

CURRICULUM VITA

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 1994 The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA 16801
PhD in Recreation and Parks
Minor in Psychology
Dissertation Title: The experience of leisure constraints by families who have children with physical disabilities
- 1990 Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA 30460
Master of Recreation Administration
Thesis Title: The effects of a horseback riding program on the behavior of children and adolescent psychiatric clients
- 1987 Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, GA 30460
Bachelor of Science in Recreation
Emphasis Area: Therapeutic Recreation
- 1983 FAYETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30214

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, #19105
Licensed Massage Therapist, State of Tennessee, #4269.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Professor, August 2008 - Present
Associate Professor, August 2002 –July 2008
Department of Health and Human Performance, Box 96
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Responsibilities include teaching in the undergraduate and graduate Recreation and Leisure Services core area, advising students, supervising field study and internship experiences, chairing and serving on thesis and dissertation committees, coordinating the Recreational Therapy specialization and clinical contracts, conducting research, serving on departmental and university committees, sponsoring student organizations, and continuing professional development. During this time period, I have also served as the Coordinator for the Recreation and Leisure Services program (Jan. 2003 – Aug. 2005), completed the 10 year review for NRPA/AALR program accreditation (2003-2004), serve as the program area graduate coordinator (2005, 2007 –

present), co-coordinated the RLS program area (2007 – 2008), and represent the Health and Human Performance Department on faculty Senate (Summer 2007 – present).

Assistant Professor, August 1999 - 2002

Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety, Box 96
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Responsibilities included undergraduate and graduate teaching in both general and recreational therapy, supervising student fieldwork and internship experiences, advising, coordinating the Recreational Therapy specialization and clinical contracts; conducting research; and completing departmental and university service.

Assistant Professor, January 1997 – August 1999

Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Responsibilities included teaching, research, and service; revision of and implementation of the Therapeutic Recreation track; initiation and negotiation of clinical contracts; supervision of internships; provision of advisement in relation to the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) standards; development of minor specialization in Therapeutic Riding.

Assistant Professor, August 1994 – December 1996

Department of Exercise Science and Leisure Management
The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

Responsibilities included undergraduate and graduate teaching, research, service on masters comprehensive exam committees and doctoral dissertation committees, service on university and departmental committees; development, revision and implementation of therapeutic recreation courses; undergraduate student advising; supervision of student internships.

Assistant Professor, August 1992 – August 1994

Department of Recreation and Leisure Services
Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia

Responsibilities included undergraduate teaching in the core and therapeutic recreation areas, research, service on university and departmental committees, and undergraduate student advising.

Summer Sessions “Diversions” Coordinator, January 1990 – June 1991

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

Responsible for coordinating summer leisure activities, processing Summer Minority Scholar applications, and performing clerical duties.

Graduate Assistant, August 1990 – June 1992

School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Recreation Management; Leisure Studies Program
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

Recipient of a grant award to work on a doctoral degree in Recreation and Parks/Leisure Studies. Responsibilities included working on team research projects and gaining teaching experience. As a part of the psychology minor, also worked for one year on a national level grant project providing therapeutic interventions for children at risk for or diagnosed with conduct disorder. Responsibilities included implementation of parent training and family activities for building positive interactions between parents and children.

Graduate Assistant, September 1988 – June 1990

Department of Recreation and Leisure Services
Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia

Responsibilities included teaching, performing administrative tasks, assisting with departmental computers (set up and software instruction), and assisting with various faculty grants and projects. Project Coordinator on a National Kidney Foundation grant, which focused on rural community resourcing.

Activity Therapist, July 1987 – September 1988

Charter Hospital of Augusta, Augusta, Georgia

Responsible for record keeping, charting, and assessments on the Child Unit. Member of an inter-disciplinary team. Planned and implemented specialized therapeutic and diversionary programs for child and adolescent psychiatric clients. Member of hospital Policy and Procedure Committee.

TEACHING

In my academic career, I have consistently taught and continue to instruct undergraduate and graduate courses in the core and Recreation Therapy areas. I teach course loads ranging from 2/2 to 4/4 courses per semester, accounting for approximately 65 to 80 percent of my typical semester workload. I consistently receive excellent teaching evaluations from students at each university, scoring in the top 1/3 to 1/4 of all departmental faculty. At each university at which I have taught, I have been fortunate to receive recognition of my teaching efforts, including recognition from various student groups and a university teaching award in 2003. Following is a listing of the courses I have taught/teach.

