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**Faculty Research Interests**

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- Sub-cultures: Homeless; Amish –work, leisure & community; ocean cruising, sailing subcultures
- Social capital: Family, youth and community; people with disabilities
- Water related recreation management: Autotelic lifestyle of ocean cruisers

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- African Americans and social leisure
- Therapeutic recreation and treatment of patients

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- Management of non-traditional employees in sport settings
  - Service quality related to the performance of non-traditional employees in sport
  - Work-family conflict in sport settings
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  - Study of sport organizational behaviors
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