



From the Editor

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Welcome to the first issue of the *Academy of Leisure Sciences Newsletter*. We anticipate publishing the newsletter biannually in March and September. Feel free to send me ideas, text, and information about upcoming events. The *ALS Newsletter* will grow as the organization grows. Please feel free to contact me:

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ALS History Help

As some of you know, all the records for the Academy since its inception in 1980 are missing. Somehow in the transitions between historians in the past few years, all the files have been lost. I am going to attempt to reconstruct as much of the history as I can, but will need the help of all members, especially the officers from the past.

If anyone has any records at all—meeting minutes, letters of recommendation for Fellows, or data related to ALS—please let me know. I will be contacting many of you in the coming months to at least try to piece together an oral history. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks much,

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Academy of Leisure Sciences, I would like to welcome you to this inaugural edition of the *ALS Newsletter*. The year 2012 was exciting and productive for the ALS. Perhaps most significant has been the restructuring of the ALS to provide a bigger “tent” for those academics and professionals involved in the many areas of leisure endeavors. Toward this end, I would like to thank those members of the Academy who worked so tirelessly to make this restructuring happen and to welcome the new members who have joined the Academy.

This year promises to provide the Academy with a host of new and ongoing opportunities. Chief among these will be to continue to expand our membership; strengthen the funding for the Future Scholars program; expand our outreach, primarily through facilitating important events such as reestablishing the Teaching Institute; and provide a broader spectrum of benefits for ALS members.

The ALS will have a business meeting during the NRPA conference this year in addition to the traditional luncheon. We have concluded, or are in the process of finalizing, partnerships with the World Leisure Organization and the American Leisure Academy and are collaborating with Sagamore Publishing to facilitate the business operations of the Academy.

Doubtless there are more items to discuss, but allow me to conclude with our appreciation of your ongoing interest and involvement in the Academy. We look forward to continuing to move the ALS in the direction of member services and professional impact. Happy New Year!

Alan Ewert, President
Academy of Leisure Sciences

An Invitation to Join

the

Academy of Leisure Sciences

by David Scott, *Past President*

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to invite you to become a member of the Academy of Leisure Sciences (ALS). The ALS is dedicated to the advancement of leisure studies. Our primary purpose is to bring together people from diverse backgrounds, academic and otherwise, who share a mutual interest in better understanding the roles of leisure in life, including various contexts of recreation, park, tourism, outdoor adventure, health, therapy, and sport. **Membership is open to all**, and all members are invited to take responsibility for the academy's growth and development by volunteering to serve on its committees, stand for its governing offices, and otherwise help create the academy's future. We want to build a caring and connected professional community.

The ALS was founded in 1980 to honor scholars who had made significant contributions to the field of leisure sciences through their research, writings, and organizational leadership. In 2011, the ALS voted to reconstitute itself and open its membership to scholars, educators, practitioners, students, and interested others. The ALS will continue its practice of nominating and electing Fellows based on lifetime achievement. However, its primary focus will be on academic and administrative mentorship. This will be made possible by creating face-to-face opportunities for professional networking; continuing education; and research, teaching, and service-related programs. The ALS will maintain an informative website, continue financing and managing the Future Scholars program, oversee the teaching institute and the national department chairs meeting, and coordinate other initiatives as they present themselves.

Although the ALS will work with the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA's) Education Network, it will retain its independence from NRPA. The range and scope of the ALS's academic interests are much broader than NRPA's, and we are committed to serving members across that spectrum. We want people back who have drifted away from NRPA. If you are one of them, please think seriously about coming home to us. **We miss you.**

We have already cosponsored one event: The 1st International Symposium on Speaking Up

and Speaking Out: Working for Social and Environmental Justice Through Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Leisure. The symposium was held earlier this month in Salt Lake City. We also hosted a Welcome to Your Academy of Leisure Sciences social in October in conjunction with the National Recreation and Park Association Congress in Anaheim, California. We will be hosting another Welcome at the NRPA Congress in Houston.