Undergraduate Core Courses

Introduction to Recreation and Leisure Services (majors)

Leisure in Contemporary Society (non majors)

Dynamics of Recreation Leadership

Program Planning in Recreation and Leisure

Camp Leadership

Recreation for Persons with Disabilities

Challenge Course Facilitation

Independent Study in Recreation and Leisure Services

Pre-Internship Seminar

Fieldwork in Recreation and Leisure Services

Internship in Leisure Management

Undergraduate Therapeutic Recreation Courses

Principles of Therapeutic Recreation (Introduction)
Therapeutic Recreation Program Management
Advanced Methods in Therapeutic Recreation
Principles of Therapeutic Riding
Practicum in Therapeutic Riding
Independent Study in Therapeutic Recreation
Internship in Therapeutic Recreation

Undergraduate/Graduate Therapeutic Recreation Courses

Recreation for Persons with Disabilities
Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation
Processes of Therapeutic Recreation
Recreational Therapy Techniques
Transitional and Community Recreational Therapy
Recreational Therapy in Clinical Settings
Current Trends in Therapeutic Recreation

Graduate Courses

History and Philosophy of Recreation and Leisure
Issues, Trends, and Research in Recreation and Leisure
Behavioral Concepts in Recreation and Leisure
Thesis and Dissertation Research
Independent Study
Internship

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

PUBLICATIONS

TYPE: Refereed Journal Articles

Perry, T.L., Ivy, M.I., Conner, A., & Shelar, D. (2008). Student attitudes toward persons with disabilities: Considerations for future service delivery. *Journal of Hospitality, Leisure, Sports, and Tourism Education*, 7(2), 4-14.

Cunningham, P. C., Frauman, E., Ivy, M. I., & Perry, T. L. (2004). Leisure and money ethics among students majoring in Leisure Services, Education, & Business. *Schole*, 19, 65-72.

Kozub, F. M., Sherblom, P., & Perry, T. L. (1999). Inclusion paradigms and perspectives: Stepping stones to accepting learner diversity in physical education. *Quest*, 51(4), 346-354.

Smith, R. W., Perry, T. L., Neumayer, R. J., Potter, J.S., & Smeal, T. M. (1992). Interprofessional perceptions between therapeutic recreation and occupational therapy practitioners: Barriers to effective inter-disciplinary team functioning. *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 26(4), 31-42.

Perry, T. L., & Miko, P. S. (1991). Horseback riding for children and adolescents in a residential psychiatric setting. *The Journal of Recreation and Leisure, 11*(1), 114-120.

TYPE: Current Research

Articles in Press

Holbrook, E.A., Caputo, J.L., Perry, T.L., Fuller, D.K., & Morgan, D.W. Physical activity, body composition, and perceived quality of life in adults with visual impairment. *Journal of Blindness and Visual Impairment*. In press.

Tang, T.L., Cunningham, P.H., Frauman, E., Ivy, M.I., & Perry, T.L. Attitudes and occupational commitment among public personnel: Differences between baby boomers and gen-xers. *Public Personnel Management*. In press.

Articles Submitted

Cunningham, P.H., Thomas, T.L., Frauman, E., Ivy, M.I., & Perry, T.L. Leisure ethic, money ethic, and occupational commitment in the public sector: Does gender make a difference? Submitted to *Public Personnel Management*, February 2009. In review.

Articles in progress

Ivy, M., Caudill, K., & Perry, T.L. Who says the neighbors get the most benefits? Assessing a non-linear relationship between residential property values and distance from a greenway trail. To be submitted to *Environment and Planning*.

Ivy, M.I., Mowen, A.J., Caputo, J., Perry, T.L., & Farley, R. A macro assessment of how trail facilities and policies are related to physical activity and health in Tennessee. Revise and resubmit.

Lynch, J., Perry, T.L., Shelar, V.D., & Weatherby, N. Disability, leisure involvement, and quality of life. Writing stage for submission to *JUPTRR* or *Idyll Arbor Recreational Therapy Journal*.

Perry, T.L., Ivy, M.I. & Conner, A. Recreation therapy majors' attitudes toward persons with disability. Article will be submitted to a *Recreational Therapy* outlet.

