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Curriculum Vita

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. In Progress– *University of Utah*, Salt Lake City, Utah
Major: Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
Dissertation Title: The utilization of self-efficacy and self-affirmation to increase active living in persons with spinal cord injury
- 2000 M.A. – *California State University*, Chico, CA
Major: Recreation Administration
Thesis: Decreasing specific behaviors of individuals diagnosed with schizophrenia through leisure education programs within a community setting
- 1995 B.S. – *California State University*, Chico, CA
Major: Recreation and Parks Administration
Emphasis: Therapeutic Recreation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2006 **Assistant Professor** – *California State University*, Sacramento, CA
- RLS 125 – Therapeutic Recreation and Persons with Physical Disabilities
 - RLS 116 – Therapeutic Recreation Principles and Practice
 - RLS 100 - Recreation and Leisure Lifestyles
- Summer 2006 **Assistant Professor** – *California State University*, Sacramento, CA
- RLS 195D – Therapeutic Recreation Internship
 - RLS 295 – Therapeutic Recreation Internship Graduate
- Spring 2006 **Assistant Professor** – *California State University*, Sacramento, CA
- RLS 195D – Therapeutic Recreation Internship
 - RLS 117 – Therapeutic Recreation Service Systems
 - RLS 100 - Recreation and Leisure Lifestyles
- Fall 2005 **Assistant Professor** – *California State University*, Sacramento, CA
- RLS 195D – Therapeutic Recreation Internship
 - RLS 125 – Therapeutic Recreation and Physical Disabilities
 - RLS 119 – Leisure Education
 - RLS 122 – Perspectives on Leisure
- Summer 2004 **Lecturer** – *California State University*, Sacramento, CA
- RLS 198 – Field Experience
 - RLS 298 – Graduate Student Field Experience

Summer 2003 **Lecturer** – *California State University, Sacramento, CA*

- RLS 198 – Field Experience

Spring 2003 **Instructor** – *University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah*

- PRT 3320 – Recreation Programming and Leadership

Fall 2002 **Instructor** – *University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah*

- PRT 3320 – Recreation Programming and Leadership

Summer 2002 **Lecturer** – *California State University, Sacramento, CA*

- RLS 198– Field Experience

Spring 2002 **Lecturer** – *California State University, Sacramento, CA*

- RLS 100 – Recreation and Leisure Lifestyles
- RLS 106 – Leisure Services and People with Disabilities
- RLS 119 – Introduction to Leisure Guidance
- RLS 198/199 – Special Projects
- RLS 299 – Graduate Student Project

Fall 2001 **Lecturer** – *California State University, Sacramento, CA*

- RLS 100 – Recreation and Leisure Lifestyle
- RLS 106 – Leisure Services and People with Disabilities
- RLS 122 – Perspectives on Leisure
- RLS 125 – Therapeutic Recreation & Physical Disabilities
- RLS 191/199 – Service Learning & Special Projects

Spring 2001 **Lecturer** – *California State University, Sacramento, CA*

- RLS – 122 Perspectives on Leisure
- RLS – 122 Perspectives on Leisure

Fall 2000 **Lecturer** – *California State University, Sacramento, CA*

- RLS 122 – Perspectives on Leisure
- RLS 125 – Therapeutic Recreation & Physical Disabilities

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2005-current **Research Staff Member** – *The Rehabilitation Center at the University of Utah Hospital*
Salt Lake City, UT

- Assisted in developing research protocol for the Spinal Cord Injury Form
- Constructed instrument to identify impact of adapted recreation and sports
- Provide feedback and guidance on submission of grants
- Research staff member on Spinal Cord Injury Forum research

2004-2005 **Research Assistant** – *The Rehabilitation Center at the University of Utah Hospital*
Salt Lake City, UT

- Assisted with recreational outreach program for persons with spinal cord injury
- Provided recreational therapy to patients in acute rehabilitation
- Constructed instrument to identify leisure needs of persons with a spinal cord injury
- Team member of program and research development for recreational outreach

2004-current **Program Evaluation** – *Ability First Sports Camp, California State University, Chico, CA*

- Assisted in constructing instrument to evaluate effectiveness of the camp
- Trained counselors on how to administer the evaluation of the camp
- Collaborate with CSU, Chico to provide research opportunities for Masters students in Therapeutic Recreation from CSU, Sacramento

