

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Middle Tennessee State University

Ph.D., Human Performance May 2015
Concentration: Recreation and Leisure Studies
Dissertation: Virtual vs. Brick and Mortar Schools: Examining the
Impact of School Type on Out-of-School Time Activities

Bowling Green State University

M.Ed. in Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies May 2009
Concentration: Leisure and Tourism Studies
Thesis: A Comprehensive Evaluation of University Recreation Centers

Bowling Green State University

B.A., Communications May 2007
Concentration: Telecommunications
Minor: Political Science

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

2017-Present

Georgia Southern University
Department of Recreation and Tourism Management
Statesboro, GA

- Instructor of record of 3 core Tourism and Community Leisure Services courses on a 3:3 teaching load.
- Advise undergraduate students
- Engage in college and university service opportunities
- Serve on college and university committees
- Engage in research and scholarship within the field of recreation and leisure

Limited Term Assistant Professor

2016-2017

Georgia Southern University
Department of Recreation and Tourism Management
Statesboro, GA

- Instructor of record of four core recreation courses on a 4:4 load
- Advise undergraduate students
- Engage in college and university service opportunities

Adjunct Faculty

2015- 2016

Youngstown State University
 Department of Human Ecology
 Youngstown, OH

- Developed and taught a hybrid (online & seated) recreation based course in the Hospitality Management Concentration major.
- Course added to curriculum in the Fall of 2016

Distance Learning Faculty

2015- 2016

Middle Tennessee State University
 Department of Health and Human Performance
 Murfreesboro, TN

- Taught internet based courses in the Department of Health and Human Performance recreation concentration area, 2:2 teaching load.
- Advised undergraduate students.

Ph.D. Candidate and Graduate Assistant

2014-2015

Middle Tennessee State University
 Department of Health and Human Performance
 Murfreesboro, TN

- Instructor of record in 4 core recreation courses, 2:2 teaching load.
- Aided faculty members in data collection and research for ongoing projects.
- Participate in COSMA reaccreditation process.
- Created a comprehensive marketing strategy to promote the recreation major.

Adjunct Faculty

2013

Middle Tennessee State University
 Department of Health and Human Performance
 Murfreesboro, TN

- Serve as instructor of record in core recreation courses, 1:1 teaching load.
- Advised and mentored undergraduate students.

2010- 2013

Ph.D. Candidate and Graduate Assistant

Clemson University-Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management
 Clemson, SC

- Served as a graduate teaching assistant in core recreation courses.
- Created course assignments.
- Graded course assignments.
- Assisted faculty in data collection on research projects.

Graduate Assistant

2008-2009

Bowling Green State University-Human Movement, Sport, and
 Leisure Studies
 Bowling Green, OH

- Taught physical education courses
- Served as a teaching assistant in undergraduate recreation courses.

- Graded course assignments
- Assisted in topic research for faculty research projects.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia Southern University

RECR 1530: Introduction to Recreation	2016-2019
RECR 2530: Leadership and Programming in Leisure Services	2018-2019
RECR 3236: Planning Recreation Areas and Facilities	2016-2019
RECR 3215: Youth Sports Programming	2019
RECR 4430: Financial and Legal Dimensions	2016-2018
RECR 4435: Managing Recreation Organizations	2016-2017
RECR 4790: Internship in Recreation	2017-2019

Youngstown State University

HMGY 5825: Recreation and Leisure in Our Lives	2016
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Middle Tennessee State University

LSTS 3000: Leisure in Your Life	2016
LSTS 4540: Organization and Administration of Leisure, Sport, and Tourism	2014
LSTS 4660: Evaluation of Leisure, Sport, and Tourism Studies	2014
LSTS 4890: Senior Seminar in Leisure, Sport, and Tourism	2013-2014

Clemson University (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

PRTM 3250: Global Perspectives in Leisure, Recreation and Tourism	2013
PRTM 2200: Conceptual Foundations of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management	2012-2013
PRTM 2000: Profession and Practice in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management	2011
LS 1850: Bowling	2010-2013

Bowling Green State University (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

RTD 2600: Leisure Services for Older Adults	2009
PED 2110: Bowling	2008-2009

NEW COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Georgia Southern University

<i>Golf Operations</i>	2018
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Provides students with a basic understanding of operations, planning, and management related to the golf industry. Students will engage in a historical examination of the golf industry, including the sociological, economic, and psychological, benefits of participation, as well as the political and technological considerations effecting the industry in modern society.

Resort and Commercial Recreation Management

2018

Provides students with an overview of the resort and commercial recreation segment of the recreation industry. Students will gain an understanding of the organizations who facilitate recreation experiences, economic implications, management and programming techniques, and current events effecting the industry.

Campus and Community Recreation

2018

Provides students with an understanding of the operation and management of campus and community recreation agencies. Students will gain an understanding of the physical, social, psychological, and economic impacts of recreation programs on college and university campuses and communities. They will also examine managerial issues and programming strategies within the two areas.

Youth Sports Programming

2018

Explores the history, administration, programming, and current issues related to youth sports. Students will gain an understanding of planning and administrative strategies to deliver youth sport activities within public, private, and non-profit settings.

Youngstown State University*Recreation and Leisure in Our Lives*

2016

Addresses issues related to choices made by individuals and society in relation to leisure. Content covered hospitality and tourism as related to Recreation and Leisure and impact on personal and collective well-being.