We are excited about the prospects for the future. The current ALS membership's mandate to throw open the doors, welcome others aboard, and nurture a shared sense of professional identity and purpose was overwhelming. **We believe the newly reconstituted Academy of Leisure Sciences will serve that mission, and we look forward to you joining us as we move the Academy forward together.**

We are ready for you to become a member. Our website (<http://academyofleisureciences.com>) is the primary portal for registration, membership, and other information about the ALS.



Please join today and welcome to the Academy of Leisure Sciences!

Best Graduate Student Paper Award

This past year, the Academy of Leisure Sciences partnered with the Leisure Research Symposium (LSR) to sponsor a Best Graduate Student Paper Award. The search committee consisted of two ALS Fellows (Fran McGuire and Dan Williams) and the two LRS cochairs (Jason Bocarro and Monika Stodolska). The search committee presented two awards in Anaheim, California at the National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition. One of the awards went to Liza Berdychevsky, University of Florida, for her paper, *Sex as Leisure in the Shadow of Depression*. Her co-authors were Galit Nimrod (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Douglas A. Kleiber (University of Georgia), and Heather J. Gibson (University of Florida). The other winner was Xinyi Lisa Qian, Pennsylvania State University, for her paper, *Does leisure time availability moderate or mediate the effect of daily stress on positive affect?* Her coauthors were Caren M. Yarnal and David M. Almeida from Penn State.

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to our selection committee for their hard work!

Why Join the Academy of Leisure Sciences?

Membership in the ALS is open to all scholars, educators, and students in the diverse field of leisure studies, and all members participate in the Academy's growth and development by serving on committees, standing for governing offices, and otherwise creating the Academy's future. We want to build a caring and connected professional community. Here are several reasons for leisure-related scholars to join ALS:

- Belong to a **worldwide network** of people interested in advancing leisure studies.
- Take an **active role in decision-making** and steering ALS in directions relevant to your scholarship.
- Receive **discounted rates** to ALS-sponsored teaching workshops and research symposia.
- **Receive discounts** from various vendors who sponsor ALS (e.g., Sagamore Publishing) and a complimentary electronic copy of *SCHOLE: A Journal of Leisure Studies and Recreation Education*.
- **Support the Future Scholars Endowment Fund** with a portion of your annual membership dues.

Enjoy the satisfaction of becoming a founding member of the newly reconstituted ALS by joining right now!



2012 THEODORE AND FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT AWARD for Excellence in Recreation and Park Research

National Recreation and Park Association



Bill Stewart
University of Illinois

Congratulations to William (Bill) Stewart, who was presented the 2012 Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Award for Excellence in Recreation and Park Research by the National Recreation and Park Association in Anaheim, California, this past October. The award is given annually “to an individual whose contributions to recreation and research have significantly advanced the cause of the recreation movement.”

Stewart is a professor in the Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has been conducting research on park development and community-based conservation for almost 30 years. His research program is directed at understanding relationships between park environments and individual and community well-being. Stewart’s research develops an understanding of leisure experiences and place meanings related to parks, and provides communities with insight regarding public values and social benefits of their parks. His research partners have included scholars from landscape architecture, ecology, sociology, and economics. A common thread in his research has been the employment of photographs and other visual imagery to facilitate understanding of place meanings, values, and perceptions of landscapes.

Stewart is sensitive to the plurality of public and private landscape values related to parks and protected areas. In his research reports and presentations, he has been careful to document the breadth of perspectives and represent the multiple layers of environmental values connected to the people and landscapes he studies. He has been an investigator on numerous research projects totaling more than \$1.5 million, with most of the grant funding coming from various land management agencies. Stewart has received two Fulbright awards to research leisure and park use in Japan in 1993–1994, and to research community-based park development in Canada in 2005–06. He has been invited to lecture in various places throughout the U.S., Japan, Mexico, Korea, and Taiwan. He believes the greatness of the world’s urban areas is reflected in the community values captured in the design of their parks.

