

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor of Recreational Therapy  
Recreation & Leisure Studies, East Carolina University

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### EDUCATION

- 2003      Ph. D. in Leisure Behavior; Emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation;  
Minor in Counseling  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
**Dissertation:** Does Attitude Towards Epilepsy Mediate The Relationship  
Between Perceived Stigma and Mental Health Outcomes in Children With  
Epilepsy? Dr. Bryan P. McCormick, advisor.
- 2000      M. S., Recreational Therapy Administration  
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC  
**Thesis:** The Perceived Benefits and Barriers to Membership in State  
Therapeutic Recreation Professional Associations in North Carolina: A  
Comparison of Members versus Non-Members  
Dr. Thom K. Skalko, advisor.  
*Received \$1000 funding for the project*
- 1994      B. S., Leisure Systems Studies; Emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation  
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC  
TR Internship: Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville NC  
Psychiatric Unit

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

- 8/03-7/06      **Assistant Professor of Therapeutic Recreation-** Recreation & Tourism Management Program, Georgia Southern University. Duties include preparation and teaching *all* undergraduate courses in Therapeutic Recreation option (and several in core), advisement of all therapeutic recreation students, providing coordination of placement and supervision of undergraduate therapeutic recreation student interns, marketing the therapeutic recreation program, and advisor for the Student Recreation Association (RSA).
- 8/00-6/03      **Visiting Lecturer for Therapeutic Recreation-** Department of Recreation and Park Administration, Indiana University. Full-time faculty duties included preparation and teaching undergraduate courses in Therapeutic Recreation option and providing coordination of placement and supervision of undergraduate student interns.
- 2001-2002      **Trainer, Evaluator & Research Assistant-** The Eppley Institute, Indiana University. Conducted statistical analysis, wrote reports, co-developer of diversity training web site, and instructor trainer & evaluator for the National Park Service.
- 5/01-12/02      **PRN Recreation Therapist-** Bloomington Hospital Psychiatric Services, Bloomington, IN. Duties included providing recreation therapy coverage for the adolescent, stress care, and crisis care psychiatric units as needed.
- 6/00-7/00      **Therapeutic Recreation Independent Contractor-** Provided therapeutic recreation services for high school students with MR through the summer school Leisure Arts program in the Tarboro, North Carolina School System.
- 5/00-7/00      **Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist-** Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville, NC. Duties included providing therapeutic recreation services for pediatric rehabilitation, neurological, and general rehabilitation patients.
- 8/98-7/00      **Graduate Assistant-** Recreation and Leisure Studies Department, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. Assisted in the conceptualization & development of graduate level Biofeedback course, completed research projects, served as a supervisor for TR student interns & practicum students, and taught four courses.

- 1/95-7/98      **Director of Recreational Therapy Program/CTRS-**  
Stanly Memorial Hospital, Behavioral Health Unit, Albemarle, N.C.  
Duties included developing and managing services for the  
Recreational Therapy Department, completing all documentation  
including assessment, treatment plans & progress notes, leading 2-  
3 group therapies per day, supervising employees/interns, &  
conducting community seminars.
- 8/94-1/95      **Activity Therapist-** CPC Cedar Spring Hospital, Pineville, N.C.  
Duties included leading group therapy/weekend outings, completed  
documentation for adult and adolescent psychiatric clients.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **A. Chapters in Books**

- Lee, Y., Funderburk, J. A., & Austin, D. (2002). Some tips for students about attending conferences. In D.R. Austin, J. Dattilo, and B.P. McCormick (Eds.), *Conceptual foundations for therapeutic recreation*, (pp.245-264). State College, PA: Venture.
- Funderburk, J. A. (2005). Appreciating the perspective of single women. In D. A. Getz, J. H. Hironaka-Juteau, & S. Melcher (Eds.), *Diversity Case Studies in Healthcare* (pp. 30-31). American Therapeutic Recreation Association.

