Welcome RLS’ New Department Chair

Dr. Terrance (Terry) Robertson

Dr. Robertson joined our department as a full-time tenured Professor and Chair in the fall (August) 2014! Terry comes to Long Beach State from Northwest Missouri State, where he has worked for over 20 years. He was a full Professor and served as chair of the Department of Health and Human Services for 12 years. He received his Bachelors Degree in Education-Physical Education/Therapeutic Recreation (TR) with a Minor in Outdoor Recreation from University of Nevada, Las Vegas; then went on to receive his Masters Degree in Therapeutic Recreation with a Minor in Media Studies and his Doctorate in Recreation and Leisure with Minors in Special Physical Education and Research Methods from the University of Utah. Welcome Dr. Terry!

Dr. KJ James is Retiring!

Professor Katherine "KJ" James, Ph.D. is retiring from California State University, Long Beach! KJ has been a faculty member in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies since 1993 as Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor and served in a variety of roles including Department Chair, Coordinator of the Outdoor Recreation Certificate Program and Graduate Coordinator. KJ received her Bachelor's Degree from Carleton College in Minnesota, in Biology with a Natural History Concentration. She received both her Master's Degree in Recreation, Park, and Leisure Studies along with her Doctorate in Education in Recreation, Park, and Leisure Studies, with an emphasis in Outdoor Recreation from the University of Minnesota. She is best known for teaching such courses as: Evaluation and Research in Leisure Services, Recreation Resource Management, Environmental and Cultural Interpretation, and Recreation in the Ocean Environment. We thank KJ for her over 20 years of service to the University, the Recreation Profession and especially for teaching and inspiring students, to make a difference in the field of Recreation and Leisure Services! We wish KJ all the best in her retirement!

Giving back to CSULB and the RLS Department

We are so proud of all our Recreation Alumni. Please keep in touch with us. Filling out the survey is one way (see below). Also, send us information you would not mind sharing about your latest career moves and accomplishments.

I DECLARE! The University’s Capital Campaign is in full swing.

We do hope you will consider making a contribution to the department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. You can do this in a variety of ways:

- A monetary contribution – every dollar you contribute to the department goes to the advancement of the professional development of our students.

Money contributed can go to Scholarships and other projects or programs sponsored by our faculty for the learning enhancement of our students (Majors, Minors and Graduate Students). Small and large gifts/donations are always welcome. Thank you for your consideration.

If you are interested in serving on: 1) The Recreation and Leisure Studies Alumni Association (RALSAA) 2) The RLS Advisory Board 3) A guest speaker in one of our classes 4) As an agency mentor for one of our interns (400 hour internship) 4) Or would like to lead or help organize an alumni event (golf tournament, a day trip to Santa Barbara Island, a Recreation Therapy Alumni Reunion) let us know!

TAKE THE RLS ALUMNI SURVEY – Please take our Alumni Survey, it will only take you about 7 minutes. Update your information and give us feedback. We need your input for our NRPA accreditation, and to update our department alumni data. We are using an online Qualtrics Survey Software: https://csulb.qualtrics.com

Here is the direct website: https://csulb.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d5e2ZbUhVvCFkZT

1) Check out our CSULB Department of Recreation & Leisure Studies Facebook Page for announcements, job postings, and events! https://www.facebook.com/pages/CSULB-Department-
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP NAMED FOR JULIE REGNIER MCCOY
Pamela Macdonald (’69 RLS) and Jon Regnier have endowed a scholarship in memory of their daughter Julie Regnier McCoy who graduated from the RLS Department in 1988. While at CSULB, she was on the crew team and was a member of the Alpha Delta Chi sorority. As a student, she was employed as a lifeguard at Forest Home Retreat Center. Following graduation, she taught school for the Downey Unified School District in California. She then moved with her husband and two children to Pullman CA. where she taught at St. James Episcopal Church School.
Julie always said, “The Recreation degree provided me with all the wonderful tools I needed to be a successful teacher.” The Inaugural Scholarship of $500 will be awarded in the Spring of 2015 at the David Gray Awards.

