outdoor Recreation – Fort Belvoir, VA, 1992-1994.

Boy Scout District Executive – Fairfax County and City of Alexandria, VA, 1990-1992.

Recreation Specialist – Outdoor recreation and recreation centers, Department of the Army, Germany, 1989-1990.

Director of Recreation Centers, Frankfurt, Germany, 1985-1988.

HONORS:

2010 MRPA Research Award for Research publication

2006 Academic Achievement Award for Teaching from Frostburg State University

2006 Faculty Service Learning Award from Frostburg State University

2003 – Member of “The Committee of the Year” for Maryland Recreation and Park Association, Conference Committee.