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EDUCATION

University of Colorado at Denver, **Master of Arts in Educational Psychology**, August, 1998
Denver, Colorado.

Radford University, **Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Leisure Services and Social Science**, August, 1991 Radford, Virginia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Lecturer, Challenge Course Manager, Eastern Washington University, 2006-Present
Physical Education, Health, and Recreation (PEHR), Cheney, Washington
Develop, teach and advise the Minor in Experiential Education and Group Facilitation as well as manage all facets of the Challenge Course Program.

- Created, advise and teach the EWU Minor in Experiential Education and Group Facilitation—a 15-credit curriculum that includes certifications in Challenge Course Practitioner Level I and Leave No Trace Trainer.
- Created, advised and taught the EWU Minor/Certificate in Challenge Course Management and Leadership (2007-2016)—an 18-credit curriculum that is equivalent to the requirements for a Level II Practitioner Certification through the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT).
- Develop all policy, procedure and program design for the challenge course program and maintain compliance with ACCT standards for challenge course inspection, installation, operation, training, and certification.
- Manage all aspects of the challenge course including equipment, hardware, personnel, budget, maintenance, inspection and training.
- Designed and constructed all components and layout of EWU's challenge course to include ground based activities, low elements, high elements and technical skills training area.

Part-time Faculty, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 2003-2005
Taught for the School of Exercise, Leisure and Sport. Courses focused on adventure education, the history and philosophy of experiential education and the basics of outdoor leadership and process facilitation.

Teacher, Aurora Public Schools, Aurora, Colorado 1998-1999
Fifth grade teacher in a school with diverse population. School experience included:

- Hands-on science learning using the scientific method and inquiry.

- Balanced Literacy approach to reading and writing.
- Teaching math through real life connections and use of manipulatives.
- Served as member of the technology committee and DARE liaison.

Teacher, Stanley British Primary School/University of Colorado at Denver 1997-1998
Denver, Colorado

One year teacher placement within an experiential learning school system in Denver that led to a Colorado Teacher License in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Elementary Education through the University of Colorado at Denver. Experiences included:

- Planning and implementing hands-on curriculum lessons, classroom activities and assessments.
- Integrating learning and socialization for children in multi-age classrooms.

Naturalist, Camp Highland Outdoor Science School, Beaumont, California 1994
Implemental in the first year development of an innovative and experiential outdoor environmental science program with a core curriculum of 40 classes.

- Created and taught environmental lesson plans for elementary and middle schools.
- Facilitated team building activities and ropes course elements for corporate, college, and elementary school groups.

Outdoor Educator, Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Indiana 1992
Taught environmental education and directed outdoor activities for elementary school students. Instructed low/high ropes, initiatives and climbing wall elements.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Athletic and Outdoor Director, Department of Recreation, Brecksville, Ohio 2002-2006
Responsible for developing, organizing, directing and supervising all youth and adult athletic and outdoor recreation programs and staff; managing all related outdoor facilities, fields, equipment and recreation areas, as well as; overseeing all athletic and outdoor recreation budgets.

- Responsible for the creation and development of all athletic and outdoor programming to include: youth and adult athletic leagues and instructional courses, youth summer and sports camps, and community outdoor education and recreation programs.
- Responsible for the establishment and management of city outdoor facilities to include: Blossom Hill 200 Acre Park, outdoor facilities and properties, athletic fields, playgrounds, concession, and outdoor recreation areas.

Adventure Education Coordinator, Department of Recreational Services, KSU 2000-2002
Responsible for managing and administering the Teambuilding and Leadership Challenges (TLC) Challenge Course Program and the Adventure Trips and Outdoor Instruction Program.

- Created, developed and upheld outstanding outdoor leadership opportunities for the KSU community.
- Hired, trained, supervised and evaluated all TLC Facilitators/Instructors, Adventure Trip Leaders and Outdoor Instructors.

- Developed and modernized all policies, procedures, guidelines and manuals for the TLC and Adventure Trips and Outdoor Instruction programs.
- Maintained and controlled all expenditures and inventory in the TLC and Adventure Trips and Outdoor Instruction programs.
- Prepared, submitted and substantiated all budget information for responsible programs.
- Designed, built and implemented both Low and High Challenge Course elements including the construction of an Indoor High Ropes Course.