### **B. Refereed Publications**

- Funderburk, J. A., McCormick, B. P. & Austin, J. K. *Does attitude towards epilepsy mediate the relationship between perceived stigma and mental health outcomes in children with epilepsy? Dissertation manuscript will be submitted to the Journal of Epilepsy & Behavior- February 2006.*
- Funderburk, J. A. (2005). Leisure in Later Life (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition). [Review of the book *Leisure in Later Life*]. *Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research*, 29(4), 526-528.
- McCormick, B. P., Funderburk, J. A., Lee, Y. & Hale-Fought, M. (2005). Anxiety characteristics and emotional experience: Predicting boredom and anxiety in the daily life of community mental health clients. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 37(2), 236-253.
- Funderburk, J. A., Skalko, T. K, & Baumann, D. (2004). Benefits and barriers of membership in TR professional associations: A comparison of two states. *Annual in Therapeutic Recreation*, 13, 93-104.
- McCormick, B. P., & Funderburk, J. A. (2000). Therapeutic Recreation outcomes in mental health practice. *Annual in Therapeutic Recreation, Special Edition*, 9, 9-19. Invited contributors.

### **C. Non-Refereed Publications**

Groff, D., Funderburk, J. A., McComb, A., & Connolly, S. (August 2000). Ninety minutes into the game. *Park and Recreation*, 35, (8), 70-78.

### **D. Conference Proceedings**

Funderburk, J. A. & McCormick, B. P. (2004). Does attitude towards epilepsy mediate the relationship between perceived stigma and mental health outcomes in children with epilepsy? *Research Abstracts for the 2004 SPRE Leisure Research Symposium*, Reno, Nevada.

Funderburk, J. A. & McCormick, B. P. (2002). Perceived stigma and changes in community based recreation activities among people seeking treatment for mental illness. *Research Abstracts for the 2002 SPRE Leisure Research Symposium*, Tampa, Florida.

McCormick, B. P., & Funderburk, J. A. (2001). Boredom and anxiety in the daily life of community mental health clients. *Research Abstracts for the 2001 SPRE Leisure Research Symposium* (p. 87). Denver, Colorado.

Biggerstgaff, L., Funderburk, J. A., & McChesney, J. (July 1999) Affecting multicultural attitudes via experimental education programming. *Research abstracts for the 1999 National Conference on Undergraduate Research* (pp.560-563). Rochester, NY: University of Rochester.

### **F. Newsletter Articles**

Funderburk, J. A. (2006, January/February) How to develop and give a presentation: Part II: Your presentation has been accepted: The next steps. *ATRA Newsletter*.

Funderburk, J. A. (2005, September/October) Stepping up to the plate: How to develop and give a presentation Part I: The starting point: How to generate presentation topics and submit the call for papers. *ATRA Newsletter*.

Russoniello, C. & Funderburk, J. A. (2000, September/October) Biofeedback and recreational therapy: A natural partnership. *ATRA Newsletter*.

Funderburk, J. A., Russoniello, C. & Groff, D. (2000, Summer). Masters of recreational therapy? *NCRTA Newsletter*.

Riley, R. & Funderburk, J. A. (1999, Spring). A call to practice in diverse settings. *NCRTA Newsletter*.

GRANTS

- Fall 2005- Georgia Southern University Faculty Service Grant Proposal: *Development of the Stirrup-Some-Fun Therapeutic Riding Program for Children with Special Needs*. Requested \$6,000. Status- **Funded for \$1,750**. Project coordinator.
- Spring 2005- Georgia Southern University Strategic Research Initiative (SRII) Proposal: *Obesity: Identifying and Intervening in the Health Crisis of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Requested \$50,000. Status- **Funded for \$40,000**. (In addition received \$10,000 from the CHHS Dean for the project).
- Fall 2003- Georgia Southern University Travel Grant Proposal: Requested travel funding to attend the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) 2003 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA. Requested \$480. Status- **Funded for \$480**.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- October 2005 “Motivating Students to Read” American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Annual Conference (as a part of the Educator’s Institute). Salt Lake City, Utah.
- July 2005 “Professional Presentations: How Do I Put One Together?” Southeast Therapeutic Recreation Symposium (STRS) Annual Conference, Gatlinburg, TN.
- November 2004 “Making Internships Work” Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) Annual Conference, Jekyll Island, Georgia. Co-presented with Larry Mutter.
- October 2004 “Does attitude towards epilepsy mediate the relationship between perceived stigma and mental health outcomes in children with epilepsy?” SPRE Leisure Research Symposium. Reno, Nevada. Co-presented with Bryan McCormick.
- October 2004 “The Joy of Being a Professor: Learning About What Professors Do by Reviewing the Lives of Pioneering TR Educators.” American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. Co-presented with R. Zabriski, H. Yang, B. McCormick, & Y. Lee.
- October 2004 “Professional Presentations: How Do I Put One Together?” American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri.