TYPE: Refereed Conference Proceedings

Holbrook, E.A., Caputo, J.L., Perry, T.L., Fuller, D.K., & Morgan, D.W. (2008, May) Physical activity, body composition, and perceived quality of life in adults with visual impairment. American College of Sports Medicine Conference Proceedings.

Cunningham, P., Frauman, E., Ivy, M., Perry, T., & Tang, T. (2006, October). Money ethic and occupational commitment among park and recreation professionals. National Recreation and Parks Association Congress, Leisure Research Symposium, National Recreation and Parks Association National Congress.

Cunningham, P. C., Frauman, E., Ivy, M. I., Perry, T. L. & Shelar, V. D. (2003, October). Leisure and Money: Ethics among students majoring in Leisure Education Services, Education, & Business. Leisure Research Symposium, National Recreation and Parks Association National Congress.

Brady, H. A. & Perry, T. L. (1999, June). A transdisciplinary approach to therapeutic riding. In *Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society: Proceedings of the Sixteenth Equine Nutrition and Physiology Symposium*, 220.

Perry, T. L. (1995, October). The experience of leisure constraints by families with children with physical disabilities. In *Abstracts from the Symposium of Leisure Research*, National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference, 111.

TYPE: Non-Refereed Publications

Pruett, M., Caputo, J., & Perry, T.L. (2008, July). Facilitating physical activity in children. *Parks and Recreation Magazine, Research Update*, 24 – 27.

Cunningham, P., Shelar, V., & Perry, T. (2007, June). Tangled in the web. *Parks & Recreation Magazine*,

Perry, T. L., & Pitner, V. (2000, August). Meaningful marketing. *Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Journal*, 2nd issue, 6.

TYPE: Technical Reports

Ivy, M.I., Caputo, J., Farley, R., & Perry, T.L. (2006, April). Tennessee healthy living index. Grant report prepared for the Tennessee Department of Health, Community Services Section. 239 pages.

TYPE: Grants

2005 Caputo, J, Farley, R, & Perry, T. L. (Submitted 2005, December). Addendum to the Tennessee Healthy Living Index. Requested by and submitted to the Tennessee Department of Health. \$30,000. Not funded

2005 Ivy, M. I., Caputo, J., Perry, T., & Farley, R. *Creating a Healthy Living Index for Counties and Urban areas in Tennessee*. Tennessee Department of Health. **Funded \$107,000**

2004 Caputo, J., Farley, R., Ivy, M., & Perry, T. *Opportunities for and environmental barriers to physical activity in Rutherford County, Tennessee*. Submitted to Active Living Research. \$600,000. Not funded

2003 Ivy, M. I., Caputo, J., Perry, T., & Farley, R. *Creating a Healthy Living Index for Counties and Urban areas in Tennessee*. Tennessee Department of Health. **Funded \$50,000**

2002 Ivy, M., Perry, T. L., & Frauman, E. *The leisure and money ethics of recreation and leisure professionals*. Submitted to the Middle Tennessee State University Faculty Creative Activities and Research Grant Fund. **Funded \$1,500**

2001 Kozub, F. M., & Perry, T. L. (co-researchers). *Project Authentic Learning in Physical*

Education. Submitted to the Department of Education, \$91,414.14. Not funded

1999 Shelar, V. D., & Perry, T. L. *The Leisure Link: A focus on persons with disabilities in Murfreesboro*. Submitted to the Middle Tennessee State University Continuing Education Department, Public Service Grants. **Funded \$1,500**

1999 Brady, A., & Perry, T. L. *The Texas Tech University Therapeutic Riding Program*. Submitted to the Ronald McDonald Foundation. **Funded \$3,000**

1998 Perry, T. L., Kozub, F. M., & Sherblom, P. *Project NEED: Therapeutic Recreation Assessment in the Public School System*. Submitted to the Texas Tech University College of Arts and Sciences Research Enhancement Grant. Not funded

1997 McMillan, J., Stuyt, J., & Perry, T. L. *Recreation Needs Assessment*. Part of a larger grant submitted by the Lubbock United Neighborhood Association to the Reader's Digest Foundation. Not funded

1995 Perry, T. L. *Assistive Technology*. Submitted to the University of Mississippi Teaching Enhancement Fund. **Funded \$500**

PRESENTATIONS

TYPE: Refereed International Presentations

Tang, T.I., Cunningham, P.H., Frauman, E., Ivy, M.I., & Perry, T.L. (2007, September). *Is the love of money related to occupational commitment? Differences between baby boomers and gen-xers*. Research poster presentation at the International Association for Research in Economic Psychology Conference. Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Perry, T. L., Ivy, M., & Conner, A. (2005, October). *Student attitudes toward people with disability*. Research paper presented at the Active Leisure for Citizens with Disabilities Conference. Alberta, Canada.

