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Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Doctoral Candidate, Community Health, Rehabilitation & Disability Studies, Expected 2018

Advisor: Dr. Laura Rice

Dissertation: An Exploration of Experiences in Disability Sport and Mainstream Sports Environments for Adolescents With Physical Disabilities

Indiana University, Bloomington

Master of Science, Recreation Therapy, 2016

Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Piatt

University of Illinois at Chicago

Master of Science, Disability & Human Development, 2012

Advisor: Dr. James Rimmer

Masters Project: Adaptive Ice Skating Resource Guide for Individuals with Disabilities

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Master of Science, Rehabilitation Psychology, 2009

Advisor: Dr. Ruth Torkelson Lynch

Masters Project: Benefits of Recreational Activities for Individuals with Disabilities

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Science, Community Health, 2007

Concentrations: Rehabilitation & Disability Studies, Health Education & Promotion

Peer-Reviewed Publications

McLoughlin, G.M., **Weisman Fecske, C.**, Castaneda, Y., Gwin, C, Graber, K.C. (2017). Sport Participation for Elite Athletes with Physical Disabilities Motivations, Barriers, and Facilitators. In Review. *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly*, 34(4)421-441.

Hicks, J.R. & **Weisman, C.J.** (2015). Work or Play? An Exploration of the Relationships between People and their Service Dogs in Leisure Activities. *Leisure Research Sciences*, 47(2).

Stumbo, N., Hedrick, B., **Weisman, C.**, & Martin, J. (2010). An Exploration into the Barriers and Facilitators Experienced by University Graduates with Disabilities Requiring Personal Assistance Services. *Journal of Science Education for Students with Disabilities*, 1(14), 1-24.

Book Chapters

Piatt, J. & **Weisman, C. J.** (2017). Perspectives on Recreational Therapy. Certification and Licensure. Austin, D. R. & McCormick, B. P. (Eds.). Sagamore-Venture Publishing LLC. Urbana: IL.

Presentations

Fecske, C. (April, 2018). Public Health & Disability: A Person First Perspective. Temple University: Philadelphia, PA.

Weisman, C. (May, 2015). PhD or Bust. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, IL.

McLoughlin, G. & **Weisman, C.** (October, 2014). From Home to Gold: Motivations of Elite Wheelchair Athletes. National Recreation & Parks Association. Charlotte, NC.

Weisman, C. (June, 2014). Learning Disability, Me, & What The Literature Tells Me. Society of Disability Studies. Minneapolis, MN.

Weisman, C. (May, 2014). LD: Learning Depression. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Champaign, IL.

Weisman, C. (October, 2013). Ice Skating IS For Everyone. Poster session. National Recreation and Parks Association. Houston, TX.

Weisman, C. & Wold, K. (September, 2013). Effectively Working with Students with Disabilities in Your Class. Graduate Teaching Academy. University of Illinois: Champaign, IL.

Hicks, J. & **Weisman, C.** (March, 2013). Work or Play? An Exploration of the Relationships between People and their Service Dogs in Leisure Activities. Poster Session. Center on Health, Aging, and Disability (CHAD). Champaign, IL.

Weisman, C. (March, 2013). From Paper to Implementation; Program Development. Office of Volunteer Programs (OVP). University of Illinois: Champaign, IL.

Weisman, C. & Wold, K. (January, 2013). Effectively Working with Students with Disabilities in Your Class. Graduate Teaching Academy. University of Illinois: Champaign, IL.

Hicks, J. & **Weisman, C.** (October, 2012). Work or Play? An Exploration of the Relationships between People and their Service Dogs in Leisure Activities. Poster Session. National Recreation and Parks Association. Anaheim, CA.

Scott, J., **Weisman, C.**, & Wheeler, S. (January, 2012). Hot Topics: Exploring Gender and Disability, Women's Resource Center. University of Illinois: Champaign, IL.

Weisman, C. (December, 2011). Bodies in Motion: The Paralympic Movement's Social Construction of The Disabled Body, Bodies [Without] Brackets: Performance, Discourse, Affect. University of Illinois: Champaign, IL

Weisman, C. (December, 2011). Disability & Wilderness Preservation, Nature & Wilderness, Recreation, Sport, & Tourism 140. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Weisman, C. (February, 2010). Perspectives on Disability, Hearing Loss Association of America: Northfield Chapter. Northfield, IL.

Weisman, C. (April, 2008). Alumni with Severe Physical Disabilities: Reports of Barriers and Facilitators to Education and Careers ILLOWA AHEAD conference. Davenport, IA.

Weisman, C. (2004-2009). Living *with* Learning Disabilities, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and other schools in Urbana-Champaign. IL & WI.

