

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**POSITION** Assistant Professor of Outdoor Leadership  
Department of Outdoor Leadership and Adventure Programs  
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### EDUCATION

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Area of Study</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>
PhD.	Curriculum and Instruction In Education	Ohio University Athens, Ohio	2019

Dissertation: Cracking the Creativity Crunch: Understanding Creativity for Outdoor Leaders in Adventure Programming

M. S.	Recreation Studies	Ohio University Athens, Ohio	2015
M. S.	Experiential Education	Minnesota State University Mankato, Minnesota	2010

Graduate thesis: Academic Institutions and Field Based Practitioners: Using the Delphi Method to Analyze the Foundational Philosophical Assumptions in the Field of Survival

B. S.	Adventure Recreation Outdoor Education	Ohio University Athens, Ohio	2008
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### *Professional Academic*

<u>Years</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Institution</u>
2022-Present	Assistant Professor of Outdoor Leadership	Warren Wilson College Swannanoa, North Carolina
2016-2022	Assistant Professor Recreation and Leisure Studies	Ithaca College Ithaca, New York
2012-2015	Graduate Teaching Assistant Recreation Studies	Ohio University Athens, Ohio
2010-2012	Faculty Recreation Studies	Ohio University Athens, Ohio
2009	Instructor Experiential Education	Minnesota State University Mankato, Minnesota
2006-2007	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Recreation Studies	Ohio University Athens, Ohio

### *Professional Non-Academic (Seasonal/Part-time)*

<u>Years</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Institution</u>
2016 2015	Head Logistics Coordinator	Hurricane Island Outward Bound School Newry, Maine

Description: Served as the head logistics coordinator for the Hurricane Island Outward Bound Mountain Center. As the Head Logistics Coordinator I was responsible for managing three full time logistics staff and two interns while facilitating base and field logistics for the Newry Mountain Base. Including ordering and managing food for the base and field crews, managing and repairing equipment, stocking and overseeing backpacking and canoeing equipment, meeting and briefing instructors before their expeditions, managing transports and resupplies, maintaining equipment and food budget, and facilitating wilderness experiences for students.

- 2015 Naturalist Field Staff Naturalist at Large  
Ventura, California
- Description: Served as a naturalist throughout the state of California facilitating outdoor experiential learning for middle schools in California. Primarily working with private or charter schools on two to five day courses including locations such as Yosemite National Park, Pinnacles National Park, Joshua Tree National Park, and in the coastal Redwood areas. Topics would range from site-specific natural interpretation to teambuilding and personal empowerment.
- 2010 Wilderness Field Staff Wingate Wilderness Therapy  
Kanab, Utah
- Description: Served as wilderness field staff for Wingate Wilderness Therapy program, based in Southern Utah. Facilitated extended therapeutic experiences for adolescents and young adults, ages 13-25, using the wilderness, interpretative storytelling, primitive skills, and daily hiking as metaphors relating to their experience in the program and beyond the wilderness setting.
- 2008-2010 Challenge Course Facilitator Minnesota State University  
Adventure Education Program  
Mankato, Minnesota
- Description: Facilitated groups on a high and low challenge course, as-well-as mobile initiatives. Mobile Facilitator with outreach groups to aid in experiential learning, personal development, and group development
- 2007-2008 Long-term Intern Fiver Rivers MetroParks  
Recreation Department  
Dayton, Ohio
- Description: Developed and facilitated community outreach and youth programs for at-risk youth, community members, and academic institutions. Activities included: Trip leader, instructor for backcountry classes, facilitation of challenge course experiences, and aided in organizing and marketing special events such as The Adventure Summit and GearFest (5000+ in attendance).
- 2005-2007 Outdoor Trip Leader Ohio University  
Climbing Wall, Rental Center Outdoor Pursuits  
Supervisor Athens, Ohio
- Description: Supervised climbing wall, rental center, and the high and low challenge course. Led trips and clinics demonstrating various outdoor topics, including a weeklong freshmen orientation trip to the Boundary Waters Conservation Area.

2005-2007	Challenge Course Facilitator	Ohio University Outdoor Pursuits Athens, Ohio
	<u>Description:</u> Lead challenge course facilitator on both high and low ropes course. Served various community and university groups.	
2005-2007	Off-Campus Community Assistant	Ohio University Department of Off-Campus Living Athens, Ohio
	<u>Description:</u> Served as a liaison between students, the university, and the community. Assisted students who were victims of drug addiction, sexual abuse, or other situations where professional help may be appropriate.	