Past Recipients of the Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Award

2011, David Scott, Texas A&M University
2010, Robert Manning, University of Vermont
2009, No award given
2008, Myron F. Floyd, North Carolina State University
2007, Linda L. Caldwell, Penn State University
2006, Gary D. Ellis, University of Utah
2005, Joseph O’Leary, Texas A&M University
2004, Leo McAvoy, University of Minnesota
2003, Douglas A. Kleiber, University of Georgia
2002, David Lime, United States Forest Service
2001, Geoffrey Godbey, Penn State University
2000, Christos D. Siderelis, North Carolina State University
1999, Susan M. Shaw, University of Waterloo
1998, William E. Hammitt, Clemson University
1997, David N. Cole, United States Forest Service
1996, Stuart J. Schleien, University of Minnesota

1995, Edgar L. Jackson, University of Alberta
1994, John R. Kelly, University of Illinois
1993, Karla A. Henderson, University of North Carolina
1992, John L. Crompton, Texas A&M University
1991, Roger C. Mannell, University of Waterloo
1990, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, University of Chicago
1989, H. Ken Cordell, United States Forest Service
1988, Peter A. Witt, University of North Texas
1987, Seppo E. Iso-Ahola, University of Maryland
1986, Robert Ditton, Texas A&M University
1985, Bev Driver, United States Forest Service
1984, Carlton Van Doren, Texas A&M University
1983, Donald R. Field, Oregon State University
1982, Rabel J. Burdge, University of Illinois
1981, Wilbur F. LaPage, United States Forest Service



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FUTURE SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT FUND

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Dear Colleague:

We are making good progress toward raising the funding needed to fully endow the Future Scholars Fund. Our goal is to raise this money before December 31, 2013. If you have already contributed or pledged to contribute, I sincerely thank you. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to this Fund.

The Future Scholars program makes annual awards to outstanding master's students interested in pursuing doctoral degrees in parks, recreation, and leisure studies. The awards facilitate travel to the NRPA conference where these students meet faculty from doctoral programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. By recognizing these accomplished students and facilitating their decisions about doctoral study, the Future Scholars program is a solid investment in the future of this field.

In the past, the Academy of Leisure Sciences has sponsored Future Scholars with involvement and support from NRPA plus annual financial support from Venture Publishing, Sagamore Publishing, and Dr. Dan Dustin in memory of his parents Lucille and Derby Dustin. This Fund will create a permanent endowment to sustain it into the future. Because the Fund helps emerging scholars participate in the community of educators and researchers in this field and be mentored by members of the academy, both the Academy of Leisure Sciences (through your support) and the NRPA are committed to the Future Scholars Program. Past future scholars have found these experiences to be invaluable to their academic and professional growth and your support will allow the Academy to continue this excellent and far-reaching opportunity for the future.

In an effort to stimulate contributions, you may want to consider challenge pledges or fund-raising activities. For example, a former Future Scholar, Dr. Erik Rosegard (San Francisco State University) recently offered to match contributions from other Future Scholar alumni up to a total of \$500. Likewise, students in the Recreation and Leisure Studies Program at Middle Tennessee State University made a substantial collective contribution to the Fund.

Thank you very much for your support and involvement in the Academy.

Sincerely,

Alan Ewert

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2012 Future Scholars



Three outstanding graduate students were elected as 2012 Future Scholars: **Hua Bai** (University of Missouri, supported by Sonja Wilhelm Stanis), **Gareth Jones** (Temple University, supported by Brianna Clark), and **Bronwen Valtchanov** (University of Waterloo, supported by Diana Parry). They were recognized at the annual ALS luncheon and business meeting in Anaheim, California. A special thank you goes to the Future Scholars Committee: Diane Samdahl (Chair), Bob Barcelona, Deb Kerstetter, and Ingrid Schneider.

Hua Bai



Hua is interested in people's use of parks and how parks contribute to healthy lifestyles and well-being. In her Future Scholar application, Hua wrote,

"My thesis is on perceptions of park quality and constraints to park-based physical activity across people with different demographic characteristics and past park use experiences, as well as the relationship of these perceptions with residents' physical activity and health."