Brady, A., & Perry, T. L. (1999, June). *A transdisciplinary approach to therapeutic riding*. Presented at the biannual Equine Nutrition and Physiology Society Conference. Raleigh, North Carolina.

TYPE: Refereed National Presentations

Holbrook, E.A., Caputo, J.L., Fuller, D.K., Perry, T.L., & Morgan, D.W. (2008, May). *Physical activity, body composition, and perceived quality of life in adults with visual impairment*. Presented at the ACSM Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Ivy, M.I., Mowen, A.J., Caputo, J., Perry, T.L., & Farley, R. (2008, April). *The relationship between multi-use recreation trails, trail policies and county-level leisure time physical activity in Tennessee*. Presented at the Active Living Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

Perry, T.L., & Shelar, V. D. (2007). *Opportunities and challenges in cyberspace: Considering persons with disabilities*. Presented at the National Parks and Recreation Association Annual Congress, Indianapolis, IN.

Ivy, M. I., Caputo, J., Farley, R., & Perry, T.L. (2007). *Examining the building blocks for healthy living in Tennessee: Assessing county level infrastructure*. Presented at the National Recreation and Parks association Health and Livability Summit, Atlanta, GA.

Shelar, V.D., Perry, T.L., & Draude, B. (2006, October). *Can we get there from here?: Accessibility issues in Cyberspace*. Presented at the National Recreation and Parks Association annual conference, Seattle, WA.

Cunningham, P., Frauman, E., Ivy, M., Perry, T., & Tang, T. (2006, October). *Money ethic and occupational commitment among park and recreation professionals*. Research presentation for the National Recreation and Parks Association Congress, Leisure Research Symposium. Seattle, WA.

Tang, T., Cunningham, P., Frauman, E., Ivy, M., & Perry, T. L. (2005, August). *Occupational commitment, leisure ethic, money ethic, tenure, and gender: Recreation professionals*. Research presentation to the Academy of Organization Management Annual meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Perry, T. L., & Ivy, M. (2004). *Student attitudes toward persons with disability*. NIRI (Research Section), Austin, TX.

Cunningham, P. C., Frauman, E., Ivy, M. I., Perry, T. L. & Shelar, V. D. (October, 2003). *Leisure and Money: Ethics among students majoring in Leisure Education Services, Education, & Business*. Leisure Research Symposium, National Recreation and Parks Association National Congress. St. Louis, Missouri.

Perry, T. L., & Ivy, M. (2003, May). *Accessibility and usability issues in recreation resource planning and provision*. Presented at the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners Annual Conference. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Perry, T. L., & Ivy, M. (2002, May). *Accommodating persons with disability: Attitude is the first step*. Presented at the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners Annual Conference. Boise, Idaho.

Shelar, D. & Perry, T. L. (1997, September). *When you talk about inclusion: Include me*. Panel presentation at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference. Nashville, Tennessee.

Perry, T. L., & Conn, L. (1997, September). *Equine therapy: Meeting the horse on a new level*. Co-presenter at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference. Nashville, Tennessee.

Perry, T. L. (1995, October). *The experience of leisure constraints by families who have children with physical disabilities*. Presented at the National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Congress, Leisure Research Symposium, Family and Leisure section. San Antonio, Texas.

TYPE: Refereed Regional Presentations

Perry, T.L., Shelar, V.D., Thorup, S., & Voorhees, P. (2002, April). *Accessibility in a computer-enhanced and on-line course delivery environment*. Presented at the Mid-South Instructional Technology Conference. Murfreesboro, TN.

TYPE: State Presentations

Perry, T. L. (2002, November). *The value of recreation and parks for people*. Presented at the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Annual State Conference. Franklin, TN.

