



# RECREATION, PARKS & TOURISM ADMINISTRATION

*The origins of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration are almost as old as those of California State University, Sacramento.*

## **RPTA TIMELINE**

- 1947 – Sacramento State College (now California State University, Sacramento) is founded.
- 1953 – Sacramento State College is relocated to its current 300-acre site on the American River.
- 1953 – **Bachelor of Arts in Therapeutic Recreation** begins in the Division of Physical Education (now the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science).
- 1955 - The **Recreation Department** begins as part of the Division of Physical Education and Recreation.
- 1955 – Minor in Recreation is added to the degree options.
- 1956 – **Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Leadership** created with the following specializations:
  - Camping and Outdoor Education
  - Public Recreation
  - Recreation and Youth Agencies
  - Therapy and Hospital Recreation
- 1960 – The California State University System is created and will go on to incorporate several pre-existing institutions such as Sacramento State College.
- 1964 – Degree changes to **Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Management**.
- 1964 – **Master of Arts in Recreation and Physical Education** begins.
- 1964 – The **Park Management Department** begins with a Bachelor of Science of the same name in the School of Arts and Sciences.
- 1972 – Sacramento State College becomes California State University, Sacramento.
- 1973 – The **Department of Environmental Resources** merges with the **Department of Recreation Administration** in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.
- 1978 – The department is relocated to the School of Business and Public Administration.
- 1982 – The department is moved to the **College of Health and Human Services**, and shortly after the name is changed to the **Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies**.
- 1988 – The **Bachelor of Science in Recreation Administration** consists of four separate concentrations:
  - Concentration in Park and Recreation Resource Management
  - Concentration in Community Recreation Management
  - Concentration in Commercial Recreation Management
  - Concentration in Therapeutic Recreation
- 1992 – Undergraduate degree concentrations are reduced to two:
  - Concentration in Recreation and Park Management

- Park and Recreation Resource Management
  - Recreation Program Management
  - Commercial Recreation Management
- Concentration in Therapeutic Recreation
- 2000 – The Commercial Recreation Management focus area is renamed, Commercial Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality Management.
- 2007 – The department changes its name to the **Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration**.
- 2010 – Therapeutic Recreation changes to **Recreation Therapy**.
- 2014 – The Master of Science in Recreation Administration begins a three-campus collaborative with San Francisco State University and California State University, Chico.
- 2016 – The department creates five certificate programs to help differentiate Recreation and Park Management. Certificates show on transcripts while the focus areas have no real weight for students. (The focus areas are being eliminated.)
  - Event Planning
  - Hospitality and Tourism Administration
  - Natural Resource Administration
  - Non-Profit Administration
  - Outdoor Adventure Administration
- 2017 – Paperwork for a new undergraduate concentration in **Hospitality and Tourism Management** begins at the department level (anticipated start date: fall 2018).

#### Current Tenure Track Faculty

- Professors: Dr. Beth Erickson, Dr. Steve Gray (Faculty Early Retirement Program), Dr. Dana Kivel (full-time Director Community Engagement Center), Dr. Kath Pinch, Dr. David Rolloff, Dr. Greg Shaw (Department Chair), Dr. Tony Sheppard
- Associate Professors: Dr. Lisa Easterla
- Assistant Professors: Dr. Jamie Hoffman, Dr. JungYun “Christine” Hur

#### Current Lecturers

- Full-Time Lecturers: Mrs. Kathy Martinez, Mr. Paul Polis
- Part-Time Lecturers (3-Year Contract): Mrs. Cat Bening, Mrs. Arlene Krause, Mr. Hunter Merritt, Mr. Andre Pichly, Mrs. Jael Young
- Part-Time Lecturers (Semester Contract): 26 (although not all teach each semester)

#### Current Staff

- Ms. Geraldine Nicholson, Administrative Support Coordinator II
- Ms. Jordan Holmes, Administrative Support Assistant II

#### Current Students

- Graduate: 16
- Undergraduate: 418 (258 RPM, 160 RT)
- Minor: 26