Gareth Jones



Gareth is interested in how participation in sport, recreation, and leisure contributes to social, physical, and psychological development and leadership skills among youth. Gareth, wrote,

"I was born and raised just outside Philadelphia, and personally experienced the everlasting benefits that recreation and active leisure can provide. This inspired me to develop a comprehensive understanding of how these activities specifically benefit youth, and to ensure quality programs are accessible to all children."

Bronwen Valtchanov

Bronwen is interested in how adolescent girls from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds experience leisure and negotiate leisure constraints. Bronwen, stated,

"My graduate course work as well as my undergraduate background in psychology and women's studies have informed my interests in the research themes of health and well-being, community development and issues of identity and diversity, including gender."



ALS Partners With Other Organizations

The Academy of Leisure Sciences has signed agreements with the World Leisure Organization and the Tourism Research Center (Chinese Academy of Leisure Sciences). These agreements open the door for practical exchanges of information and cooperation. **Read more about these agreements at www.academyofleisuresciences.com**



Election Results

Deb Jordan, Bill Stewart, and Ingrid Schneider were unanimously elected as president-elect, treasurer, and secretary respectively of the Academy of Leisure Sciences. Alan Ewert took over as president at our business meeting in Anaheim, California.

Thank you to our Nominations Committee—Deb Jordan, Diane Samdahl, and Kim Shinew—for their work in bringing forward a new team of officers!

“Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them, and their value will never be known. Improve them, and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

10th Annual World Wilderness Conference

Call for Participation

Symposium on Science and Stewardship to Protect and Sustain Wilderness Values

October 4–10, 2013 in SALAMANCA!

Greetings from the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute, the Global Change Research Center of the Czech, Academy of Sciences, the Wildland Research Institute of the University of Leeds, and the WILD Foundation.

We are enthused to be part of WILD10 by jointly hosting the WILD10 Symposium on Science and Stewardship to Protect and Sustain Wilderness Values. Many national and international NGOs, government agencies, and institutions throughout the world are already involved in this, the 10th World Wilderness Congress. Here is your invitation.

Please join us right now in preparing for this important international event. WILD10's central theme is **Make the World a Wilder Place**, with focus on how we protect, sustain, and restore wild nature and also provide enhanced social and economic opportunities for human society.

For more information, please go to www.academyofleisuresciences.com and download the Call for Participation information sheet. You can also visit the Wild10.org website for more information about this event.

2012 Election of Fellows

Five outstanding colleagues were elected as Fellows to the Academy of Leisure Sciences in May 2012. They are Jim Busser (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Sherry Dupuis (University of Waterloo), Heather Gibson (University of Florida), Bob Rossman (Professor and Dean Emeritus, Illinois State University), and Bryan Smale (University of Waterloo). These newly elected Fellows were welcomed at the ALS annual luncheon and business meeting in Anaheim, California.



James Busser

Jim Busser is a professor and director of the PhD program in the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). From 2000 to 2008, Busser was an associate dean for Academic Affairs at UNLV. Over the last 25 years, he has made important contributions to the knowledge of our discipline through his research on personnel management. Busser is the author of several publications, including three books: *Programming for Employee Services and Recreation*, *Problem Solving in Recreation and Parks*, and *Sport Club Management*. He has given invited presentations in the United States, Finland, United Arab Emirates, and England. Busser has held key posts in national professional societies. Busser is an active member of the Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and is a fellow in the AAHPERD Research Consortium. He has served as editor of three scholarly journals and is in his second term as editor of the *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*.

Guided by an authentic partnership approach and a number of years experience working in long-term care, **Sherry Dupuis'** research program has focused primarily on identifying ways to improve the quality of the lives of persons living with dementia and their families and to ensuring the voices of persons with dementia and their partners in care are represented in research, education, and practice. Her most recent research uses participatory action research and appreciative inquiry in facilitating and examining a culture change process in long-term care settings, a process that is nurturing more relationship-centered practices where all key stakeholders in those settings are included in decision making. Dupuis is also committed to research as a means of triggering personal transformation and social change. Thus, she is interested in exploring creative, arts-based approaches to research and alternative representations of research results such as research-based drama that make research findings more accessible and more effective in shifting images, understandings, and actions in dementia care.