- 2003-2005 **Contract Researcher** – *RSLM, Inc.*, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Designed instrument to measure inclusive recreation through golf
 - Principle investigator responsible for on-site data collection and monitoring of activities at model site
- 2003-2004 **Research Assistant** – *Real Choice Grant, State of Utah, Department of Human Services*, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Conducted focus groups to determine decision making for long term care placement
 - Assisted with the construction of instrument to administer on long term care
 - Utilized the MAUT (Multi Attribute Utility Technique) Evaluation Process
 - Coordinated data entry and participated in writing final technical report
- 2002-2004 **Research Assistant** – *Project GAIN: Golf, Accessible, and Inclusive Networks*, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Managed data collection for five model sites across the nation
 - Prepared technical reports for the United States Golf Association and the National Alliance on Accessible Golf
 - Prepared interim and final report for grant
 - Presented findings at local, state, and national conferences

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004-current **Head Counselor**- *Ability First Sports Camp, California State University, Chico, CA*
- Supervise counselor staff
 - Assist with the social evening program for campers
 - Responsible for providing care for campers with physical disabilities
- 2003-2004 **Group Facilitator** – *Leadershape, University of Utah*, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Planned and organized teambuilding initiatives for college students
 - Implemented activities to facilitate discussion on leadership with integrity
 - Responsible for evaluation of activities provided
- 1999-2005 **Activities Therapist** – *County Mental Health Treatment Center, Sacramento, CA*
- Planned and implemented recreation therapy groups & special events
 - Responsible for documentation on assigned patients
 - Supervised therapeutic recreation student internships
- 1997 – 1999 **Program Coordinator** – *Do-It Leisure Oroville Center, Oroville, CA*
- Supervised social recreation and day treatment program for individuals diagnosed with a mental illness
 - Supervised student internships
 - Responsible for budgetary operations & grant monies
- 1995 – 1997 **Director of Recreation Therapy** – *Sierra Sunrise Village, Chico, CA*
- Supervised recreation and therapy program for seniors with disabilities
 - Responsible for implementing HCFA and Title 22 guidelines
 - Implemented therapeutic recreation student internship program

PUBLICATIONS

Witter, E., **Piatt, J.**, & Mattingly, K. (accepted 2006). Social Competence: Evaluation of an outpatient therapeutic recreation treatment program for children with behavioral disorders. *Therapeutic Recreation Journal* (submitted for review January, 2006).

Piatt, J. (2001). Perspectives on leisure values and attitudes – What are yours? In, Olson, E.G. (Ed.), *Perspectives on leisure: Toward a quality lifestyle* (1st ed., pp. 99-106; 2nd ed., pp. 99-106). Kendall/Hunt; Dubuque, Iowa.

Piatt, J. (2001). Perspectives on questionable leisure. In Olson, E.G. (Ed.), *Perspectives on leisure: Toward a quality lifestyle* (1st ed., pp. 181-189; 2nd ed., pp.181-190). Kendall/Hunt: Dubuque, Iowa.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- Compton, D., **Piatt, J.**, Kim, K., & Robb, G. (2005). *Project GAIN (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks). Final Report*. Technical Report submitted to the United States Golf Association.
- Piatt, J.**, Rosenbluth, J., Smith, S., Ballard, L., Waters, K., & Davis, M. (2004). *TRAILS for U: (Therapeutic Recreation and Independent Leisure Skills)*. A proposal for development of a recreational outreach program for spinal cord injury. Unpublished Technical Report.
- Compton, D., Ellis, G., & **Piatt, J.** (2004). *MAUT model for long term care decision making*. Unpublished Technical Report. Real Choice, State of Utah, Department of Human Services.
- Piatt, J.** & Compton, D. (2004). *Making decisions to provide the best program: The MAUT approach*. Unpublished Newsletter. TR Newslines: California Parks & Recreation Society.
- Compton, D. & **Piatt, J.** (2004). *Project GAIN: Interim report of research*. Unpublished Technical Report. National Alliance for Accessible Golf and the United States Golf Association.
- Compton, D., Robb, G., & **Piatt, J.** (2003). *Project GAIN: Golf Accessible and Inclusive Networks*. Unpublished CD. National Institute on Inclusive Recreation.
- Piatt, J.A.** (2003). *Increasing self-efficacy in individuals with disabilities through inclusive recreation*. Unpublished Newsletter. TR Newslines: California Parks & Recreation Society.
- Compton, D., Robb, G., **Piatt, J.**, & Bates V. (2002). *Project GAIN (Golf: Accessible & Inclusive Networks), Training Manual*. Unpublished manuscript. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