Perry, T. L., & Conn, L. (1997, December). *Beyond horsing around: Therapeutic riding as a therapeutic recreation tool*. Presented at the Texas Alliance of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Annual Conference. Fort Worth, Texas.

TYPE: University Research Symposia

Pruett, M., Caputo, J., & Perry, T. (2008, April). *Facilitating physical activity in children*. Presented at the Middle Tennessee State University Research Symposium. Murfreesboro, TN.

Cunningham, P., Frauman, E., Ivy, M., Perry, T., & Shelar, V. (2002, April). *Leisure and money ethics of students majoring in Business Administration, Education, and Recreation and Leisure Services*. Presented at the Middle Tennessee State University Research Symposium. Murfreesboro, TN.

TYPE: Invited Presentations

Perry, T.L. (2006, November). *Research in Recreation Therapy*. Presented panel presentation for the Tennessee Recreation Therapy Association District Workshop. Murfreesboro, TN.

Shelar, V.D., & Perry, T.L. (2006, October). *Recreation therapy*. Presented at the Tennessee State Department of Education Symposium for Health Science Teachers. Nashville, TN.

Perry, T. L. (2005, June). *Beyond bowling: Recreation for persons who are blind*. Presented at Texas Focus. Austin, Texas.

Perry, T. L. (2002, April). *What is the value of recreation and parks (following September 11th)*. Presented at the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Central District Workshop. Murfreesboro, TN.

Perry, T. L. (2000, September). *Power and influence*. Presented at the 4th Leadership Development Institute, Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association. Fall Creek Falls, TN.

Perry, T. L. (2000, May). *Beyond rehab: The community includes you and me*. Presented at the Tennessee Recreation Therapy Association Workshop. Franklin, TN.

Perry, T. L. (1999, February). *The team approach to overcoming barriers to Parkinsonism: The role of Recreational Therapy*. Presented at the West Texas Parkinson Society Educational Symposium. Lubbock, Texas.

Perry, T. L. (1998, July). *Making choices*. Keynote presentation for the Americans with

Disabilities Act Awareness Day. Lubbock, Texas.

Perry, T. L. (1998, May). *Lifelong learning: A continuous process*. Presented at the American Council of the Blind State Conference. Lubbock, Texas.

Perry, T. L. (1998, October). *WORK*. Keynote speaker for the Department of Mental Retardation Supportive Employment Awards Day Ceremony. Lubbock, Texas.

Perry, T. L. (1997, October). *Laughing through life: Humanity through humor*. Presented at the Region 17 Annual Wellness Conference. Lubbock, Texas.

Perry, T. L. (1996, October). *Inclusive leisure services for persons with developmental disabilities*. Presented at the Developmental Disabilities Council Workshop, sponsored by the University of Mississippi, School of Education. University, Mississippi.

Perry, T. L. (1994, April). *Professional perceptions of therapeutic recreation*. Presented at the Therapeutic Recreation Symposium, sponsored through the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Therapeutic Recreation Section. Unicoi, Georgia.

Williams, R., & Perry, T. L. (1993, June). *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) workshop*. Panel Presentation. Georgia Southern University, Continuing Education. Statesboro, Georgia.

Perry, T. L. (1992, October). *Content analysis: Utilizing existing documentation in clinical settings*. Presented at the Practitioner Research Conference, sponsored by Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Society (PTRS) and Williamsport Rehabilitation Hospital. State College, Pennsylvania.

Smith, R. W., & Perry, T. L. (1992, October). *Interprofessional perceptions between therapeutic recreation and occupational therapy practitioners: Barriers to effective inter-disciplinary team functioning*. Presented at the Practitioner Research Conference, sponsored by Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Society (PTRS) and Williamsport Rehabilitation Hospital. State College, Pennsylvania.

TYPE: Editorial Positions

2008 – present, Associate Editor, Journal of Unconventional Park, Tourism, and Recreation Research

2007 – 2009, Associate Editor, Annual in Therapeutic Recreation, American Therapeutic Recreation Association

2005 – present, Editorial Board, LarNet

TYPE: Thesis and Dissertation Committees: Numerical Summary

Middle Tennessee State University

- Dissertation Chair: 1
- Thesis Chair: 2
- Thesis Committee Member: 7
- MS Research Project Supervisor: 3

Texas Tech University

- Thesis Committee Member: 1
- Undergraduate Thesis Committee Chair/Member: 2

University of Mississippi

- Dissertation Committee Member: 2

Public Service

Contributions to public service include the development and implementation of recreation-based programs for differing community agencies, service outcomes/products of research activities, multiple guest lectures in various university courses in diverse disciplines, service on five boards, guest lectures at schools and community events, and volunteer experiences.

