

VITA: Mark Wagstaff



Education

Oklahoma State University - Ed.D. In Higher Education/College Teaching through Department of Leisure Services, Specialization: Community Counseling, Dissertation: Outdoor Leader Self-Awareness and Its Relationship to Co-Leaders' Perceptions of Influence. Completed May, 1997

North Carolina State University - M.S. in Recreation Resources, Minor: Math and Science Education Thesis: Evaluation of Litter Behavior Modification in a River Environment . Completed May, 1987

North Carolina State University - B.S. in Recreation Resources Administration Concentration in Natural Interpretation. Completed May, 1981

Employment Background:

Professor: Radford University, Radford, VA 2003 to present

Responsibilities: Teach a four class load within Recreation, Parks and Tourism Department. Courses include: Recreation Programming, Introduction to Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Adventure Programming, Challenge Course Facilitation, Outdoor Living Skills, Senior Seminar, Wilderness Institute (nine credit wilderness expedition). Oversee outdoor recreation concentration and associated students. Also responsible for general student advising, university committee work, research and community service. Created and oversee the RU-ABLE challenge course program and student experiential learning laboratory which serves the university and region.

Associate Professor: St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN 1999 to 2003 *Responsibilities:* Taught courses in HPERSS department within recreation program. Courses included: Recreation Leadership, Recreation Programming, Facility Design and Management, Inclusive Recreation, Outdoor Education, Camp Counseling, Basic Camping Skills, Wilderness Skills, Wilderness Leadership, Challenge Course Facilitation, Wilderness Expedition and activity courses. Conducted scholarly research, grant writer, and served on various departmental, college and university committees. Created and administered new minor in outdoor education. The minor and associated courses were recommended for students majoring in criminal justice, social work, physical education, geography and teacher preparation. Physical education students were required to take outdoor education course.

Assistant Professor: Brevard College, Brevard, NC 1997 to 1999

Responsibilities: Curriculum Coordinator for the B.A. degree program in Wilderness Leadership and Experiential Education. Developed and refined wilderness leadership curriculum. Provided leadership with the initial SACS accreditation process. Taught a variety of theory and skills classes for the purpose of preparing college students to enter outdoor adventure related professions. Courses included: Leadership and Group Dynamics, Legal Issues and Risk Management, Ethics, Camp Administration, Camp Counseling, Challenge Course Administration, Open Topics Seminar, Introduction to Outdoor Education.

Coordinator: Oklahoma State University Outdoor Recreation Program, Stillwater, OK. *1992 to 1997*
Responsibilities: Provided outdoor recreation opportunities for OSU community and surrounding region. Duties included administration of challenge course, trip program, climbing wall, adventure workshop series, international expeditions, rental shop, and 80 acre outdoor recreation facility. Supervised full-time staff, graduate students and 40 to 50 student employees. Refined reservation system, administrative procedures and maintenance plan to operate the university's 80-acre outdoor recreation center. The OSU outdoor recreation program served over 10,000 users annually.

Executive Director: The Wilderness Education Association, Saranac Lake, NY. *1989 to 1992*
Responsibilities: Overall administration of WEA, a not for profit corporation. Duties included: long-range planning, budgeting, public relations, fund raising, coordinating outdoor programs with 30 colleges and universities nation-wide, planning and coordinating Board of Trustee meetings, co-organizing annual national conferences, managing membership of 1,300, editing quarterly newsletter and monthly news bulletin, coordinating 20 to 30 WEA instructors, supervising three-person office staff, developing new programs, and general field instruction. The organization grew from 8 program members and 80 graduates to 30 active programs and over 300 graduates annually under my leadership.

Faculty Staff Member: Recreation Resources Administration, N.C. State University. *1988 and 1989*
Responsibilities: Taught introductory recreation course and special topics class on outdoor recreation. Outdoor consultant for State Recreation Resources Service, planning educational workshops, developing adventure recreation resource directory for state of North Carolina.

Instructor for North Carolina Outward Bound School: North Carolina. *Seasons of 1988 and 1989*
Responsibilities: Led wilderness adventure trips for a variety of populations. Activities included backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater canoeing, and ropes course work. Major emphasis on group dynamics and facilitating individual growth and development.

River Manager: Wildwater, Ltd., Long Creek, South Carolina. *Season of 1987*
Responsibilities: Managed daily operations of whitewater rafting company on Chattooga River. Responsible for staffing, training, scheduling, public relations, equipment inventory, with emphasis on personnel management. Served approximately 18,000 guests in 1987. Worked as trip leader and river guide for Wildwater in 1981, 1982 and 1983.