PRESENTATIONS

- Pinch, K., & **Piatt, J.** (accepted - 2006). It is not DEAD! Keeping TR in the university. Submitted for the National Therapeutic Recreation Society Conference, Seattle, WA, October 10-14, Seattle, WA.
- Piatt, J.** & Bates, D. (accepted – 2006) So, you got new TR ideas? Accepted for the Therapeutic Recreation Fall Workshop District II, November 3, 2006.
- Piatt, J.** & McLachlin, L. (accepted – 2006). The Paralympics – what is the role of the recreation therapist? Accepted for the California Parks and Recreation Society, Aging/Therapeutic Recreation Institute, Sacramento, CA, March 7, 2007.
- Ballard, L., Compton, D., Rosenbluth, J., Kim, K., **Piatt, J.**, & Zahl, M. (2006). Spinal cord injury/disease: A transitional care model. Accepted to be presented at American Association of Spinal Cord Injury National Conference, Las Vegas, NV, September, 2006.
- Smith, S. & **Piatt, J.** (2005). TRAILS for U: Developing a recreation outreach program for spinal cord injury and other physical disabilities. Presented at the Utah Recreation Therapy Association, Salt Lake City, UT, March 29, 2005.
- Ives, J. & **Piatt, J.** (2005). Purpose driven art resources for youth. Presented at The California Parks & Recreation Society General Conference, March 11, 2005.
- Piatt, J.**, Rosenbluth, J., Smith, S., Ballard, L., Waters, K., & Davis, M. (2004). Trails for U (Therapeutic Recreation and Independent Leisure Skills). A recreational outreach program for spinal cord injury. Presented to the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics Rehabilitation Center, December 21, 2004.
- McLachlin, L., Lanham, R., & **Piatt, J.** (2004). Ability first youth sports camp. Presented at the National Therapeutic Recreation Society Institute, Reno, NV, October 15, 2004.

- Piatt, J.** & Jordan, D. (2004). Finding answers to your questions: A research roundtable. Presented at National Institute on Recreation Inclusion, Austin, TX, September 11, 2004.
- Compton, D. & **Piatt, J.** (2004). Critical Issue Paper #2.1: Issues of inclusion – Indicators: What we know from research. Presented at the World Leisure Conference University of Queensland, Australia, September 15, 2004.
- Compton, D., **Piatt, J.**, & Coco-Ripp, J. (2004). Grant Writing Workshop. Presented at Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation, St. Louis, MO, April 19, 2004.
- Piatt, J.**, Compton, D. & Talbot, S. (2004) Real Choice: Making the correct long term care decision. Presented at Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation, St. Louis, MO, April 21, 2004.
- Compton, D., **Piatt, J.**, & Robb, G. (2003). Project GAIN: (Golf Accessible and Inclusive Networks). Presented at National Recreation and Park Association, October 23, 2003.
- Piatt, J.**, Piatt, T., Compton, D., & Tuloic, M. (2003). Project GAIN: Promoting inclusion using golf as the agent of change. Presented at the California Parks and Recreation Society Therapeutic Recreation Institute, San Jose, CA, March 19, 2003.
- Piatt, J.**, Bloom, K., & Crofts, K. (2003). Beyond playing the game: Its all in the timing. Presented at the Utah Recreation Therapy Association Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 24, 2003.
- Bloom, K., **Piatt, J.**, & McGrath, T. (2003). Creating a program evaluation tool kit. Presented at Utah Recreation & Park Association, Logan, UT, March 24, 2003.
- Compton, D. & **Piatt, J.** (2003). Project GAIN: Using golf as a vehicle for social inclusion in the community. Presented at Utah Recreation & Parks Association, Logan, UT, March 24, 2003.
- Compton, D., Robb, G. & **Piatt, J.** (2003). Project GAIN: Developing self-efficacy, specialization, and intentionality through golf. Presented at the Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, April 29, 2003.
- Piatt, J.** & Hill, E. (2003). Experiential education and therapeutic recreation: What are we or you doing? Presented at Midwest Therapeutic Recreation Symposium, April 30, 2003.
- Piatt, J.** (2003). Disability awareness: Cognitive impairments and accessible golf. Presented at Project GAIN Training Session for Golf Professionals, January 8, 2003, Sacramento, CA.
- Piatt, J.** (2002). Inclusion; What is it? Session presented at the Project GAIN Training Session for Golf Professionals, October 30, 2002, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Martinez, K. & **Piatt, J.** (2002). Activities that promote team building. Presented at the California Parks & Recreation Society Therapeutic Recreation Institute, and The California Parks & Recreation Society General Conference, March, 2003, Los Angeles, CA.
- Piatt, J.** (2000). The Role of Leisure Education on Reducing Specific Behaviors Among People with Mental Illness. Session presented at the Research Symposium, California Parks & Recreation Society Conference, March, 2003, Ontario, CA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Piatt, J.**, Pinch, K., & Wyckoff B. (2005) Working at Wellness. Presented at the Life Center, California State University, Sacramento, October 14, 2005.
- Smith, S., **Piatt, J.**, & Zahl, M. (2005). I don't want to hear about it! When is the best time to promote recreation? Presented at American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Salt Lake City, UT, October 11, 2005.