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

### Disciplines/Research Interests

Outdoor Leadership  
 Experiential Education  
 Creativity  
 Mental Health and Mindfulness  
 Compassion and Empathy Development  
 Community Development

### Professional Certificates/Certifications

### Dates Active

American Canoe Association Coastal Kayak Instructor Level III	2011-2019
American Canoe Association Trip Leader	2011-2019
Leave No Trace Trainer	2011-Present
CPR-Professional Rescue	2019-Present
Wilderness First Responder	2019-Present
YMCA SCUBA Open Water Diver	2004-Present
Lead Belay (Ohio University)	2004-Present

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

**Vosler, M. S., & Dixon, C.** (2013). Reforming education to inspire creative entrepreneurs in a changing world. *New Waves: Educational Research and Development, 16*(2), 81-86.

**Vosler, M. S., & Hunt, J. (2012).** Academic institutions and field based practitioners: Using the Delphi method to analyze foundational philosophical assumptions in the field of survival. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*, 4(2), 129–133.

#### Refereed Abstracts & Proceedings

**Vosler, M. S., & Hunt, J. (2012).** Academic institutions and field based practitioners: Using the Delphi method to analyze foundational philosophical assumptions in the field of survival. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*, 4(2), 129–133.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### Refereed Professional Presentations

**Vosler, M. (2011).** Academic institutions and field based practitioners: Using the Delphi method to analyze foundational philosophical assumptions in the field of survival. Annual Conference of the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education. San Antonio, TX.

#### Professional Presentations

**Lewis, P. & Vosler, M. S. (2019).** Extended Course Length: Influential Course Components of an Outdoor Leadership Semester. The Association for Experiential Education International Conference. Spokane, Washington.

**Vosler, M. S. (2018).** Cracking the Creativity Crunch: Easily Accessible Ways to Intentionally Facilitate Creativity in Your Programs. The Association for Experiential Education International Conference. Orlando, Florida.

**Vosler, M. S. (2014).** Introduction to Backcountry Survival: How to Survive the Night. The Third Annual Buckeye TrailFest of the Buckeye Trail Association. Logan, Ohio.

**Vosler, M. S. (2008).** Wilderness Survival: The Philosophy and Psychology of Survival. The Adventure Summit of Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University. Dayton, Ohio.

### **FUNDED PROJECTS**

**Vosler, M. (2011-2012).** Ohio University, Patton College of Education Mini Grant for Outreach. **Amount funded: \$950.00.** Competitive grant intended to promote outreach programs in Ohio. The funds were used to purchase supplies for three adaptive recreation events held at Ohio University.

## **SERVICE**

### Professional Memberships

2014-present The Association for Experiential Education  
2014-present The National Recreation and Park Association  
2011-present Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics  
2011-present American Canoe Association  
2010-2014 The Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education  
2010-present Wilderness Medical Society  
2009-present Wilderness Education Association  
2008-2010 Society for Human Performance in Extreme Environments  
2008-2010 Society of Primitive Technology

### Service to Profession

2018-present Journal of Experiential Education Article Reviewer  
2011-2015 Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education Research Committee  
2010-2013 Wilderness Education Association Research Committee, Member

### University, College, and Departmental Service

2019-2022 Ithaca Forever: Year-Round Campus Strategic Plan Action Group Member  
2019-2022 Residential Education Committee Member  
2019-2022 Ithaca College Mindfulness Founding Committee Member  
2019-2022 Beijing 2022 Olympic Games Task Force  
2019-2022 Ithaca College Outing Club: Faculty Advisor  
2019-2022 College of Health and Human Services: Orientation Planning Committee  
2019-2022 Ithaca College Natural Lands Committee Member  
2018-2022 Ithaca College Jumpstart Program: ECHO Program Coordinator  
2017-2022 Committee for College-Wide Requirements Writing Intensive  
2017-2022 Outdoor Living Community Faculty Advisor  
2016-2022 First Year Resident Experience Program Associate

- 2014 Selection Committee, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Leadership Awards Gala Pepsi Scholars
- 2012-2014 Advisory Board, Ohio University, Department of Recreation and Sport Pedagogy
- 2011-2012 Ohio University, Department of Recreation and Sport Pedagogy, Design Team V (Communication and Connections) Committee, Member
- 2011-2012 Alpha Phi Omega's Second Annual Faculty Pageant, Participant to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- 2010-present Ohio University, Department of Recreation and Sport Pedagogy, Publicity and Special Events Committee, Member

Service to Community

- 2011-2015 Live Healthy Appalachia, Exercise & Recreation Committee, Member. Helped to develop and implement *Heart Chase*, a community based walking and cardiac awareness race for wellness initiative. Live Healthy Appalachia is a university-community partnership to improve health and wellness in Appalachia.
- 2011-2012 Rec Day!, Served as the Faculty advisor for Rec Day!; an adaptive recreation program that Recreation and Sport Pedagogy students implement to provide the Athens community with adaptive recreation opportunities on campus. This is a joint project accomplished with the help of the Recreation Education Club, the Physical Education Club, and the REC 275 (Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities) course.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