RLS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE UNIVERSITY’S “HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN STUDENT SUCCESS AWARD”
The RLS Department has been recognized as one of CSULB’s Outstanding Departments with one of the highest graduation rates (92%) for native (start as freshmen) and transfer students in the university!

A GREAT GATHERING!
RALSAA REUNION AT THE CPRS CONFERENCE IN ONTARIO, CA – MAR. 2014
Over 75 RLS alumni, CPRS District 10 members and friends of the department joined in on the fun. We want to thank our alums who contributed to the Silent Auction or Opportunity Drawing either by providing us with Auction or Drawing items or by bidding on the items or buying drawing tickets at the event. Save the date, we hope to see you in Sacramento on March 13, 2015!

CHHS HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEEK – CO-SPONSORED BY RLS DEPARTMENT
The RLS Department co-ordinated the annual CHHS Wellness Week for 2014. Teaming up with the CHHS Development Office and other College departments the theme was RecX: Recreation a Prescription for Health & Wellness.
Some of the featured RecX programs were:
• The CHHS Lauda Lecture featuring Amy Tomczyk, Director of Outreach & Education for The Blue Zone Project – Secrets for Living Longer Better
https://www.bluezonesproject.com/
• *The Great Beach WALK-ON – a campus 1-2 mile walk with Dean Millar
• CHHS Student Organization’s Health and Wellness Fair
• Recreation Therapy Road to Health & Wellness Through Purposeful Recreation- workshop on the impact of Recreation Therapy and a Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition.
• Community Gardens for Joy, Health & Wellness: Impact of Community Gardens Panel and a...
**Programming and Event Programs**

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Beach Symposium The Therapeutic Recreation_ Students had one rec, over 100 students attend a Program in October of 2014. Students had one-on-one contact with Recreation Professional in the field discussing Professional Communications.

RLS Department hosted the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification Board on the CSULB Campus. The Directors hosted 13 students for lunch in October 2014.

**The Therapeutic Recreation - Beach Symposium** had over 90 professionals and CSULB students participate and students helped facilitate the planning and execution of the event.

**Students involved in Service Learning opportunities the community.**

**The VA Hospital Long Beach is utilized as a lab in a variety of Recreation Therapy courses.**

**In the Human Services Programming in the Urban Area class, students have planned and executed Family Fun Fests at the Villages at Cabrillo (homeless transition community) in Long Beach.**

**The Evaluation & Research course involves students in collecting data for surveys for municipal parks and recreation programs in Southern California.**

**The Planning Recreation Programs and Advanced Programming and Event** courses help plan and produce programs on campus and off.

**RECREATION INTERNSHIPS**

Students have been placed in their capstone 400/560 hour internships in such agencies as: The cities of: Bell, Bend,OR, Buena Park, Corona, Cypress, Gardena, Hunting ton Beach, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Newport Beach, Norwalk, Riverside, San Diego, Stanton and the County of Los Angeles and Orange County Parks just to name a few. Also for the Aquarium of the Pacific, Disney, the Long Beach Grand Prix, LA Live/ AEG, CTC Destination Management, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, Huntington Beach Hilton Waterfront and Hyatt Resorts, Queen Mary, Live Nation, Clippers, Los Angeles World Airports, SCMAF, Sharefest, Score Sports, Crosby Youth Athletics, Southwest Airlines, Special Olympics, Ability First, Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, VA Hospital Long Beach, Surf Channel, Virginia Country Club and many more. Recreation Majors are making a significant impact on the community!

GO REC MAJORS!

