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Education

- M. S. The Pennsylvania State University at University Park, PA, Department of Leisure Studies, May 1987.
- B. S. Dickinson College at Carlisle, PA, Geology, May 1982.

Professional Experience

- 2013 – present Associate Department Head for Undergraduate Programs, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
- 2001 – present Internship Coordinator, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
- Counsel students individually and in class settings to select internships which will enhance their career success
 - Network with employers to establish challenging internships
 - Facilitate student participation in professional conferences
 - Maintain communication with interns to avert and handle crises
 - Assist graduating seniors and former students in finding employment
 - Supervise graduate student assistants working with summer interns
- 1998 – present Lecturer, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
- Teach foundations of interpretation and coach students in interpretive communication skills, job search techniques and career preparation through course assignments and individual assistance
 - Coordinate interpretive partnership with National Park Service Trails and Rails Program
 - Led 26-day Study Abroad Program in Australia, guiding students through academic work and challenging interpersonal and group situations (May-June 2007)
- 1994 Instructor (part time), Department of Leisure Studies, Kent State University, Kent, OH.
- 1990 – 1991 Naturalist (part time), Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana Park District, Urbana, IL.
- 1985 – 1990 Assistant Director and Instructor (full time, joint appointment), Shaver's Creek Environmental Center and Department of Leisure Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 1984-1985 Graduate Assistant (part time), Shaver's Creek Environmental Center and Department of Leisure Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 1984 Assistant Director (seasonal), Ranger Rick Wildlife Camp, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, DC.

Professional Memberships

National Association for Interpretation, Certified Interpretive Trainer, 2000-present.

Texas Recreation and Parks Society, Member, 2001-2012.

Awards and Honors

Aggie Access Namesake. Accepted nomination for active participation in Texas A&M University freshman mentoring program for 2006-2007.

Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Student Counseling and Relations, Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, 2006.

Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Award for "True Interest and Enthusiasm While Teaching, Supporting and Counseling Students," 2006.

University Service and Committees

Undergraduate Committee, Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences.

Co-Chair, 2012-present

Member, 2002-present

National Park Service Trails and Rails Program, Departmental Liaison, 2006-present.

COALS Environmental Studies Management Board, Member, 2003-2005; Chair, 2005-2006.

Current Teaching Activity

RPTS 201: Foundations of Recreation, Park and Tourism – Fall, 123 students/semester

RPTS 307: Methods of Environmental Interpretation –Spring, 35 students/semester

RPTS 481: Seminar – Fall, Spring 60-100 students/semester

RPTS 484: Internship – Fall, Spring, Summer, 30 to 138 students/semester

RPTS 485: Directed Studies - Fall, Spring, Summer, 1 to 3 students/semester

Received student ratings of 4.7 (out of 5), on average, for courses taught during 2012.

Past Teaching Activity

Texas A&M University, RPTS 301: Leisure and Outdoor Recreation

Kent State: Leadership in Recreation Programs

Penn State: Environmental Education Methods and Materials; Cultural History Interpretation

Presentations at Professional Meetings and Workshops

2013 Scott, S. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshops presented in New Orleans.

2013 Scott, S. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshops presented in New York, NY, Cumberland, MD, Washington, DC & Chicago, IL.

2012 Scott, S. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshop presented in Goleta, CA.

2011 Scott, S. On-Board Interpretation Enhancement. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program National Leadership Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2011 Scott, S. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshops presented in Del Rio, TX, Springfield, IL & Porter, IN.

- 2010 Scott, S. Community Tourism Promotion in Conjunction with the NPS Trails and Rails Program. Workshop presented at the Texas Park and Recreation Society Institute, Frisco, TX.
- 2010 Scott, S. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshops presented in New Orleans, LA & La Junta, CO.
- 2009 Scott, S. Mobile Technology for Interpretation. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program National Leadership Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 Scott, S. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshops presented in Havre, MT, Williston, ND, Denver, CO & Grand Junction, CO.
- 2008 Scott, S. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshops presented in Goleta, CA & Seattle, WA.
- 2008 Scott, S. Interpretive Training Module for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program National Leadership Meeting, Fort Worth, TX.
- 2007 Scott, S. & Miculka J. Interpretive Communication for Volunteers. National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Workshops presented in Albany, NY, Hyde Park, NY, Goleta, CA, San Antonio, TX & Chicago, IL.
- 1991 Scott, S. Project WILD. Workshop for teachers and pre-service teachers, Anita Purvis Nature Center, Urbana, IL, April 27, 1991.
- 1990 Scott, S. Hands-On Geology. Pennsylvania State Park Interpreters' Training Workshop, Carlisle, PA, May 20, 1990.
- 1989 Scott, S. Geology for Experiential Educators. Pennsylvania Alliance for Environmental Education Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 12, 1989.
- 1987 Scott, S. Outdoor Education and Computer-Assisted Instruction in Teaching Critical Thinking Regarding Environmental Concepts. Association of Interpretive Naturalists and Western Interpreters Association, Research Symposium, St. Louis, MO, November 6, 1987.

Interpretive Projects

AmtraktoParks website enhancement. Hired and supervised undergraduate interns to gather information linking public transportation to national parks in cooperation with Amtrak's marketing department. Ongoing supervision of students involves critique of writing and content generation as well as management of the Trails and Rails funds which total \$41885 for all projects, 2011-2012.

Amtrak Texas Eagle Podcast Project. Worked with undergraduate and graduate students to produce an educational podcasts tour for use by Amtrak passengers onboard the Texas Eagle Train between Chicago and San Antonio, in cooperation with the National Park Service Trails and Rails Program. Was awarded a contract from Amtrak for this project and managed the funds (\$9,986), 2011.

Junior Ranger Booklets. Supervised and mentored two undergraduate interns in creating 18 activity booklets for use on long-distance Amtrak train routes throughout the U.S., 2011.

Amtrak Sunset Limited Podcast Project. Worked with undergraduate and graduate students to produce an educational podcast tour for use by Amtrak passengers onboard the Sunset Limited Train between New Orleans and Los Angeles, in cooperation with the National Park Service Trails and Rails Program, 2009-2010.

Community Involvement

Member, Lick Creek Park Nature Center Advisory Board, City of College Station, 2011 – 2012.

Member, Coalition for the Support of Public Schools, 2004-2011.

Member, School Health Education Council, College Station Independent School District, 2007-2010.

Booth Chair, ForwardFest, Bryan, TX, 2003-2004.

Chair, Just Peace Institute, College Station, TX, 2001 - 2003.

Environmental Chair, Just Peace Institute, College Station, TX, 1995 - 2001.