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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

**School of Hotel, Restaurant & Recreation Management, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania**

Doctor of Philosophy; Minor: Science, Technology & Society

**School of Hotel, Restaurant & Recreation Management, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania**

Master of Science

**School of Business, West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Minor: Tourism Management

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2006-Present  
**Associate Professor  
(Tenured)**

August 2000-July 2006  
**Assistant Professor**

**Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida** [[www.hhp.ufl.edu/trsm.php](http://www.hhp.ufl.edu/trsm.php)]

Teach undergraduate and graduate courses, conduct research and generate externally funded projects. Supervise and serve on graduate students committees. Also serve on department, college, and university committees.

August 2008-Present  
**Director**

August 2000-July 2008  
**Senior Asc. Director**

**Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute (EFTI), University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida** [[www.uftourism.com](http://www.uftourism.com)]

Provide leadership and facilitate interdisciplinary research projects that focus on wide range of tourism and hospitality issues in the U.S. and globally.

- Develop strategic plans with respect to future goals and objectives
- Develop research initiatives for faculty collaboration and partnerships
- Manage an external advisory board and conduct industry liaison
- Develop and coordinate marketing materials
- Engage in fundraising activities
- Prepare grant proposals, manage budgets, and ensure project completions
- Generate revenue streams via funded projects and other sources

### **Foundation Activities**

- Co-proposed and secured *naming rights* via a major financial gift from the Eric Friedheim Foundation to rename the *Center for Tourism Research and Development* (CTRD established in 1992) in 2010
- Co-proposed and secured funding from the University of Florida to create the Tourism Crisis Management Institute within EFTI
- Received and currently manage financial gifts for three major endowment accounts: 1) Bill Simms; 2) Hal & Lois Herman; 3) Eric Friedheim.

July 2007-Present  
**Co-Director**

**Tourism Crisis Management Institute, EFTI, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida** [[www.tourismcrisis.org](http://www.tourismcrisis.org)]

Provide leadership and facilitate interdisciplinary research projects, education and training that focus on crisis preparedness and management in the tourism industry.

- Develop strategic plans with respect to future goals and objectives
- Develop research initiatives for faculty collaboration and partnerships
- Prepare grant proposals, manage budgets, and ensure project completions
- Generate revenue streams via funded projects and other sources

*Curriculum Vitae (Brijesh Thapa, Ph.D.)*

August 2005-  
January 2008  
**Graduate Programs  
Coordinator**

**Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

Responsible for administration of the graduate program (M.S. & Ph.D.) that included: student recruitment, budgeting, curriculum, assistantships/fellowships, student evaluation, policies, and coordinate scheduling of departmental courses.

- Developed visionary and strategic plans for furthering the objectives of the department's programs
- Planned and coordinated scheduling of departmental courses and respective course assignments based on individual work-loads for faculty, graduate teaching assistants and adjunct faculty
- Directed curriculum issues as Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee
- Managed budget for the Graduate Program, which included graduate fellowships, assistantships, and scholarships
- Engaged in active graduate student recruitment (on and off-campus) and strived to maintain the average enrollment of high caliber students
- Conducted annual assessments & evaluations of each graduate student following the academic year
- Planned and coordinated graduate student orientations
- Updated and maintained content and format for all respective forms, Graduate School Catalog and the TRSM department's website
- Coordinated and worked in partnership with the College Dean, Associate Dean for Student & Academic Affairs, and the UF Graduate School

**Academic Affiliations**

August 2009-Present  
**Affiliate Faculty**

**Water Institute, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

[\[www.waterinstitute.ufl.edu\]](http://www.waterinstitute.ufl.edu)

Conduct interdisciplinary research projects focusing on wide range of natural resource management issues in developing countries.

May 2008-Present  
**Affiliate Faculty**

**Transportation Research Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

[\[http://trc.ce.ufl.edu/\]](http://trc.ce.ufl.edu/)

Conduct interdisciplinary research projects focusing on issues related to travel, tourism, and crisis management.

May 2007-Present  
**Affiliate Faculty**

**Center for International Business Education and Research, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

[\[http://warrington.ufl.edu/ciber/\]](http://warrington.ufl.edu/ciber/)

Conduct interdisciplinary research projects focusing on sustainable tourism related issues in Africa.

August 2006-Present  
**Affiliate Faculty**

**Warrington College of Business, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

[\[http://warrington.ufl.edu/\]](http://warrington.ufl.edu/)

Teach courses in Hospitality and Tourism to MBA, MSM, MAIB and MSRE graduate students pursuing a Certificate in Tourism & Hospitality Business Management.