Assistant Director, Recreation Services, Indiana University of Pennsylvania 1999-2000

Assistant Director of a broad-based co-curricular recreation program designed to meet the recreational needs and interests of the campus community.

- Independently created and facilitated an Adventure Challenge Program focused on providing challenge and teambuilding opportunities for the IUP community.
- Assisted in preparing and overseeing the annual operating budgets for various funds.
- Developed ongoing recreation programs at the Recreation Center and outdoor recreation programs at the Co-op Recreational Park for the campus community.
- Hired, trained, and supervised student staff in the Recreation Center and the Co-op Recreational Park.

Youth Director, The Full Circle Project, Leadville, Colorado 1995-1997

Independently responsible for the initiation and organization of a variety of programs and activities for 8-18 year olds as part of a non-profit organization.

- Worked with community youth in the creation of a Youth Council and Youth Volunteer Corps.
- Developed a cooperating relationship between the Full Circle Project and the Colorado Outward Bound School, United States Forest Service, Colorado Mountain College and the AmeriCorps program through service learning, teambuilding, outdoor adventure experiences and environmental education.
- Wrote, developed and reported various grants in order to receive or maintain program funding.

Course Director, Longacre Expeditions, Almont, Colorado Summer 1995

Supervised and coordinated the operation of five separate adventure-based expeditions in remote wilderness areas for 20 staff and 65 teenagers.

- Managed Colorado base camp with a budget line of \$30,000.
- Designed and implemented a 10 day staff training which included classes in: Leave No Trace, leadership styles, program philosophy, technical wilderness skills, expedition behavior and child-abuse awareness.

Ski School Supervisor, Copper Mountain Resort, Copper Mountain, Colorado 1992-1994

Hired, trained and managed the operation of 25 employees for the registration, instruction and care of kids entering Copper Mountain Children's Ski School.

Trip Leader, Longacre Expeditions, Newport, Pennsylvania Summers 1991-1994

Led wilderness expeditions for groups of 12-15 teenagers. Trips averaged in length of 24 days and took place in Pennsylvania, New England, Canada and Colorado. Expeditions consisted of a

variety of experiences which included: backpacking, kayaking, mountain biking, rock climbing, mountaineering, caving, canoeing, challenge course, environmental education and group processing.

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS

Current:

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| ACCT/Leahy & Ass., Challenge Course Practitioner Level II Certification | 2017 |
| ACCT/Leahy & Ass., Critical Skills for Safety Training | 2017 |
| Rescue 3 International, Whitewater Rescue Technician | 2016 |
| American Red Cross, CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers w/ First Aid | 2016 |
| Leave No Trace, Master Educator | 2002 |

Previous:

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| ACCT/Synergo, Challenge Course Practitioner Level II Certification | 2013 |
| ACCT/Synergo, Challenge Course Practitioner Level II Training | 2013 |
| ACCT/High 5 Adventure Learning Center, Challenge Course Manager Certification | 2012 |
| ACCT/High 5 Adventure Learning Center, Managing an Adventure Program | 2012 |
| Project Adventure, Inc., Advanced Facilitation Skills | 2007 |
| Project Adventure, Inc., Technical Skills Intensive | 2007 |
| Project Adventure, Inc., Advanced Skills and Standards | 2007 |
| National Playground Safety Institute, Certified Playground Safety Inspector | 2005 |
| Wilderness Medical Associates, Wilderness First Responder | 2003 |
| American Canoe Association, Kayak Instructor | 2000 |

RELATED EXPERIENCE/COMMITTEES

Team Rider/Ambassador, *Badfish Stand Up Paddle* 2018
 Represent the sport of stand up paddling and river surfing.

Committee Member, *Association for Challenge Course Technology, Educational Use Affinity Group* 2015-2018
 Stakeholder group to advocate for Educational Use focused members.

Committee Member, *Eastern Washington University, Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation, Strategic Planning Committee* 2017-2018
 Responsible for guiding the development of the department strategic plan encompassing areas of identity, administration, curriculum, physical and social environment.

Committee Member, *Eastern Washington University, Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Recreation Management* 2018
 Responsible to be a part of the candidate evaluation process, review, and hiring of tenure track position in Recreation Management.