- 2011 Participated in a five-day Level 3 Coastal Kayak Instructor and Trip Leader training course with the American Canoe Association at Ohio University in Athens, OH.
- 2007 Participated in a nine-day intensive survival course with Cody Lundin outside of Prescott, AZ.
- 2006-2007 Served as the Recreation Education Club president at Ohio University in Athens, OH.
- 2006 Attended the LeaderShape Institute- an intensive six day educational experience designed to prepare students to be leaders in their fields.

2004, 2006 Attended the National Conference on Wilderness Medicine with the Wilderness Medical Association. We discussed topics ranging from altitude illnesses to wilderness wound management while we spent seven days whitewater rafting on the Salmon, Scott, and Klamath rivers in Northern California. We also, learned high altitude medicine during our climb of the 14,162 ft. Mt. Shasta.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2009-Present The Golden Key Society  
2005-2007 Dean's List  
2008 Dean of Students Citation for academic excellence and leadership  
2007 Dean of Students Citation for outstanding leadership in the community  
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2007 Featured in the Winter 2007 issue of the College of Health and Human Services magazine *Atrium*  
2006-2007 The National Dean's List  
2006 Dean of Students Citation for outstanding Leadership in the community  
2006 Charlotte E. Latourette Outdoor Recreation Scholarship  
2006 Featured in the October 2006 issue of the College Health and Human Services newsletter *Skylights*

## TEACHING

### Didactic Courses Taught

RLS 10100 Leisure and Society (Ithaca College)  
RLS 10500 Fundamentals of Leadership (Ithaca College)  
RLS 15100 Fundamentals of Outdoor Pursuits (Ithaca College)  
RLS 33200 Research Methods (Ithaca College)  
RLS 34900 Advanced Field Work in Recreation (Ithaca College)  
RLS 35400 Organization and Supervision of Outdoor Pursuits (Ithaca College)  
RLS 43500 Risk Management in the Outdoors (Ithaca College)  
RLS 44100 Internship in Recreation and Leisure Studies (Ithaca College)  
RLS 45300 Seminar: Professional Development (Ithaca College)  
REC 200 Introduction to Recreation & Leisure (Ohio University)  
REC 275 Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities (Ohio University)  
REC 290 Outdoor Physical Education (Ohio University)  
REC 310 Recreation Programing (Ohio University)  
REC 3200 Challenge Course Theory and Practice (Ohio University)  
REC 3240 Outdoor Leadership (Ohio University)  
REC 336 Field Experience in Recreation (Ohio University)  
REC 350 Independent Study (Ohio University)  
REC 351 Recreation Leadership (Ohio University)  
REC 418A Special Topics (Ohio University)  
REC 440 Internship in Recreation (Ohio University)



REC 518A Graduate Instruction Experience (Ohio University)  
EXED 202 Introduction to Experiential Education (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Field-Based Courses Taught

RLS 15001 Rock Climbing (Ithaca College)  
RLS 15200 Intermediate Rock Climbing (Ithaca College)  
RLS 17100 Introduction to Backpacking (Ithaca College)  
RLS 18005 Select Topics in Rescue (Ithaca College)  
RLS 21600 Outdoor Adventure Skills (Ithaca College)  
RLS 22000 The Wilderness Experience (Ithaca College)  
RLS 22300 Wilderness Literacy (Ithaca College)  
RLS 35000 Organization and Supervision Lab (Ithaca College)  
RLS 37000 Wilderness Land Use Ethics (Ithaca College)  
RLS 42100 Wilderness Expedition Leadership (Ithaca College)  
REC 1000 Wilderness Living Skills (Primary Instructor & Secondary Instructor)  
REC 1005 Winter Wilderness Living Skills (Primary Instructor)  
REC 1080 Fundamentals of Climbing (Secondary Instructor)  
REC 1030 Wilderness Survival (Primary Instructor)  
REC 1130 Fundamentals of Canoeing (Secondary Instructor)  
REC 1190 Caving (Primary Instructor & Secondary Instructor)  
REC 1140 Fundamentals of Kayaking (Primary Instructor & Secondary Instructor)  
REC 1141 Whitewater Kayaking (Secondary Instructor)  
REC 1142 Coastal Kayaking (Primary Instructor)  
REC 1200 Mountain Biking (Secondary Instructor)  
REC 390 Wilderness Survival (undergraduate teaching assistant)