Below is a listing of newly initiated community service projects, examples of programs provided as a service to community agencies, community presentations, and advisory board memberships.

TYPE: New Community Service Projects

- Pursuing a continued and formal partnership with Access Nashville to examine and fund dissemination of information regarding architectural accessibility of businesses and other agencies in Murfreesboro, Tennessee

TYPE: Examples of Service Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2005	Environmental education program offered to participants at Patterson Community Center
2003	Establishment of a gardening program for interested participants at the Boys & Girls Club of Rutherford County
2002	Hiking program for male participants at the Boys & Girls Club of Rutherford County
2002	Veteran's Appreciation Day conducted for the Tennessee Valley VA Health Care System
2002	RLS Alumni Reception at MTSU resulting in the establishment of the RLS Alumni Foundation Chapter
1998 - pres.	Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Program serving children with disabilities in the Lubbock, Texas region
1998	Kids Carnival program facilitated a special events day targeting children with disability in the Lubbock area. Attendees included children and their families, as well as children and staff from several local youth homes.
1997	Corporate Challenge with proceeds going to charity of choice
1995	Big Splash program for at-risk youth in Oxford, Mississippi
1994/1995	Haunted Trail program for the citizens of Oxford, Mississippi

TYPE: Example Community Presentations and Volunteer Experiences

2007	Guest speaker on "Guide Dogs," elementary school, VA
2007	Speaker for fundraiser for Hoofbeats, TN
2003	Guest speaker on "Guide Dogs," elementary school, NE
	Volunteer and guest, "Guide Dogs," at the Pet Awareness Day, TN
2000	Guest speaker on "Guide Dogs and Blindness," elementary school, TN
2000	Guest speaker on "Guide Dogs," elementary school, CA
1999-2008	Volunteer, Trunk or Treat Project, TN

- 1999 Volunteer, Enchanted Kingdom, TN
- 1999 Volunteer, City of Cookeville Fall Fun Fest, TN
- MTSU Representative, Murfreesboro Veteran's Administration Hospital, Recreation Careers Day, TN
- 1997 Volunteer for Therapeutic Riding Program, TX
- 1995 - 1996 Guest speaker for White Cane Day, elementary school, sponsored for Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, MS

TYPE: Advisory Board Memberships and Positions

- 2004 - present Advisory Board member, consultant, and volunteer, Hoofbeats of Special Kids, TN
- 1998 - 1999 Board Member, American Council of the Blind, TX
- 1998 Chair, Volunteer Committee, American Council of the Blind, TX
- 1998 Chair, Officer Nominations, American Council of the Blind, TX
- 1998 Board of Directors Member, LIFE/Run, TX
- 1996 - 1997 Board of Directors Member, LIFE of North Mississippi, MS
- 1993 - 1995 Board Member, Tools for Life, GA

University Service

Throughout my academic career, I have been involved in university, college, and departmental service. My largest contribution has often been focused on departmental service. Overall, I have served on 16 university committees, 2 college committees, and 35 departmental committees. I have served as the coordinator for the Recreation and Leisure Services program, the coordinator for the RLS graduate program, and the co-coordinator for the Recreation Therapy specialization.

University Service

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>
2007 - present	Faculty Senate
2007 – 2008	Campus Rec Challenge Course Coordinator Search Committee Member
2006 – 2008	Faculty/Staff Health/Fitness Faculty Senate Committee Member
2003 –2005	Programs for Disabled Students Committee Member
2002 –2004	Student Affairs B Committee Member
2001 –2003	Academic Affairs D Committee Member
2000 –2002	Faculty Welfare B Committee Member
1999 - present	Aging Studies Program Faculty Member
1999 –2001	Disabled Students Access Committee Member
1999 –2001	Sigma Delta Sigma Faculty Advisor
1995 - 1996	Union Advisory Board
1994 - 1996	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee
1994 - 1996	ADA Education on Disability Subcommittee Co-Chair
1994 - 1996	University Program for Excellence and Accommodation Advisory Committee Member
1992 - 1994	Americans with Disabilities Act Committee Member
1992 - 1994	Assistive Technology Committee Member