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS 2013-14

California Foundation for Parks and Recreation:
- D.J. Albarian - CAPRCBM Kaufman Scholarship Award
- Josh Lainfiesta - J. Richard and Betty Teague/CAPRCBM Past Presidents’ Scholarship
- Veronica Luna - CAPRCBM Scholarship Award

California Parks and Recreation Society- District 10
- D.J. Albarian
- Taylor Conley
- Jacqueline Rodriguez

Women in Leisure Services
- Taylor Conley
- Joanna Montoya

Men in Leisure Services
- Taylor Conley

RLS Department Awards:
- Kate Donovan - David Gray Award
- Joshua Lainfiesta - Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

RALSAA
- Andrea Curl - CeEtta Crayton Community Development Award
- Joanna Montoya - Randy Andersen Leadership Award. Runner up: Bridget Bacon & Jacqueline Rodriguez
- Nicholas Powell - Marilyn Jensen Graduate Student Scholarship

RLS History of Leadership in California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS)
The RLS Department can boast at least seven statewide CPRS Presidents!
- Faculty: Dr. Marilyn Jensen
- Alumni: Eileen Brownell, Gee Silberman, Curtis Brown, Joan Biegel, Angie Avery

President elect (will be President 2015) - Tim Barry

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FACULTY UPDATE

- **Michael A. Blazey, Ph.D.** is Interim Director of Academic Facilities in the Division of Academic Affairs. He also served for 9 years on the NRPA - COAPRT Board (Accreditation of Schools and Programs) including serving as Chair of the Board.

- **Joanne Conley, M.S.** served as Director of the Department of Recreation & Leisure Studies for academic year 2013-14. She was asked by the Dean to serve as the Grand Marshal for 2014 CHHS Commencement Ceremonies.

- **Melissa D’Eloia, Ph.D.** prepared the accreditation materials for our Recreation Therapy (RT) program to become the first to be accredited under new COAPRT standards and facilitated the new Option in RT for the Major in Recreation with Maridith Janssen. She coordinated the CHHS Wellness Week’s RT Program Panel and Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition.

- **Keith Fulthorp, Ed.D.** Represented our Department at the COAPRT Accreditation Hearing at the NRPA Conference.

Served as the Education Section representative for the CPRS District 10 Board of Directors and on the CPRS Conference Program Committee. He developed the department’s Alumni Survey.

- **Katherine (KJ) James, Ph.D.** retired after over 20 years of service to the department. See page 1. She recently initiated courses in Access and Equity of Park Resources, and Wildlife and Wildfire Management in Urban Proximate Areas. She has won numerous awards including CSULB’s Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award and Outstanding Faculty Awards from the student Recreation Society, plus recognition from the City of Los Angeles for her role in planning and implementing the WOW Wonderful Outdoor World program.

- **Marilyn Jensen, Ph.D.** Faculty Emerita received the CPRS - Professional Award of Excellence - Honorary Member Award for 2014.

- **Nancy Matthews, M.S.** was selected as one of the LGBTIQ Speakers for the Lavender Cultural Graduation Ceremony 2014. She completed a training manual for the CSULB Safe Zone Ally Training program for LGBTIQ awareness for CSULB Faculty and Staff.

- **Daniel Plunkett, Ph.D.** full-time RLS Lecturer has accepted a full-time Tenure Track position with the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse in their Department of Recreation Management and Therapeutic Recreation.

- **Laurel Richmond, Ph.D.** coordinated the Community Gardens – Planting for Joy, Health & Wellness: Panel & Demonstration program for CHHS Wellness Week. She was selected as a 2014 CRPS Recreation Therapy Section Lifetime Achievement Award at the Statewide Conference and an Outstanding Organization Award from CPRS District 10 for the Educational Beach Symposium Program she produces annually for RT professionals.

- **Jan Hedges, M.S.** retired after 24 years of service to the University. She was awarded the Alumna of the Year by the RLS Department and received Outstanding Faculty Award from the Rec Society.

- **Terry Robertson, Ph.D.** has been involved in Civic and Community service as a major part of his work. He has served as Presidents of the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association, National Therapeutic Recreation Society, the Midland Empire Independent Living Center Board of Directors, and is currently the president (his third publicly elected four-year term) of the Nodaway County Health Department.