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EDUCATION

2019	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy, Texas A&M University Recreation, Park and Tourism Services
2015	M.S.	Sport Management, Texas A&M University Department of Health and Kinesiology Cum Laude Honors
2015	C.N.P.M.	Certificate in Non-Profit Management, Texas A&M University The Bush School of Government and Public Service
2013	B.A.	Communication (Emphasis in Professional Writing) Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA Magna Cum Laude Honors
2011	A.A.G.S.	General Studies Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas Summa Cum Laude Honors

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2019- Present	Instructional Assistant Professor.	<i>Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences Texas A&M University College Station, Texas</i>
2015-2019	Instructional Assistant Professor	<i>Department of Health & Kinesiology Division of Physical Education Activity Program Texas A&M University College Station, Texas</i>
May-August 2014	Director of Sports & Events	<i>Bissolati Sports Club & Community Center Cremona, Italy</i>
2013-2015	Graduate Assistant	<i>Department of Health & Kinesiology Division of Physical Education Activity Program. Texas A&M University</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-Present	Camp Director	<i>Deerfoot Youth Camp Non-Profit Magnolia, Texas</i>
2015-Present	Activity Coordinator	<i>MD Anderson Camp AOK Magnolia, Texas</i>
2012-2013-	Assistant Track and Field Coach	<i>Loyola Prep High School Shreveport Louisiana</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Subjective Experiences in Physical Activity
 - Youth Development in Physical Education
 - Health Education and Wellness Promotion
 - Youth and Nature
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

2018- Present

RPTS 311 (Event Planning and Programming)

- Creating meaningful and memorable experiences
- Identify design elements that provide optimal experiences
- Recognize the connection of Recreation and Leisure to programs and events

2017- Present

- RPTS 300 Camp Leadership and Management
- Career opportunities in youth camp and management settings
- Networking with camp professionals

2019 Present

RPTS 371 Understanding and Development of Effective Skills for Youth Development

- Camp Programming
- Assisting Students with Theoretical Concepts
- Presentation Coordinator

Physical Education Activity Program

Creator of KINE 199/120 Action Ball Physical Education Course: Author of Skyepack Action Ball Curriculum

KINE 120 Science Basic Health and Fitness Ultimate Frisbee (Lecture class covering various topics):

- Personal Health and Fitness
- Dimensions of Wellness
- Stress and Psychological Health
- Nutrition
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Lifestyle Choices and Hypokinetic Conditions
- Safety Awareness
- Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases
- Relationships
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Alternative and Complementary Medicine

KINE 199 Activity Courses Taught

- Challenge Course
- Aerobic Running
- Strength Training
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Basketball
- Rock Climbing
- Trail Running

KINE 198/120 Online Instructor of Record (Ecampus Experienced)

- Beginning Aerobic Running
- Action Ball
- Coordinator for Instruction, Quizzes, and Exams

ACADEMIC HONORS/ MEMBERSHIPS

2019 Physical Education Activity Program Emil Mamaliga Outstanding Teacher Award Nominee

2018 Physical Education Activity Program Emil Mamaliga Outstanding Teacher Award Nominee

2017 Physical Education Activity Program Emil Mamaliga Outstanding Teacher Award Nominee

2017-2018 Texas Aggie Graduate Grant

2017-2018 Elda K Bradberry Chair in Youth Development Scholarship 2016-2017 Peter Witt & Joyce Nies Youth Scholarship

2016 Texas A&M University Namesake Honor

2015 Texas A&M University Association of Former Students 2015 PEAP Graduate Assistant of the Year Nominee

2013 Centenary College Association of Former Students

2013 Centenary College of Louisiana, Dain Tooke Service and Leadership Award. **Most Outstanding Service Oriented Student.**

2012 Centenary College of Louisiana, **Phi-Theta Kappa Academic Scholarship Recipient**

2011 Lon Morris College, **Superior Academic Achievement & Most Outstanding Student.**

2010 Lon Morris College, **NJCAA South Regional Champion Track and Field & Academic All American.**

SERVICE/ ADVISING/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Texas A&M University 2013-Present