January 2005-Present  
**Affiliate Faculty**

**Center for African Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**

[\[www.africa.ufl.edu\]](http://www.africa.ufl.edu)

Conduct interdisciplinary research projects focusing on ecotourism, cultural heritage tourism, and natural resources management issues in Africa.

*Curriculum Vitae (Brijesh Thapa, Ph.D.)*

August 2003-Present  
*Affiliate Faculty*

**Tropical Conservation and Development Program, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**  
[\[www.tcd.ufl.edu\]](http://www.tcd.ufl.edu)

Conduct and facilitate interdisciplinary research projects focusing on wide range of natural resources management, ecotourism, and cultural heritage tourism issues in Latin America. Supervise and serve on graduate students committees.

January 2001-Present  
*Affiliate Faculty*

**School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida** [\[http://snre.ufl.edu/\]](http://snre.ufl.edu/)

Conduct and facilitate interdisciplinary research projects focusing on wide range of natural resource recreation management issues in the U.S. and internationally. Supervise and serve on graduate students committees.

August 1995-  
June 2000  
*Instructor & Research Assistant*

**School of Hotel, Restaurant & Recreation Management, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania** [\[www.hhdev.psu.edu/rptm/\]](http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/rptm/)

Taught Tourism and Leisure Behavior class. Assisted with Introduction to Commercial Recreation and Tourism classes. Also assisted faculty members with various research duties (literature review, survey design, data entry & analysis).

## ACADEMIC COURSES

### *Graduate Degree (Master & Doctoral) Program: Classes Developed & Taught-University of Florida*

- LEI 6834: Ecotourism
- LEI 6839: Heritage Tourism
- LEI 6931: Humans and the Environment (Study Abroad Courses in New Zealand, and Antarctica)
- HFT 6076: Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism (Warrington College of Business)
- Co-developed Certificate in Tourism & Hospitality Business Management for MBA, MSM, MAIB and MSRE graduate students at UF Warrington College of Business

### *Undergraduate Degree (Bachelor) Program: Courses Taught-University of Florida*

- LEI 3546: Park Management
- LEI 3810: Current Trends in Leisure Services
- LEI 3830: Principles of Travel and Tourism
- LEI 3832: Special Events and Meeting Planning
- LEI 3836: Hospitality Management
- LEI 4905: National Outdoor Recreation and Rural Tourism Consortium at The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tremont, Tennessee
- LEI 4955: Humans and the Environment (Study Abroad Courses in New Zealand, and Antarctica)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- People, parks and protected areas management
- Visitor behaviors and outdoor recreation management in public lands
- Tourist behaviors and impacts: socio-cultural, environmental, economic
- Ecotourism and cultural heritage tourism
- Environmental attitudes and behaviors
- Sustainable development issues in Developing Countries
- Tourism education and capacity development
- Tourism crisis management

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book Chapters (Refereed)

Thapa, B. (2010). Funding strategies for World Heritage Sites in Least Developed Countries. In P. Messenger & G. Smith (Eds.), *Cultural Heritage Management: A Global Perspective* (pp. 278-294). Gainesville, FL: University of Florida Press.

Moswete\*, N., Thapa, B., & Lacey, G. (2009). Village-based tourism and community participation: A case study of the Matsheng Villages in southwest Botswana. In J. Saarinen, F. Becker, H. Manwa & D. Wilson (Eds.), *Sustainable Tourism in Southern Africa: Local Communities & Natural Resources in Transition* (pp. 189-209). Clevedon, UK: Channelview Press.

Thapa, B., Holland, S., & Absher, J. (2008). Perceived risk, attitude, knowledge and reactionary behaviors towards wildfires among Florida tourists. In D. Chavez, J. Absher & P. Winter (Eds.), *Fire Social Science Research from the Pacific Southwest Research Station: Studies supported by the National Fire Plan funds* (pp. 87-101). Gen. Tech. Rep. PSWGTR-209. USDA-Forest Service: Pacific Southwest Research Station, Albany, CA.

Thapa, B. (2007). Issues and challenges of World Heritage Sites in Nepal. In R. White & J. Carman (Eds.), *World Heritage: Global Challenges, Local Solutions* (pp. 23-27). Oxford, UK: Archaeopress.

Graefe, A. & Thapa, B. (2004). Conflict in natural resource-based recreation. In M. Manfredo, J. Vaske, B. Bruyere, D. Field & P. Brown (Eds.), *Society and Natural Resources: A Summary of Knowledge* (pp. 209-224). Jefferson, MO: Modern Litho.