- September 2003 “Diversity: The Basics and Beyond” All day pre-conference workshop. American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Annual Conference, Atlanta Georgia. Co-presented with D. Getz, C. Cook, S. Melcher, & E. Hall.
- March 2003 “Tips on Giving Presentations” Therapeutic Recreation Annual Televised Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Invited Speaker.
- November 2002 “Loneliness: Strategies for Working with the Lonely Patient” Recreation Therapists of Indiana (RTI) Annual Conference, Logansport State Hospital, Logansport, IN.
- October 2002 “Perceived Stigma & Changes in Community Based Recreation Activities Among People Seeking Treatment for Mental Illness.” SPRE Leisure Research Symposium. Tampa, FL. Co-presented with Bryan McCormick.
- May 2002 “Loneliness: Strategies for Working with the Lonely Patient” & “Getting Through to the Non-Communicative Client” Madison State Hospital Annual Workshop, Madison, IN. Invited speaker.
- March 2002 “When Egos Collide” American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Mid-Year Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- November 2001 “Strategies for Effective Time Management” Recreation Therapists of Indiana (RTI) Annual Conference, French Lick, IN.
- October 2001 “Boredom & Anxiety in the Daily Lives of Community Mental Health Clients” SPRE Leisure Research Symposium. Denver, CO. Co-presented with Bryan McCormick.
- June 2001 “When Egos Collide: Strategies for Increasing Collaboration in the Workplace” & “Strategies for Effective Time Management” Madison State Hospital Annual Workshop, Madison, IN. Invited speaker.
- March 2001 “Outcome Measurement in Therapeutic Recreation” American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Mid-Year Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. Invited panel speaker.
- November 2000 “Independent Contracting: Is it a Viable Option for Therapeutic Recreation? Recreation Therapists of Indiana (RTI) Annual Conference, Nashville, IN.

- October 2000 “The Perceived Benefits and Barriers to Membership in State Therapeutic Recreation Professional Associations in North Carolina: A Comparison of Members vs. Non-Members.” North Carolina Recreation Therapy Association (NCRTA) Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.
- July 2000 “The Perceived Benefits and Barriers to Membership in State Therapeutic Recreation Professional Associations in North Carolina: A Comparison of Members vs. Non-Members.” Southeast Therapeutic Recreation Symposium (STRS) Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- February 2000 “Stage 1: Establishing a Framework for Clinical Supervision.” North Carolina Recreation Therapy (NCTRC) Student Issues Forum, Greensboro, NC.
- October 1999 “Challenging Assumptions and Breaking Down Barriers to Innovation: Applying Critical Thought to Therapeutic Recreation Services.” North Carolina Recreation therapy Association (NCRTA) Annual Conference Chapel Hill, NC. Co-presented with Diane Groff.
- October 1999 “Independent Contracting: Is it a Viable Option for Therapeutic Recreation? .” North Carolina Recreation therapy Association (NCRTA) Annual Conference Chapel Hill, NC.
- July 1999 “Independent Contracting: Is it a Viable Option for Therapeutic Recreation?.” Southeast Therapeutic Recreation Symposium (STRS) Annual Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN.
- April 1999 “Effecting Multicultural Attitudes Via Experimental Education Programming.” National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Rochester, NY.
- February 1999 Keynote Speaker, North Carolina Therapeutic Association (NCRTA) Student Issues Forum, Chapel Hill, NC.
- October 1998 “Assessing the Multicultural Attitudes of Pre-Service TR Students.” North Carolina Recreation Therapy Association (NCRTA) Annual Conference, Clemmons, NC.
- October 1997 “Professional Preparation.” Western Carolina University recreation Therapy Student Society (WCU), Cullowhee, NC. Invited speaker.
- October 1996 “Setting the Stage for Success-What’s the Next Step?” North Carolina Recreation Therapy Association (NCRTA) Annual Conference, Chapel Hill, NC. Co-presented with A. Huston, S. Nichols, & B. Sorenson.