Teaching Assistant: N.C. State University. *School Term of 1985 and 1986*
Responsibilities: Trained students to conduct environmental education activities for local schools, planning class labs, lecturing, and evaluating students, working with local high school teachers to incorporate environmental education into the classroom.

Commercial Tour Guide: Holiday River Expeditions; Grangeville, Idaho. *Season of 1985 and 1986*
Responsibilities: Organized and led whitewater rafting trips on the Salmon and Snake Rivers. Taught beginning and intermediate kayaking clinics.

Staff Member: Parks and Recreation Department at Western Carolina University. *Spring and Summer of 1984*
Responsibilities: Coordinated students in the development of an interpretive plan for a 5,000 acre U.S. Forest Service Experimental Station. Coordination of a special project concerning outdoor education in wilderness settings.

Adventure Tour Guide: Costa Rica Expeditions: San Jose, Costa Rica. *Winter of 1983 and 1984*

Responsibilities: Led groups to National Parks and remote areas of the country on hiking and whitewater rafting trips. Provided interpretation of the tropical environment and native culture for the guests.

Professional Development

- Master Educator Trainer, Leave No Trace
- Certified Level One Ropes Technician
- Certified Wilderness First Responder
- Certified Instructor for the Wilderness Education Association
- Led student expeditions to Nepal, Ecuador, Mexico, Costa Rica and Russia

Professional Memberships

- Member of the Association for Experiential Education
- Member of the Wilderness Education Association (Elections Committee Chair)
- Member of American Canoeing Association
- Member of Virginia Parks and Recreation Society
- Member of Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education

Honors and Special Recognitions

- **2006** Awarded First Annual WEA Instructor Award
- **2005** Inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Fraternity, Radford University
- **2004** Recognized for excellence in advising, Radford University
- **1998** Honorable Mention: Outstanding Teacher's Award, Brevard College
- **1992** Wilderness Education Association Service Award
- **1986** Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- **1986** Recipient of "Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year" award for the School of Forestry, N.C. State University
- **1980** Rho Phi Lambda Honor Society for Recreation, Parks, and Leisure
- **1977** Eagle Scout Award

Publications

Books:

Wagstaff, M. & Attarian, A. (Eds.) (Anticipated Publication Date: January 2009). *Technical skills for adventure programming: A curriculum guide*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Martin, B., Cashel, C., Wagstaff, M. & Breuing, M. (2006). *Introduction to outdoor leadership; Theory and practice*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Drury, J.K., Bonney, B. F., Berman, D., & Wagstaff, M. C. (2005). *The backcountry classroom: Lessons, tools and activities for teaching outdoor leaders*. (2nd ed.). Guilford, CT: Globe-Pequot – Falcon Press.

Chapters:

Kafsky, J. & Wagstaff, M. (Accepted). Staff assessment. In M. Erpelding & G. Harrison (Eds.). *Outdoor Recreation Program Administration: Essentials for the Professional*, Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Wagstaff, M. (In Press). The power of experience. In C. Geller (Ed.) Book (Title yet to be determined). Radford: Radford University.

Wagstaff, M., Attarian, A., & Jack, D.K. (2007). Outdoor pursuits. In Project Adventure (Ed.) *Adventure Education: Theory and Applications*, Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Wagstaff, M. (2003). History and philosophy of challenge course programming. In Wurdinger, S. & Steffen, J. (Eds.). *Challenge Course Programming in Schools*, Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Wagstaff, M. & Cockrell, D. (1991). Course administration. In D. Cockrell (Ed.). *The Wilderness Educator: The Wilderness Education Association Curriculum Guide*, Merrillville, IN: ICS Books. 169-182.

Refereed Publications:

Birx, E., Wagstaff, M., & VanPatten, S. (2008). Cultivating caring through caring group and ropes course experiences. *Nursing Educator*. 33(2), 67-70.

Wagstaff, M. & Quinn, W.J. (2007). The challenge course facilitator technical skills assessment tool. *Australian Journal of Outdoor Education*. 11(1), 29-40.

Wagstaff, M. (Fall, 2006) Honoring Gretta Berglund: The case for abilities and limitations assessment in wilderness leadership. *The Journal of the Wilderness Education Association*. 18(2) 7-10.