College Service

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>
2005 - 2007	College Grade Appeals Committee Member
1999 – 2000	Faculty Scholars Committee Member

Departmental Service

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>
2007 - present	RLS Graduate Coordinator
2007 - present	Co-coordinator of Recreation and Leisure Services program
2007	Recreation/Leisure Services (RLS) Faculty Search Committee Member
2007	Exercise Science Faculty Search Committee Member
2006 – present	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member
2005 - 2006	Effectiveness Committee Member
2005 - 2006	RLS Search Committee Chair
2005 - 2006	RLS Graduate Coordinator
2005 - present	Rho Phi Lambda Faculty Sponsor
2003 - 2005	Coordinator of Recreation and Leisure Services program
2003 - 2004	Recreation Administration Faculty Search Committee, Chair
2003 - 2004	RLS Accreditation, Coordinator and Writer
2003 - 2005	Coordinators' Committee
2003 - 2004	Departmental Name Change Committee
2003 - 2004	Correspondence Course Committee Member
2002 - 2003	HPERS Department Chair Search Committee, Co-chair
2002 - 2003	General Education Committee Member
2001 - present	Co-coordinator of Recreation Therapy and Clinical Contracts
2001 - 2002	SMILES Club (RLS student major association) Faculty Sponsor
2001 - 2002	Recreation and Leisure Services Faculty Search Committee
2001 - 2002	Research and Statistics Faculty Members (2) Search Committee
2000 - 2002	Therapeutic Riding Program Development Committee Member
1999 - 2000	HPERS Library Committee Member
1998 - 1999	Chair Search Committee Member, Department of HPER, Texas Tech
1998 - 1999	Awards and Scholarships Committee Member
1998 - 1999	Charitable Acts Committee Member
1997 - 1999	Graduate Faculty Committee Member
1997 - 1998	Co-advisor to Delta Psi Kappa Student Majors Organization
1997 - 1998	Strategic Planning Committee, Research Subcommittee Member
1997 - 1998	Journal Ranking Committee Member
1995 - 1996	Graduate Curriculum Committee for Leisure Management
1995 - 1996	Leisure Management NRPA Accreditation Committee Member
1994 - 1996	Undergraduate Curricula Committee Member
1994 - 1996	Co-advisor to the Leisure Management Majors and Minors Association
1995 - 1996	Travel Allocation Committee Member
1993 - 1994	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member
1993 - 1994	Library Committee Member

Professional Service

Professional service includes editorial positions with 3 refereed journals; 16 invited presentations to diverse professional groups and organizations (see invited presentations listed above); and service to professional organizations/boards.

TYPE: Editorial Positions and Professional Committees

2008 - present	Assoc. Editor, Jnl. Of Unconventional Park, Tourism, & Rec. Research
2007 - present	Associate Editor, Annual in Therapeutic Recreation (national, 3 yr. term)
2005 - present	Editorial Staff, LARNet (national, on-line journal)
2001 - 2003	Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Board Member, Therapeutic Recreation Liaison
1999	Assisted with the coordination of the Gerontological Institute, National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee
1996 - 1999	Member, university liaison, and meeting coordinator for the Therapeutic Recreation Practitioner Networking Group, Lubbock, Texas
1995	Member of the Society of Parks and Recreation Educators Nominations Committee

TYPE: Current Professional Memberships

- American Therapeutic Recreation Association
- National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)
 - National Therapeutic Recreation Society
 - Society for Park and Recreation Educators

ACHIEVEMENTS

Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Middle Tennessee State University, 2004
Outstanding Texas Tech Faculty Member, Delta Delta Delta, 1999
Outstanding Ole Miss Faculty, Alpha Delta Pi, 1995
Fellowship Recipient, Pennsylvania State University, 1990
Dean's Scholarship-Assistantship Award, Georgia Southern College, 1989-1990
Bell Honors Program Scholar, Georgia Southern College, 1983-1987.
Represented Georgia Recreation and Parks Society and Georgia Southern College at the Atlanta hearing of the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors, 1987
Member of Sigma Xi National Research Society, 1987
Member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1987 to present

REFERENCES

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