Committee Member, *Eastern Washington University, Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation, Accreditation Committee* 2007-2018

Responsible for curriculum review and reporting to maintain accreditation through the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT), sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Committee Member, *Association for Challenge Course Technology, Practitioner Certification Test Committee* 2013-2017

Responsible for the development of the ACCT practitioner certification tests and processes.

Director, *Kalispel Eastern Washington University Leadership Camp* 2008-2014

The Kalispel Eastern Washington University Leadership (KEWUL) Camp Project engages Native American youth and creates youth leadership opportunities through adventure programming and experiential education.

Committee Chair, *Eastern Washington University, Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Recreation Management* 2013

Responsible for the candidate evaluation process, committee lead, and hiring of tenure track position in Recreation Management.

Chair, *Let's Move Cheney! Events and Programs Committee, City of Cheney, WA* 2012-2013

Responsible for recruitment and oversight of the events and program committee and engaging and leading the E&P committee members.

Co-Chair, *Yes For Parks! 50-Acre Park Bond Initiative, City of Cheney, WA* 2009

Provided leadership for the overall committee and work with the subcommittees to organize campaign projects.

Team Leader, *Uniting Along the Divide II, Continental Divide Trail Alliance* Summer 2001

Team Leader of a second team to hike a different 100+ mile section of the Continental Divide Trail in order to take a GPS mapping of the trail, document significant environmental impacts and note historical and interesting information about the segment.

In-Service Educator, *Aspen Global Change Institute* Summer 1998

One of 24 pre-service or in-service educators chosen to participate in a weeklong workshop on Earth System Science Education for primary and secondary educators.

Team Leader, *Uniting Along the Divide, Continental Divide Trail Alliance* Summer 1997

Team Leader for one of thirty-one teams joining forces to hike separate 100+ mile sections along the Continental Divide Trail to protect and determine the future of America's most wild and scenic lands.

PRESENTATIONS/PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

- Spokane Chiefs Hockey** Seasons 2014-2018
Consultant—Personal development with team players focused on off-ice behavior.
Spokane, WA
- No Man's Land Film Festival—Voice for Women in Adventure** February 28, 2018
Discussion Panelist—Redefining femininity in adventure and championing
female athletes in outdoor media.
Cheney, WA
- Association for Applied Sport Psychology Regional Conference** April 8-9, 2016
Northwest Student Sport & Exercise Psychology Symposium 2016
Keynote Speaker—An experiential based approach to player personal development.
Cheney, WA
- Gonzaga University, Men's Basketball** October 19, 2015
Guest Speaker—Fixed vs. Growth Mindset.
Spokane, WA
- Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT)** February 3-8, 2015
25th Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
Presenter—A University Minor in Challenge Course Management
Indian Wells, CA
- Astoria Parks and Recreation Staff Training** November 18, 2014
Facilitator—Staff re-organization and development training.
Astoria, OR
- Washington State Prevention Summit** October 20, 2013
Guest Speaker—Team Building Summit presentation for 250 youth and adults.
Yakima, WA
- Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT)** February 7-10, 2013
23rd Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
Presenter—The ACCTies—Challenge Course and Canopy/Zip Line Tour Industry Video
Awards Show and Film Festival
Minneapolis, MN
- Washington State Prevention Summit** November 4, 2012
Guest Speaker—Team Building Summit presentation for 350 youth and adults.
Yakima, Washington
- Washington State Therapeutic Recreation Association, Symposium** April 20-21, 2012
Presenter, Pre-Symposium Session—Challenge Course for the TR professional.
Cheney, WA

St. Thomas More Catholic School, Staff Training August 15, 2011
 Consultant—Portable Challenge Facilitator Training
 Spokane, WA

Michael J. Riccelli PS, Attorney At Law, Zip Line Injury Case July, 2011
 Consultant—Reviewed incidents in matter of zip line fall
 Spokane, WA

Missoula Parks and Recreation, Staff Training May 31, 2011
 Consultant—Challenge Course Facilitation Techniques Workshop
 Missoula, MT

Missoula Parks and Recreation, Challenge Course Inspection April 29, 2011
 Consultant—Inspected challenge course to assess criteria for annual inspection requirements
 Missoula, MT