**TEACHING RELATED ACTIVITES****Courses Taught** (Georgia Southern University)

Course Title	Sections Taught	Average Enrollment
RECR 1530- Foundations of Recreation & Leisure	7	50
RECR 2130- Leisure Concepts Across the Lifespan	2	45
RECR 3130- Theoretical Foundations of TR	3	20
RECR 3135- Therapeutic Recreation Concepts	3	15
RECR 4130- Assessment & Documentation in TR	3	15
RECR 4135- TR Intervention Techniques	3	20
RECR 4790- Internship	4	5
RECR 4830- Independent Study	2	1

**Courses Taught** (Indiana University)

Course Title	Sections Taught	Average Enrollment
R277- Introduction to TR	3	45
R301-Internship Preparation for TR	3	40
R362-Therapeutic Communication	2	20
R378-Techniques in Therapeutic Recreation	4	25
R340- Leisure in the Modern Society	2	40
R363 Internship Supervision (fall & spring)	4	10

**Courses Taught** (East Carolina University)

Course Title	Semesters Taught	Average Enrollment
RCLS 3004- Leisure Programming Lab	1	33
RCLS 2000- Intro to Leisure Services	1	15
RCLS 4222-Processes & Techniques in TR	1	25
RCLS 4902-TR Internship Seminar	3	40

\*Co-taught RCLS 2000 with Anna Dietrich & RCLS 4222 with Dr. Diane Groff

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

1993-Present	American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA)
5/02-Present	National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) National Recreation Therapy Society (NTRS)- Branch
2001- 2003	Recreation Therapists of Indiana (RTI)
2000-2003	Indiana Consortium for Mental Health Services Research (ICMHSR)
2000-Present	Graduate Recreation Society (GRS), Indiana University
1993-2000	North Carolina Recreation Therapy Association (NCRTA)
2/99-12/99	North Carolina Recreation & Park Society/TR-Division
1998-2000	Recreation and Leisure Studies Graduate Society, East Carolina University (founding member)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2002 Ted E. Deppe Administrative Intern, Indiana University
- 2002 Carter Littell School of HPER Scholarship Recipient, Indiana University
- 2001 Recreation & Park Administration Outreach Scholar, Indiana University
- 2000 Recipient NC Recreators Foundation's Fletcher Graduate Scholarship
- 1996 NCRTA Presidential Award
- 1994 NCRTA Student of the Year

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- 1994-Present Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS)
- 1995-2000 Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (TRS)

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Recreation Student Association (RSA) Advisor, 2004-present
- Acquisitions & Resource Committee, 2003-2005
- Department Representative for "The Center for Social Gerontology" at GSU
- Serve as TR internship coordinator and academic advisor

## COLLEGE SERVICE

- College of Health & Human Sciences School Elections Committee, 2004-present  
(Elected position)
- College of Health & Human Sciences School Social Committee, 2003- present
- Served on the College of Health & Human Sciences Obesity Research Initiatives Task Force to develop a proposal for the GSU Research & Service SRRI (Fall 2004)
- Served as a Reader for the December 2004 GSU graduation ceremony for the College of Health & Human Sciences

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### **A. Professional Organization Service:**

#### American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA)

ATRA Academic Affairs Co-Chair, 2003-Present

Coordinator of the ATRA Educators Institute 2005 & 2006

Represented ATRA at the Therapeutic Recreation Educators Conference (TREC)

ATRA Ambassador, 1997-2000

Created and developed ATRA Ambassador Program & ATRA Benefits Fact Sheet

ATRA Mid-Year 2000 Conference Committee Member

National Coordinator for the "Hill Visits & NC Legislative Delegate

ATRA Advocacy Committee Co-Chair, 1997

NC State Coordinator for ATRA Legislative Issues Forum, 1997

North Carolina Chapter Affiliate Council (CAC) Representative, 1996

#### Southeast Therapeutic Recreation Symposium (STRS)

Board Member 2004-Present

#### Recreation Therapists of Indiana (RTI)

2002 ATRA Mid-Year Host Committee Member & Regularly attended board meetings

#### North Carolina Recreation Therapy Association (NCRTA)

State President, 1997

Member of Board of Directors, 1994-1999

Committee Chair Positions include: Legislative, Historical, & Nominations

Developed 2000 NCRTA Student Issues Forum with T. Skalko

NCRTA *Student of the Year* 1994

Recipient of the *NCRTA Presidential Award*, 1996

Recruited most members for NCRTA 1997, 1998, 1999

**B. Editorships & Manuscript Reviews**

Associate Editor, *Annual in Therapeutic Recreation*, 2000-2002

Reviewed manuscripts for:

*Annual in Therapeutic Recreation*  
*Therapeutic Recreation Journal*