Thapa, B. (2004). Tourism in Nepal: Shangri-la's troubled times. In M. Hall, D. Timothy, & D. Duval (Eds.), *Safety and Security in Tourism: Relationships, Management, and Marketing* (pp. 117-138) (co-published in the *Journal of Travel and Tourism Marketing*). Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press.

Floyd, M., Gibson, H., Pennington-Gray, L., & Thapa, B. (2004). The effect of risk perceptions on intentions to travel in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. In M. Hall, D. Timothy, & D. Duval (Eds.), *Safety and Security in Tourism: Relationships, Management, and Marketing* (pp. 19-38) (co-published in the *Journal of Travel and Tourism Marketing*). Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press.

Sasidharan, V., & Thapa, B. (2002). Sustainable coastal and marine tourism development: A hobson's choice? In Y. Apostolopoulos, & D. Gayle (Eds.), *Island Tourism and Sustainable Development: Caribbean, Pacific, and Mediterranean Experiences* (pp. 92-112). Westport, CT: Praeger.

### Monographs

Holland, S., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2002). Recreation facility population ratios: A review of the literature. *Prepared for Florida Division of Recreation and Parks*. Tallahassee, Florida. 29 pp.

Holland, S., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2002). Outdoor recreation needs assessment for Florida: Options & Opportunities. *Prepared for Florida Division of Recreation and Parks*. Tallahassee, Florida. 47 pp.

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\*Graduate Student (current/former)

## **Journals (Refereed)**

- **Ten manuscripts currently under review with various journals.**
- **Ten manuscripts in various stages of preparation/completion with former students and colleagues for submission in 2011.**

Parker\*, P., & Thapa, B. (in press). Decentralized conservation and household natural resource dependency within Kanchenjunga Conservation Area Project, Nepal. *Environmental Management*.

Bustam\*, T., & Thapa, B. (in press). Demographic differences in minority and non-minority constraints to participation in outdoor recreation. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*.

Moswete\* N., Thapa, B., & Child, B. (2011). Attitudes and opinions of local and national public sector stakeholders towards Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Botswana. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*. DOI:10.1080/13504509.2011.592551 Online First (July 19).

Gage\*, R. & Thapa, B. (2011). Volunteer motivations and constraints among college students: Analysis of the volunteer function inventory and leisure constraints models. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. DOI: 10.1177/0899764011406738 Online First (June 1).

Matyas, C., Srinivasan, S., Cahyanto\*, I., Thapa, B., Pennington-Gray, L., & Villegas, J. (2011). Risk perception and evacuation decisions of Florida tourists under hurricane threats: A stated preference analysis. *Natural Hazards*. DOI: 10.1007/s11069-011-9801-0 Online First (April 13).

Parker\*, P., & Thapa, B. (2011). Distribution of benefits based on household participation roles in decentralized conservation within Kanchenjunga Conservation Area Project, Nepal. *Environment, Development and Sustainability*. DOI: 10.1007/s10668-011-9296-6 Online First (March 30).

Nguyen\*, T., Dwivedi, P., Rossi, F., Alavalapati, J., & Thapa, B. (2011). Role of social capital in determining conservation attitude: A case study from Cat Tien National Park, Vietnam. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*, 18(2), 143-153.

Best\*, M., & Thapa, B. (2011). Environmental management in the Caribbean accommodations sector. *Tourism*, 59(2), 145-168.

Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., Kaplanidou, K., Cahyanto\*, I., & McLaughlin, E. (2011). Crisis planning and preparedness in the United States tourism industry. *Cornell Hospitality Quarterly*, 52(3), 312-320.

Huang\*, C., Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., Phillips, R., & Holland, S. (2011). Timeshare owners' perceptions of and preferred ways of participating in tourism planning. *Journal of Hospitality Marketing & Management*, 20(1), 103-120.

Thapa, B. (2010). The mediation effect of outdoor recreation participation on environmental attitude-behavior correspondence. *Journal of Environmental Education*, 41(3), 133-150.

Nicholas\*, L., & Thapa, B. (2010). Visitor perspectives on sustainable tourism development in the Pitons Management Area World Heritage Site, St. Lucia. *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, 12(5), 839-857.

Pennington-Gray, L., Cahyanto\*, I., Thapa, B., McLaughlin, E., Willming, C., & Blair\*, S. (2010). Destination Management Organizations and tourism crisis management plans in Florida. *Tourism Review International*, 13(3), 247-261.

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Jett\*, J., & Thapa, B. (2010). Manatee zone compliance among boaters in Florida. *Coastal Management*, 38(2), 165-185.

Huang\*, C., Pennington-Gray, L., Ko, Y. & Thapa, B. (2010). Engaging timeshare owners in tourism destination management: Tourism planning and tourism marketing implications. *Journal of Travel & Tourism Marketing*, 27(1), 14-30.