Jorgensen, L. & **Piatt, J.** (2005). Doctoral students' forum. Presented at the SPRE Teaching Institute, January 16, 2005, Sacramento, CA.

Compton, D. & **Piatt, J.** (2003). Project GAIN: Promoting community resourcefulness through golf. Presented at the Utah Recreation Therapy Association Conference, March 24, 2003, Salt Lake City, Utah,

Piatt, J. (2001). Recreation therapy, it works! Justifying our profession through research. Presented at the California Parks & Recreation Society District II Therapeutic Recreation Fall Workshop, November 6, 2002, Yuba City, CA.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Piatt, J. (2006, 2000, 1997, 1996). Therapeutic Recreation Fall Workshop – California Parks & Recreation Society District II. Coordinated workshop on current issues in therapeutic recreation.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2006-present **Life Center** – *Co-Director* – California State University, Sacramento

2006-present **College of Health & Human Services Academic Council** – *Member* – California State University, Sacramento

2006-present **General Education Course Review Subcommittee** – *Member* – California State University, Sacramento

2006-present **Academic Senate** – *Alternate* – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Life Center Advisory Committee** – *Member* – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Library Services** – *Department Representative* – California State University, Sacramento

2006-present **Gerontology Faculty Meetings** – *Department Representative* – California State University, Sacramento

2004-2005 **Student Advisory Committee (SAC)** – *President* – Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

2003-2004 **Student Advisory Committee (SAC)** – *Committee Chair Tenure Track Review* - Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

2001-2002 **Curriculum Assessment Coordinator**- Department of Recreation & Leisure Studies, California State University, Sacramento

2001-2002 **Student Portfolio Coordinator** -Three units assigned time to coordinate and supervise Student Portfolio Development, California State University, Sacramento

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2006 **Search Committee Generalist Position** – *Committee Member* – California State University, Sacramento

2006 **Search Committee Community Position** – *Committee Member* – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Therapeutic Recreation Option** – *Coordinator* – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Recreation and Parks Major Association** – *Faculty Advisor* – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Internship Committee**– *Committee Member* – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Curriculum Committee** – *Therapeutic Recreation Curriculum Reviewer* – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Outreach Committee** – Committee Member – California State University, Sacramento

2005-present **Student Scholarship and Awards Reception** – *Committee Member*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2006-present **Therapeutic Recreation State Board** -*Membership Chair* –California Parks & Recreation Society

2006 **Journal of Park and Recreation Administration** – *Reviewer*

2006 **Leisure Sciences** – *Reviewer* – A Journal of Leisure Research

2005-2007 **SCHOLE** - *Associate Editor* – A Journal of Leisure Studies and Recreation Education

2004 **SCHOLE**- *Reviewer* - A Journal of Leisure Studies and Recreation Education

2003 **World Leisure Journal** -*Reviewer* – A International Journal on Leisure Issues and Research

2003-2004 **Therapeutic Recreation State Board** - *Membership Chair* - California Parks & Recreation Society

2002 **Journal of Park and Recreation Administration** - *Reviewer*

2002-2003 **Therapeutic Recreation State Board** - *Past Director* - California Parks & Recreation Society

2001-2002 **Therapeutic Recreation State Board** - *Director* - California Parks & Recreation Society

1999-2000 **Therapeutic Recreation State Board** – *Northern Senior Representative* – California Parks & Recreation Society

1998-1999 **Therapeutic Recreation State Board** - *Northern Junior Representative* – California Parks & Recreation Society

1997-1998 **Therapeutic Recreation Section, District II** - *President* – California Parks & Recreation Society

1996-1997 **Therapeutic Recreation Section, District II** - *Vice-President* – California Parks & Recreation Society

1996-1997 **Links Across Time Golf Tournament** - *Volunteer Coordinator* –The Boys and Girls Club and The Sierra Sunrise Retirement Village

1995-1996 **Therapeutic Recreation Institute** – *Committee Member* - California Parks and Recreation Society

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2006 **International Paralympic Committee** – *Distinguished Guest* – Winter Games, Tornio, Italy

2004-2006 **TRAILS (Therapeutic Recreation and Independent Lifestyle Services)** – *Executive Committee Member* – Salt Lake City, UT.