Research Experience

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Recreation, Sport, & Tourism

Research Assistant: Diversity Research Laboratory, Fall 2011-2018
Working under the supervision of Dr. Monika Stodolska.

University of Illinois at Chicago Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities

Graduate Assistant: Health Empowerment Zone, Fall 2009
Worked under the supervision of Dr. Jim Rimmer & Yochai Eisenberg. Assisted with field interviews on fitness accessibility, & phone & in-person surveys on nutrition, fitness, & transportation. Participated in data entering, coding, & qualitative data analysis.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Midwest Alliance in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

Research Assistant: Midwest Alliance, 2007-2008

Worked under the supervision of Norma Stumbo. Conducted phone interviews on barriers & facilitators within several domains for graduates with severe physical disabilities from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Assisted with analysis of collected data & presented data at AHEAD ILLOWA conference.

Teaching Experience

Temple University, Philadelphia

Department of Recreation Therapy

Instructor: THRC 3196 Research & Evaluation in Therapeutic Recreation (Spring, 2018)

- Transferred and created course Canvas page
- Created/edited course materials
- Maintained writing intensive course work standards

Instructor: THRC 3103 Professional Seminar II Section 002 (Spring, 2018)

- Transferred and created course Canvas page
- Created course lecture & evaluation materials
- Developed interactive means of demonstrating professional skills

Instructor: THRC 0813 Disability Identity in Contemporary Society (Spring, 2018)

- Created & constructed course materials
- Networked in order to bring in a wide array of speakers to address relevant disability issues

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Department of Kinesiology & Community Health

Teaching Assistant: CHLH 101 Introduction to Public Health (Fall, 2015)

- Collaborated on construction of compass and syllabi development with lecturer
- Led 2 discussion sections of approximately 50 students from large lecture
- Created discussion course materials and graded course work

Grader: CHLH 243 Drug Use & Abuse (Fall, 2015)

- Graded online course materials
- Assisted with preparing & teaching lecture/discussion materials

Grader: CHLH 243 Drug Use & Abuse (Summer, 2015)

- Graded online course materials
- Assisted with maintaining student communications

Teaching Assistant: CHLH 206 Human Sexuality (Spring, 2015)

- Graded online course materials
- Assisted with preparing & teaching online section

Teaching Assistant: CHLH 101 Introduction to Public Health (Fall, 2014 & Spring, 2015)

- Collaborated on construction of compass and syllabi development with lecturer
- Led 3 discussion sections of approximately 20-35 students from large lecture
- Created discussion course materials and graded course work

Teaching Assistant: KINES 104: Skating Activities (Spring 2006 & Fall 2007, & Fall, 2012)

- Taught skills during each class period
- Assisted proctoring final exam & skills tests

Teaching Assistant: Community Health 111: Introduction to Community Health (Fall 2004-Spring 2007)

- Led several class activities
- Organized attendance
- Assisted in creating class materials for lecture
- Scheduled course guest speakers

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Department of Recreation, Sport, & Tourism**

Instructor: RST 110B Leisure Service Delivery (Spring 2013)

- Taught /lectured entire course
- Compass & syllabi development
- Completed course all grading

Teaching Assistant: RST 300 Leisure Programming (Spring 2013)

- Compass development
- Graded all course work
- Monitored group program development plans

Teaching Assistant: RST 110 Leisure Service Delivery (Fall, 2011 & Fall, 2012)

- Graded online discussions & course projects/papers
- Rubric development
- Monitored online discussions

Teaching Assistant: RST 410 Administration of Leisure Services (Spring, 2012)

- Graded course papers
- Maintained Compass grades
- Organized attendance system

Teaching Assistant: RST 429 Contemporary Issues in Leisure (Fall, 2011)

- Planned & delivered some lectures
- Graded course papers
- Assisted with the online course development

Professional Experience

Adaptive Skating Program, United States Figure Skating, 2017-Present

Project Manager

- Design adaptive skating skills curriculum
- Construct resource databases for adaptive skating programs
- Collect data on active adaptive skating programs in the US
- Conduct follow up programmatic research after programs are in place

Bradford Woods, 2016

Logistics Coordinator

- Supervised program staff
- Edited recreation therapy program plans
- Provided facilitation feedback on therapeutic programming
- Created camp schedules & provided support to counselors & campers as needed

NorthShore University Health Systems, Highland Park Hospital, 2016

Recreation Therapy Intern

- Planned & led leisure education group, CBT group, communication styles group, SMART goals group, family activity night, motivation group, & open discussion group
- Constructed an academic stress management booklet utilizing learned inpatient skills
- Completed documentation, progress notes, & discharge plans
- Created individual patient treatment plans

