



The University of Vermont

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources

## **Assistant Professor in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Emphasis: Outdoor Education and Recreation Resource Management**

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**POSITION:** The [Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (RSENR) at the [University of Vermont](#) (UVM) seeks applicants for a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor who will contribute to the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Program (PRT). We seek a colleague who has expertise in outdoor education, environmental interpretation, public communication, or other aspects of social behavior and resource management in parks, outdoor recreation, and tourism. The position is part of an RSENR cluster hire focused on sustainability and climate adaptation, and individuals whose scholarship focuses on the interactions of climate change, parks, outdoor recreation and tourism, outdoor education or communication are especially encouraged to apply. We seek a colleague who can contribute to our commitment to train the next generation of professionals and use innovative research to address high priority issues around parks, outdoor recreation, tourism, climate change, communication, and education.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The successful candidate will be expected to make significant contributions to teaching (40%), research (40%), and service (20%). At the undergraduate level, the successful candidate will teach courses in the PRT program (typically 2 per semester), focusing on sustainable parks, recreation and leisure planning and management; tourism systems in a changing world; and/or education for recreation/tourism sustainability. The successful candidate will advise undergraduate PRT students (typically 20-30 per year), and mentor and guide students in projects, internships, and independent studies. They will also be expected to teach and supervise graduate students (M.S. and Ph.D.) and serve on graduate student thesis/dissertation committees. The position also involves developing an extramurally funded, high-impact research program that addresses contemporary issues related to visitor experiences, behavior and resource management in parks, outdoor recreation, tourism, and/or outdoor education, interpretation, or communication, and leads to presentations and publications in peer-reviewed scholarly outlets. Service expectations include contributing to school and university committees, and the parks, recreation, and tourism profession at-large.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ph.D. in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Experiential Education, Outdoor Education, or a related field. Applicants should have the capacity to deliver high quality, impactful teaching, mentoring, and advising of undergraduate and graduate students, and the ability to develop a successful, funded research program as demonstrated by a record of peer-reviewed publications. We seek candidates with strong research skills and creative and innovative approaches to scholarship. Candidates should also have experience developing collaborative relationships with internal (university) and external partners (state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industry) and a demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in educational, research, and professional experiences.

The Rubenstein School is dedicated to promoting diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion. We apply an equity lens to our teaching, research, and service and believe deeply in creating a climate of inclusivity and empowerment where all faculty, staff, and students can flourish.

**APPLICATION:** Review of applications will begin on March 10, 2023 and will continue until the position is filled. We anticipate a start date of August 21, 2023. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, and information about how they will further diversity goals. Please also include the names and contact information for three references to [www.uvmjobs.com](http://www.uvmjobs.com). Inquiries may be made to Dr. Patricia Stokowski, Chair, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Program & Outdoor Education Search Committee, at [patricia.stokowski@uvm.edu](mailto:patricia.stokowski@uvm.edu).

The University of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other category legally protected by federal or state law. The University encourages applications from all individuals who will contribute to the diversity and excellence of the institution.

**SETTING:** The campus of the [University of Vermont](http://www.uvm.edu) is situated near Lake Champlain between the Green and Adirondack Mountains and sits within a place of gathering and exchange, shaped by water and stewarded by ongoing generations of Indigenous peoples, in particular [the Western Abenaki](#). UVM respects the Indigenous knowledge interwoven in this place and commits to uplifting the Indigenous peoples and cultures present on this land and within our community. Burlington, VT is consistently voted one of the best small cities in the US, with an increasingly [ethnically and culturally diverse population](#). It was ranked as the #3 Green Campus by the Princeton Review. The Rubenstein School has 47 tenure-track, research, and teaching faculty, 975 undergraduates, and 120 graduate students in both Master's and Ph.D. programs. The [Vermont Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit](#) is based in the Rubenstein School and large research groups include the Spatial Analysis Lab, the [Rubenstein Ecosystem Science Laboratory](#), the [Aiken Forestry Science Laboratory](#) (jointly operated with the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Forest Research Station), and the [Gund Institute for Environment](#). UVM also has four university-owned research forests and 10 [natural areas](#) across the state.