2005 **Project GAIN/Neuroworx Golf Tournament**– *Silent Auction Coordinator* – University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

- 2003 **University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Unit Adolescent Outpatient Unit – Volunteer-**
Salt Lake City, UT
- 2003 **SPLORE (Special Populations Learning Outdoor Recreation and Education) –**
Volunteer- Silent Auction, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2002-2003 **Fore Golf, Disabled Sports USA - Volunteer –**Sacramento, CA
- 2002- 2005 **Water Ski Program, Disabled Sports USA- Volunteer –** Sacramento, CA
- 2002-2003 **Leukemia Society Team in Training - Volunteer & Fund Raiser –**Sacramento, CA
- 1999-2000 **WAVE (Water Adventures in Varied Environments) Camp - Volunteer –** California State
University, Sacramento, CA

GRADUATE COMMITTEE'S

- First Reader – *Alyssa Rose* (completed Summer 2006)
First Reader – *Alejandra Gallardo* (anticipated completion date Spring 2007)
Second Reader – *Chris Surawski* (completed December 2005)
Second Reader – *Amy First* (anticipated completion date Fall 2007)

FUNDED PROJECTS SUBMITTED

- 2004 **Support Staff – TRAILS (Therapeutic Recreation and Independent Leisure Skills):** A
Recreational Outreach Program
Submitted to Paralyzed Veterans of America Education and Research Grant
Amount: \$66,938 (submitted February 1, 2005)
- 2003 **Research Assistant – TRAILS (Therapeutic Recreation and Independent Leisure Skills):**
A Recreational Outreach Program
Submitted to George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation
Amount: \$79,621

FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2006 **Research Consultant – TRAILS (Therapeutic Recreation and Independent Leisure Skills):**
A Recreational Outreach Program
Submitted to Paralyzed Veterans of America Education and Research Grant
Amount: \$66,000 (Accepted April, 2006)
***Co-author of proposal submitted*
- 2005 **Co-Principal Investigator–** Utilization of self-efficacy and self-affirmation SCI Forum to
increase active living in persons with spinal cord injury or disease
Christopher Reeves Paralysis Foundation
Amount: \$10,000
***Author of proposal submitted*
- 2005 **Research Assistant – TRAILS (Therapeutic Recreation and Independent Leisure Skills):**
A Recreational Outreach Program
Craig H. Neilsen Foundation
Amount: \$100,000
***Co-author of proposal submitted*
- 2003 **Research Assistant – Real Choice Grant**
Funded by the State of Utah, Department of Human Services
Amount: \$31,623

- 2002 **Research Assistant** – Project GAIN (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks)
Funded by the United States Golf Association
Amount: \$88,926
- 2000 **Instructor**– Service-Learning Grant for RLS 125: Therapeutic Recreation & Physical
Disabilities
California State University, Sacramento
Amount: \$1,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2005 **The Utah Recreation and Parks Association Graduate Student Scholarship**
The Utah Recreation and Park Association
Amount: \$1,000
- 2003-current **The California State University Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program**
The California State University Chancellor's Office
- 2003 **Research Award in Therapeutic Recreation**
California Parks & Recreation Society, Sacramento, CA
- 2001 **Outstanding Accomplishments in Therapeutic Recreation**
California Parks & Recreation Society District II, Sacramento, CA

OTHER RECOGNITIONS

- 2006 **Outstanding Doctoral Student**
The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2004 *Nominated for: **Elizabeth Fuhrman Gardner Prize for the Outstanding Woman Student in the Health Sciences** (Nominated by professors as a candidate from the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department)*
The College of Health Sciences
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2004 **Inspirational Doctoral Student**
The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2004-current Master Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (MTRS) License State of Utah
- 2004-2005 Professional Management of Assaultive Behavior (PMAB) Certified
- 1999-2002 Professional Assault Response Specialist (PART) Certified
- 1996-current Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS)
- 1996-current Recreation Therapist Certified (RTC) State of California
- 1992-current Certified CPR & First Aid

ORGANIZATIONS

- 2004-2005 Utah Recreation Therapy Association
- 2002-current National Therapeutic Recreation Society
- 1995-current Golden Key Honor Society
- 1993-current California Parks & Recreation Society
- 1992-1995 American Therapeutic Recreation Society
- 2005- current American Therapeutic Recreation Society