David S. Palmer Arena, 2012-2013

Skating School Director

- Planned & led skating classes
- Organized & developed holiday exhibition, end of season show, & competitions
- Choreographed team routines & ice show programs

Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association, 2002-2007 & 2010-2011

Program Leader, Assistant, & Inclusion Companion

- Monitored participant behavior & participation within several recreation contexts
- Assisted with programming schedule
- Developed modifications & assistive technology to promote inclusion

University of Illinois at Chicago: Disability Resource Center, 2009

Graduate Intern

- Developed programming opportunities for students with disabilities
- Assisted Disability Specialists with student needs

Madison Area Technical College: Disability Resource Services, 2008-2009

Graduate Intern

- Assisted with document conversion process
- Provided guidance & information on various useful resources to students with disabilities
- Created professional development skills tools for students with disabilities

University of Wisconsin-Madison: McBurney Disability Services, 2008

Graduate Intern

- Worked with graduating students on developing graduation plans
- Assisted with the development of students' professional skills
- Provided counseling for common issues facing students with disabilities

**University of Illinois Ice Arena: Ice Skating in the Community for Everyone (I.C.E.)
2005-2007**

Founder/President

- Developed entire program including class skating skills & teaching techniques
- Acted as class head instructor (organized program volunteers & skaters)
- Created educational materials for skating volunteers on working with skaters with disabilities
- Constructed advertising & media information for program

Professional Service

2017-Present	Evidence Based Practice Committee Member American Therapeutic Recreation Association
2009-2013	Commissioner Commission for Residents with Disabilities, Village of Buffalo Grove
2009	Student Committee Representative Disability Advisory Committee, Illinois Board of Higher Education

Community & Campus Service

2018	Faculty Representative Experience Temple Day, Temple University
2018	Rehabilitation Sciences Faculty Representative Nominations Committee, Temple University
2014-Present	Adaptive Skating/Special Olympics Committee-Athlete Member United States Figure Skating
2012 & 2013	Student Volunteer Experience Applied Health Sciences, UIUC
2011-Present	Silver Judge, MIF/FS, Bronze Ice Dance, & Senior Sectional SYS United States Figure Skating
2010-Present	Technical Specialist, Data Operator, & Video, SYS NQ United States Figure Skating
2010-Present	Board of Directors, Corresponding Secretary, & Professional Liaison Skokie Valley Skating Club
2010, 2011, 2012	Volunteer Accessibility Team Lollapalooza
2009-2010	Board Representative Chicago Jazz Synchronized Skating Team
2009-2010	Student Member Disability Studies Student Council, University of Illinois at Chicago
2007-2009	Active Member Accessibility Advocates, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2007-2009	Synchronized Skating Chairperson University of Wisconsin Figure Skating Club, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2004-2007	Director & Coordinator Volunteer Illini Projects, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2007	New Member Educator Mortar Board, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2006	Volunteer Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
2004-2007	Community Health Representative, Secretary, Special Events Coordinator Applied Health Sciences Student Council, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2004-2007	President, Vice President, Secretary Delta Sigma Omicron (Rehabilitation Service Fraternity), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2003-2006	Choreographer, Recruitment Chair, Apparel Chair, Spirit Chair, Travel Coordinator University of Illinois Synchronized Skating Team, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
1998-2003	Volunteer Special People Ice Skating Experience (SPICE), Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association

Professional Memberships

2015-Present	American Therapeutic Recreation Association
2013-2017	Society of Disability Studies
2011-Present	National Recreation and Park Association
2009-2014	Ice Skating Institute, Certified Gold Judge & Synchronized Skating Judge
2007-2014	Professional Skaters Association
1996-Present	United States Figure Skating

Honors & Awards

2015	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent Spring 2015
2015	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent Fall 2015
2014	Avery Brundage Scholarship Award

2014	Irl H. Marshall Scholarship
2008	Ethelmae S. Merriam Academic Scholarship
2008	Golden Key, National Honor Society
2007	Pamela Borelli Family Scholarship Award
2007	University of Illinois Senior 100 Honorary
2007	Mortar Board, National Senior Honorary
2005-2007	Dean's List University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2003-2007	Mary Jane Neer Scholar
2006	University of Illinois Mother's Association Humanitarian Service Award
2006	Community Health Leadership Award
2006	Bill Stewart Memorial Award
2005 & 2006	U.S. Figure Skating Association Collegiate Synchronized Skating Scholar
2005	Dr. Joseph Larsen Undergraduate Rehabilitation Award
2004 & 2005	Community Health Loyalty Award