Middle Tennessee State University*Legal Issues in Leisure, Sport, and Tourism Studies*

2014

Concentrates on legal issues relevant to sport, recreation, and leisure services. The course provides students with an understanding of a broad range of legal issues pertaining to all areas of specialization and the practical application of the topics discussed. The goal of the course is to help students better understand the law in order to serve participants, protect the organization and employees, and avoid or reduce the probability of litigation.

SCHOLARSHIP (* Denotes Peer Reviewed)

Sweeney, T., Peden, J., Peden, A., Kimsey, L., Harvey, D., Hizine, M., & Riddle, S. (2019) *Hancock County Community Based Participatory SWOT Analysis: Activity Strategy*. Statesboro, GA: Georgia Southern University, Center for Public Health Practice and Research.

Kimsey, L., Peden, A., Peden, J., **Sweeney, T.**, Harvey, D., Hizine, M., Onifade, O., Hatchett, D., & Finn, S. (2019) *Hancock County Community Based Participatory SWOT Analysis: Community-Clinical Linkages Strategy*. Statesboro, GA: Georgia Southern University, Center for Public Health Practice and Research.

Peden, A., Kimsey, L., Peden, J., **Sweeney, T.**, Harvey, D., Hizine, M., & Ekpo, I. (2019) *Hancock*

County Community Based Participatory SWOT Analysis: Nutrition Strategy. Statesboro, GA: Georgia Southern University, Center for Public Health Practice and Research.

Sweeney, Thomas P., & Gray, J. (2019). Examining the Impact of School Type on Physical Activity Participation in High School Students. *American Journal of Distance Education*, 1-9. *

Sweeney, Thomas P., “2017’s Best & Worst Cities for Staycations: Ask the Experts.” Wallethub.com. Retrieved from <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-staycations/4341/#>

Sweeney, Thomas P., & Barcelona, R. J. (2012). An integrative review of published research in the Recreational Sports Journal, 1998–2010. *Recreational Sports Journal*, 36(2), 91-103. *

PRESENTATIONS

Sweeney, Thomas P. & Zorotovich, Jennifer R. (2018) *Recreation, Leisure, and Late Adulthood: Examining the Benefits of Participation during Retirement*. Social Gerontology Conference, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA.*

Sweeney, Thomas P. (2011). *An Integrative Review of Published Research in Recreation*. Graduate Research and Discovery Symposium, Clemson, SC.*

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant, Centers for Disease Control, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (Primary Funder); North Central Health District (NCHD), Georgia Department of Public Health (2019). Peden A., Kimsey, L., Peden, J., and **Sweeney, T.** Amount: \$25,000, *Funded*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sweeney, Thomas P. & Zorotovich, Jennifer R. (2020). *Recreation, Leisure, and Late Adulthood: Examining the Benefits of Participation during Retirement*. *Positive Sociology of Leisure*. Basingstoke, United Kingdom: Palgrave MacMillan (In press) *

Sweeney, Thomas P., & Gray, H.J. “Examining the Impact of School Type on Leisure Constraints in High School Students. “*Children, Youth, and Environments Journal* (In press)*

Sweeney, Thomas P. & Scott, A. “Examining Perceived Benefits of Students in Interdisciplinary Collaboration.”

Sweeney, Thomas P. “Metacognition strategies and their effect on academic performance in Recreation Students.”

Sweeney, Thomas P. “Music as Serious Leisure.”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

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American Journal of Distance Education

2019

Session Moderator

2009-2010

Conference on the Value of Play, U.S. Play Coalition
Clemson, SC

- Oversaw the organization and implementation of individual conference program sessions

Recreation Program Coordinator

2010

Goal Oriented Performance in Out of School Time, Clemson University
Clemson, SC

- Supervised the implementation of after-school recreation programming on a multi-million dollar grant funded program
- Administered Fitnessgram fitness tests to elementary aged students
- Assisted in data collection including focus groups and Fitnessgram fitness tests.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Georgia Southern University

Member, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Award Committee

Member, School of Human Ecology Marketing Committee

Member, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Technology Committee

Advisory Board, Social Gerontology Conference

Faculty Advisor, Recreation Student Association

Chair, Recreation and Tourism Management Award Committee

Graduate Faculty

Author, TCLS website promotional content

EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Facility Supervisor

2009

Bowling Green State University Student Recreation Center
Bowling Green, OH

- Managed student recreation center
- Supervised student staff, facility, and patrons
- Implemented risk management policies
- Assisted in staff training

Certified Fitness Trainer/Manager

2008-2009

Dick's Sporting Goods
Boardman, OH

- Managed in-store fitness department and employees
- Assisted in regional training of fitness department staff in multiple locations.
- Sold and maintained fitness equipment

Pro Shop Manager

2005-2007

Bowling Green State University Student Recreation Center
Bowling Green, OH

- Managed pro shop employees

- Addressed customer complaints
- Enforced risk management plan
- Supervised facility safety inspections
- Sold fitness equipment and accessories

Pro Shop Assistant

2004

Bowling Green State University Student Recreation Center
Bowling Green, OH

- Addressed customer complaints
- Enforced risk management plan
- Sold fitness equipment and accessories
- Conducted facility safety inspections

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Georgia Recreation and Parks Association	2018-Present
Savannah Tourism Leadership Council	2016-Present
The Academy of Leisure Sciences	2009-Present
National Recreation and Park Associations	2009-2016
National Intramural- Recreation Sports Association	2004-2009