Wagstaff, M. & Cashel, C. (2002). Developing outdoor leaders: Paul Petzoldt's perspective. Proceedings: 2002 CEO Research Symposium.

Wagstaff, M. & Cashel, C. (2001). Paul Petzoldt's perspective: The final 20 years. *The Journal of Experiential Education*, 24(3), 160-165.

Wagstaff, M. (1997). Outdoor leader self-awareness and its relationship to co-leaders' perceptions of influence. Proceedings: 1997 CEO Research Symposium.

Wagstaff, M.C., & Wilson, B.E. (1988). The evaluation of litter behavior modification in a river environment. *Journal of Environmental Education*, 20(1), 39-44.

Other:

Martin, B. & Wagstaff, M. (2007). Developing practical indicators of outdoor leadership competency. 2007 WEA Conference Proceedings, Estes Park, Colorado.

Wagstaff, M., Martin, B. & Cashel, C. (2006) Outdoor leadership: Developing core competencies. 2006 WEA Conference Proceedings, Bloomington, Indiana.

Wagstaff, M. (Fall, 2006) History of challenge courses. *Outward Bound International Newsletter*. Outward Bound International. (reprinted)

Wagstaff, M. (December, 2006). History of challenge courses. *Association for Challenge Course Technology National Newsletter*.

Wagstaff, M. & Quinn W.J. (2006). Challenge course technical skills evaluation tool. Proceedings: 2005 ICORE Research Symposium.

Wagstaff, M. (2005). Waldron College goes to Zululand. *RU International Education Newsletter*. 6(2), 2.

Christie, B., Drury, J. & Wagstaff, M. (2005). Visiting our past. Proceedings: Wilderness Education Association National Conference 2005, Estes Park Colorado.

Wagstaff, M. (2004, Winter). Resource available to advance adventure programming. *Virginia Parks and Recreation Magazine*.

Drury, J.K., & Wagstaff, M.C. (2004). Wilderness Education Association: Instructor's training clinic. Conference Proceedings: International Conference Outdoor Recreation and Education. October 2004.

Wagstaff, M. (2002). Educating Youth: Petzoldt's Way. *The WEA legend: Newsletter of the Wilderness Education Association*, Spring.

Wagstaff, M. (2001). The WEA vision. *The WEA legend: Newsletter of the Wilderness Education Association*, Fall.

Wagstaff, M. (2001). Remembering our roots: Why ask why? *The WEA legend: Newsletter of the Wilderness Education Association*, Spring.

Wagstaff, M. (2000). The right way: Training outdoor leaders. *The WEA legend: Newsletter of the Wilderness Education Association*, Fall.

Wagstaff, M. (1995). The impact of artificial adventure environments on outdoor recreation. *Trends*, 22(3),7-11.

Wagstaff, M. (1992). Adventure recreation programs - A formula for success: professional leaders and public lands. *Parks & Recreation*, 27(8), 52-59.

Wagstaff, M. (1991). The wilderness education association and accreditation. Monograph: National Conference for Outdoor Leaders, Gunnison: Western State College, Colorado.

Wagstaff, M. (Ed.). (1989-1991) *The WEA TABS*, Saranac Lake, NY: WEA

Wagstaff, M. (Ed.). (1989). *The WEA Affiliate Handbook*, Saranac Lake, NY: WEA.

Wagstaff, M.C., Wilson, B.E. (1987). The evaluation of litter behavior modification in a river environment. Proceedings: Southeastern Recreation Research Symposium, Athens: University of Georgia. 21- 28.

Professional Presentations:

Wilderness Education Association: WEA 101. WEA 2008 Conference, San Diego, CA.

Wilderness Education Association: ACA Instructor Survey, WEA Research Symposium 2008, San Diego, CA.

Virginia Parks and Recreation Association State Conference. September 2007. The LNT Front Country Program. Williamsburg, VA.

International Conference Outdoor Recreation and Education. October 2007. Training Student Trip Leaders: What's Your Approach? Asheville, NC.

Wilderness Education Association: Developing practical indicators of outdoor leadership competency. WEA 2007 Conference, Estes Park, CO.

Mid Atlantic AEE Regional Conference: Keynote Speaker: Roots, Bridges and Transformation, 2006. West Virginia.

Wilderness Education Association Instructor Training Clinic: WEA 2006 National Conference, Bloomington, IN.

Wilderness Education Association. Outdoor Leadership: Developing Core Competencies: WEA 2006 National Conference, Bloomington, IN.