Sherry L. Dupuis



Heather Gibson

Heather Gibson is a professor in the Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Sport Management at the University of Florida and an associate director of the Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute. People often ask, "Does Heather specialize in tourism, sport, or leisure?" The answer is all three. She graduated from Brighton Polytechnic in the UK with a bachelor's degree in physical education and a specialization in sport sociology. This focus on the sociology of sport and leisure led her to the University of Connecticut where she earned her master's degree and PhD and was introduced to tourism as a field of study. Currently, Gibson teaches classes in leisure theory, tourism, and research methods. She also leads study abroad programs to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. She

was selected as the Distinguished International Educator for her college in 2004 and 2010. Her research interests include leisure and tourism in later life, women travelers, sport tourism with a particular focus on sport-related travel in later life and small-scale events, and perceived risk in travel. Gibson has published over 50 peer-reviewed articles in scholarly journals and was editor for the book *Sport Tourism: Concepts and Theories* and coeditor with Jerome Singleton on *Leisure and Aging: Theory and Practice*. Currently, she is an associate editor for *Leisure Sciences*, a regional editor for North America for *Leisure Studies*, and an editorial board member for the *Journal of Sport Management*, the *Journal of Sport and Tourism*, and *World Leisure Journal*. Gibson also served as a SPRE board member from 2005-2008 and cochair of the Leisure Research Symposium 2008-2010. She is currently the chair of the Women and Gender Commission for the World Leisure Organization.

Bob Rossman has been involved with designing and staging leisure experiences and writing scholarly papers on programming and program management throughout his career. His work has improved programming practices by integrating the results of social science research on experience with the practice of programming. He has given keynote addresses and educational workshops on programming to a variety of organizations in the U.S. and abroad including the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation operations for the U.S. Air Force, Navy, and Army to help improve their programming practices. During the past few years, he has delivered invited addresses about programming to groups in Thailand, Australia, and New Zealand including keynoting the New Zealand Recreation Association Annual Conference and the annual conference of the New Zealand Association of Event Professionals. He is coauthor of *Recreation Programming: Designing and Staging Leisure Experiences*, which is currently in its sixth edition and has been used for almost 25 years to teach programming at over 100 universities in the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand. Rossman has provided leadership to help develop the Certified Park and Recreation Professional examination and was coauthor of the *CPRP Study Guide* for 10 years through three editions. He has served as a board member and president of SPRE, as a board member for the Academy of Park and Recreation Administration, and on both the National Forum and the Accreditation Council.



J. Robert Rossman



Bryan Smale

Bryan Smale is the director of the Canadian Index of Well-Being housed in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Waterloo and a full professor in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. He is a cross-appointed professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management at UW, and is a research faculty associate in both the Murray Alzheimer Research and Education Program (MAREP) and the Social Innovation Generation (SiG). He previously served as associate dean for Computing and Special Projects in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences at UW from 1996 to 2010 and before that was associate chair of Graduate Studies in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. Smale is currently the president of the Canadian Association of Leisure Studies, president of the Ontario Research Council on Leisure, chair of the Canadian Research Agenda Task Group for the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association, and a member of the Steering Committee of Research Data Canada. He is the editor-in-chief of *Leisure/Loisir*, and past editor of *Ontario Geography*, *Recreation Research Review*, and the *Journal of Applied Recreation Research*. He has served as an associate editor for the *Journal of Sport Management*, the *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research*, and *Leisure/Loisir*. His research program and teaching focus on the role of leisure in the health and well-being of individuals and communities, leisure as a coping resource, the spatial distribution and analysis of leisure in communities, time use allocation, social indicators research, innovative applications of multiple research methods, and multivariate statistical techniques and applications.