Eastern Washington University, Leadership Conference April 9, 2011
 Invited Presenter—Team Builders 101 and 102
 Cheney, WA

Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) February 3-6, 2011
21st Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
 Presenter—A University Certificate in Challenge Course Management
 Minneapolis, MN

Northwest Challenge Course Network (NCCN), Annual Conference November 19-21, 2010
 Presenter—Speed Stacking for Teambuilding
 Cispus Learning Center, Randle, WA

Mountain Madness, LNT Trainer Training December 19-20, 2009
 Consultant—Leave No Trace Trainer Training for mountaineering staff
 Seattle, WA

Missoula Parks and Recreation, Staff Training June 9, 2009
 Consultant—Challenge Course Facilitation Techniques Workshop
 Missoula, MT

Washington Alliance (WAHPERD), Annual Conference October 17-18, 2008
 Presenter—Challenge Course Curriculum for the Educator
 Shoreline, WA

Eastern Washington University, Quality Service Initiative Conference August 27-28, 2008
 Invited Presentation—EWU Certificate in Challenge Course Management and Leadership.
 Cheney, WA

Northwest Recreation Professionals Conference and Job Fair February 22-24, 2008
Presenter—Trends in the Challenge Ropes Course Industry
Sunriver, OR

Eastern Washington University, Quality Service Initiative Conference August 28-29, 2007
Invited Presentation—The EWU Challenge Course Program: An alternative recreational and wellness experience.
Cheney, WA

American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation Conference July 26-29, 2007
Co-presenter Full Day Session—Whitewater Rafting Logistics and Risk Management. Session was held in the Alberton Gorge of the Clarkfork River in Montana.
Coeur D’Alene, ID

Eastern Washington University, Leadership Conference February 10, 2007
Presenter—Power Play: The Fun of Leadership
Invited Closing Presenter—My Big, Fat, Leadership Wrap Up
Cheney, WA

Athletic Business Conference, Orlando Florida December 1-3, 2005
Speaker for the 2005 Athletic Business Conference presenting in the Leadership, People Management and Personal Development track. Seminar title: “Teambuilding: Beyond the Games—Taking Your Staff to the Next Level.”
Orlando, FL

AWARDS/GRANTS

EWU Board of Trustees Diversity Initiative Grant 2015
Title of Project: Diversity and Social Justice in Recreation and Leisure Services Curriculum Development.
Project Co-Leads: Callie Spencer, Ph.D., Jeremy Schultz, Ph.D., Christopher Cindric, M.A.

Eastern Washington University, Outstanding Faculty Award in Service 2008
For excellence in relevance, significance and impact of service.

Washington Alliance (WAHPERD), Recreation Division Award 2008
Recognition for excellence and advancement in the field of recreation.

Kent State University, Outstanding Service to the University 2002
Learning to Lead Through Life Program

CONFERENCES

- River Surf Summit, 1st Annual International Conference on River Surfing** October 7, 2017
Bend, Oregon
- Association for Applied Sport Psychology Regional Conference** April 8-9, 2016
Northwest Student Sport & Exercise Psychology Symposium 2016
Cheney, WA
- Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT)** February 3-8, 2015
25th Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
Indian Wells, CA
- Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT)** February 7-10, 2013
23rd Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
Minneapolis, MN
- Northwest Challenge Course Network (NCCN), Annual Conference** November 18-20, 2011
Mt. Hood, OR
- Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT)** February 3-6, 2011
21st Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
Minneapolis, MN
- Northwest Challenge Course Network (NCCN), Annual Conference** November 19-21, 2010
Cispus Learning Center, Randle, WA
- Northwest Challenge Course Network (NCCN), Annual Conference** November 20-22, 2009
Eastsound, Orcas Island, WA
- Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT)** Jan. 29- Feb. 1, 2009
19th Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
Houston, TX
- Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT)** Jan. 31- Feb. 2, 2008
18th Annual International Challenge Course Symposium and Conference
Portland, OR
- Northwest Challenge Course Network (NCCN), Annual Conference** November 17-19, 2006
Cispus Learning Center, Randle, WA

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Challenge Course Technology—ACCT, Professional Member

Leave No Trace— **LNT**, Professional Member
Association for Experiential Education—**AEE**, Professional Member