International Conference Outdoor Recreation and Education. October 2005. ICORE Research Symposium: Challenge Course Facilitator Technical Skills Assessment Tool, SUNY Buffalo, NY. (**A Refereed Presentation**)

Wilderness Education Association National Conference. February 2005. Keynote Address: Revisiting Our Past – An Historical Perspective of the WEA. Panel Presentation. Estes Park, CO.

Wilderness Education Association National Conference. February 2005, 2004. Pre-conference Workshop: WEA Instructor Training Clinic, Estes Park, CO: Bloomington, IN.

International Conference Outdoor Recreation and Education. October 2004. Pre-conference Workshop: An Adapted WEA Instructor Training Clinic, Fall Creek Falls State Park, TN.

AAHPERD National Convention and Exposition. 30th Co-presented, April 2003. Title: PE Isn't Just Ball and Bats... There is 'Adventure'. Philadelphia, PA.

Association for Experiential Education. 30th Annual International Conference, November, 2002. Title: The New Learner: The Role of Technology in Outdoor Education. St. Paul, MN.

Outdoor Education Seminar. November 2001, Title: Outdoor Leadership Development in Higher Education: The WEA Process. Nara University, Nara: Japan.

Wilderness Education Association National Conference. February 2001. Title: Revisiting Our Roots: Paul Petzoldt's Teaching Philosophy and Methods. San Diego State: CA.

Wilderness Education Association National Conference. February 2001. Title: Instructor Development Program: Co-facilitated three-day workshop. Presented Kolb's Learning Styles Inventory. San Diego State: CA.

Wilderness Education Association National Conference. February 2000. Title: Honoring Gretta Burgland: A Case for the Abilities and Limitations Assessment. SIU: Carbondale, IL.

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators: March 1999. Title: Orientation and Development: Wild and in High Gear. Presented model for freshmen orientation wilderness trips. New Orleans, LA.

Coalition for Education in the Outdoors: Forth Biennial Research Symposium. January 1998. Title: Outdoor Leader Self-Awareness and Its Relationship to Co-Leaders' Perceptions of Influence. Bradford Woods: Martinsville, IN

Association For Experiential Education. November 1997. Co-presented in Virtual Space Forum: Mentoring and Women in the Out of Doors. Asheville, NC

Wilderness Education Association National Conference. March 1997. Title: The Influence of Co-Leader Relationships on Group Development. Western State College: Gunnison, CO

Coalition for Education in the Outdoors: Third Biennial Research Symposium. January 1996. Presided and Discussion Leader for Sunday Research Presentations. Bradford Woods, IN

Big Eight National Intramural Recreation Sports Association Regional Conference. November 1994. Title: Challenge Course Development in Institutions of Higher Education. Stillwater, OK.

Oklahoma Therapeutic Ropes Association. September 1992. Title: Judgment and Decision Making The Foundation of Outdoor Leadership. Tahlequah, OK.

National Conference for Outdoor Leaders. September 1991. Member of Panel: Outdoor Program Accreditation. Title: The Wilderness Education Association and Accreditation. Crested Butte, CO.
Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education,

Recreation and Dance. March 1991. Title: Issues in Outdoor Leadership: Present and Future. Newport, RI.

Association For Experiential Education. October 1989. Member of Panel: Outdoor Leadership Certification. Title: A Model of Evaluation. Santa Fe, NM.

Southeastern Recreation Research Conference. April 1987. Presentation of Methodology, Results, and Management Implications: Evaluation of Litter Behavior Modification in a River Environment. Asheville, NC.

Grants & Financial Support Received:

- SCSU Summer school equipment grant, May 2000, \$700
- Co-authored RITE Grant (Technology Grant), December 2000, \$5,000
- Learning By Doing Grant: Husky Challenge Course, Spring 2000, \$25,000
- State Leveraged Equipment Funds 2001 \$7,000
- Short-term Faculty Development Grant, Spring 2001, \$1,225
- College of Education Mini Grant, Spring 2002, \$2,300
- SCSU Summer School Special Program Grant, 2003 \$1,300
- In-house funding for RU Challenge Course Program, 2003 \$50,000
- American Canoeing Association Assessment Project 2007 \$2,500
- National Parks and Recreation Teen's Outside Grant 2007 \$750
- OIF and NRPA Teens Outside Program 2007 \$700
- OIF and NRPA Teens Outside Program 2008 \$1,500