- Activity in the A.M., College Station High School Swim Team (2018- Present)
- Aggie Coaches and Kinesiology Teachers Advisor (2016-2018)
- Texas A&M Outdoor Club Co-Advisor (2016- Present)
- Camp for All High Ropes Technician/ Volunteer (2014-2016)
- Senior Games of Texas, Volunteer, College Station, Texas (2014)
- Diversity Audit for Health and Kinesiology Department, Research Assistant. College Station, Texas. (2014)
- Richardson Sport Series Summit Marketing Plan, Marketing Advisor. College Station, Texas. 2014)

International 2013-2014

- Organizer and Coordinator/ Volunteerism; Gioventu' Streetball Tournament. Cremona, Italy, June 2014
- Facilities Management & Childcare Coordinator; Ekaterinburg Russia Community Center, June 2013

Centenary College of Louisiana & Lon Morris College 2009-2013

- Volunteer, Site Coordinator for Community Rebuild BIG Event, Shreveport, Louisiana 2011-2013.
- Founder Youth Initiative NFHS Track and Field Coach, Loyola Preparatory School, Shreveport
- President, Rotaract Club of Lon Morris & Centenary College.
- Founder/Coordinator, Rotaract Turkey Trot, Youth Obesity Awareness Project, Jacksonville, Texas.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Nelson, Chad (2018) Transformational Teaching and Learning, *Increasing Skills and Reducing Student Costs*. Texas A&M University.

Nelson, Chad (2018) *VDP, VNP, VMP. Who Are You Around?*. Oral Presentation Inaugural Student Leaders of Tomorrow (S.L.O.T) Conference College Station, Texas

Sullins, Alex., Nelson, Chad (2017) *Action Ball!!! A Team Game That Can Be Enjoyed By All*. Oral Presentation at TAPHERD'S 94th Annual Convention Ft. Worth, Texas.

Nelson, Chad (2017) *Past, Present, and Future: Reflection and Dedication*. Oral Presentation Inaugural Student Leaders of Tomorrow (S.L.O.T) Conference College Station, Texas

Guest Speaker/Lecturer

Aggie Connection: Aggie Network Student Ambassadors (2018)

My First Year. Freshmen Leaders in Education and Human Development (FLED) 2018

Girls and Guys are Equal An Action Ball Solution: Camp Stewart & Camp Heart O' the Hills (2017)

Action Ball for All: Fishcamp Session F & G Activity Leader. (2017)

I Want To Be Engaged!?: Aggie Aerospace Women in Engineering Leadership (2017)

Netflix has "No Chill." Texas A&M Sport Management Society (2017)

Buffalo Junior High Red Ribbon Week Motivational Speaker (2017)

Spring Branch I.S.D. Deerfoot Youth Camp Opportunities (2017)

Winning at Life: Sophomores Advancing in Leadership (S.A.I.L.) (2016- Present)

Puberty Education Presentation: Milam Elementary Physical Education Classes (2016)

RPTS 371 Understanding and Development of Effective Skills for Youth Development (2016)

Trials. Reflection. Involvement. (T.R.I.) ME: Freshman Leadership Development Retreat Leadership Guest Speaker (2015-Present)

ORGANIZATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

Professional Climbing Instructors Association (CWI) - PCIA
Association for Challenge Course Technology (Level 1) ACCT

PROJECTS/RESEARCH

Description of Project: Energy expenditure and subjective experiences of youth participating in a new sport, action ball, were examined through two studies. Nelson, C (2019) ACTION BALL: AN ANALYSIS OF ENERGY EXPENDITURE AND SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCES OF PARTICIPANTS

Description of Project: State and local lawmakers have taken action to prevent bullying and protect children. Through laws (in their state education codes and elsewhere) and model policies (that provide guidance to districts and schools), each state addresses bullying differently. Find out how your state refers to bullying in its laws and what they require on part of schools and districts. Nelson, C., Reyes, D., & Kelly Pryor, B. N. (2015). *Social media + bullying: Tools for combating cyberbullying*. Prepared for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Description of Project: The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is dedicated to providing “a different kind of healing” to seriously ill children and their families, free of charge. The Kids For Camp program encourages and supports school-aged kids to practice active compassion and develop healthy lifestyles as they grow in civic engagement and philanthropy. This curriculum will teach and empower youth how to plan and execute a fundraiser activity with the intent of donating the funds to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for campers to attend at no cost to their families. The participant(s) will be stepped through a three- stage curriculum addressing before project, during project, and after project milestones. Researcher(s) Involved: Chris Harrist, Jill Martz, Joyce Carter, Chad Nelson, Dominik Reyes, & Alex Sullins