Cahyanto\*, I., Pennington-Gray, L., & Thapa, B. (2010). Reflections from utilizing reflexive photography to develop rural tourism in Indonesia. *Tourism Analysis*, 14(6), 721-736.

Hoehn\*, S., & Thapa, B. (2009). Attitudes and perceptions of indigenous fishermen towards marine resource management in Kuna Yala, Panama. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*, 16(6), 427-437.

Nicholas\*, L., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2009). Public sector perspectives and policy implications for the Pitons Management Area World Heritage Site, St. Lucia. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*, 16(3), 205-216.

Nicholas\*, L., Thapa, B., & Ko, Y. (2009). Residents' perspectives of a World Heritage Site: An analysis of the Pitons Management Area, St. Lucia. *Annals of Tourism Research*, 36(3), 390-412.

Albritton\*, R., Stein, T., & Thapa, B. (2009). Exploring conflict and tolerance between and within off-highway vehicle recreationists. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*, 27(4), 54-72.

Jett\*, J., Thapa, B., & Ko, Y. (2009). Recreation specialization and boater speed compliance in Manatee Zones. *Human Dimensions of Wildlife*, 14(4), 278-292.

Thapa, B., Graefe, A., & Meyer\*, L. (2006). Specialization and marine based environmental behaviors among SCUBA divers. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 38(4), 601-615.

Nyaupane, G., & Thapa, B. (2006). Perceptions of environmental impacts of tourism: A case study at Annapurna Conservation Area Project, Nepal. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*, 13(1), 51-61.

Thapa, B., Graefe, A., & Meyer\*, L. (2005). Moderator and mediator effects of SCUBA diving specialization on marine-based environmental knowledge-behavior contingency. *Journal of Environmental Education*, 37(1), 53-67.

Cheng\*, J., Thapa, B., & Confer, J. (2005). Environmental concern and behaviors among coral reef tourists at Green Island, Taiwan. *Tourism in Marine Environments*, 2(1), 39-43.

Pennington-Gray, L., Reisinger, Y., Kim\*, J., & Thapa, B. (2005). Do U.S. tour operators' brochures educate the tourist on culturally responsible behaviors? A case study for Kenya. *Journal of Vacation Marketing*, 11(3), 256-284.

Confer, J., Thapa, B., & Mendelsohn\*, J. (2005). Exploring a typology of recreation conflict in outdoor environments. *World Leisure Journal*, 47(4), 35-47.

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Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (2004). Recreation conflict and tolerance among adult skiers and snowboarders. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*, 22(1), 37-52.

Nyaupane, G., & Thapa, B. (2004). Evaluation of ecotourism: A comparative assessment in the Annapurna Conservation Area Project, Nepal. *Journal of Ecotourism*, 3(1), 20-45.

Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (2003). Level of skill and its relationship to recreation conflict and tolerance among adult skiers and snowboarders. *World Leisure Journal*, 45(1), 15-27.

Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (2003). Forest recreationists and environmentalism. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*, 21(1), 77-105.

Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., & Holland, S. (2002). Florida residents' constraints to parks and public lands visitation: An assessment of the validity of an intrapersonal, interpersonal and structural model. *World Leisure Journal*, 44(4), 51-60.

Thapa, B., Graefe, A., & Absher, J. (2002). Information needs and search behaviors: A comparative study of ethnic groups in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, California. *Leisure Sciences*, 24(1), 87-107.

Thapa, S., & Thapa, B. (2002). Debt-for-Nature Swaps: Potential applications in Nepal. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*, 9(3), 239-255.

Thapa, B. (2001). Environmental concern: A comparative analysis between students. *Environmental Education Research*, 7(1), 39-53.

Thapa, B. (1999). Nepal's tourism needs a facelift. *The Organization (non-refereed)*, 2(1), 23-27.

Thapa, B. (1999). Environmentalism: The relationship of environmental attitudes and environmentally responsible behaviors among undergraduate students. *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society*, 19(5), 432-444.

Thapa, B. (1998). Debt-for-nature swaps: An overview. *International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology*, 5(4), 249-262.

### **Degree-Related Research**

Thapa, B. (2000). The association of outdoor recreation activities and environmental attitudes and behaviors among forest recreationists. *Unpublished Doctoral degree dissertation*. Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, 219 pp.

Thapa, B. (1996). The role of tolerance in recreational conflict: The case of adult skiers and snowboarders. *Unpublished Master's degree thesis*. Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, 147 pp.

Thapa, B. (1994). The economic impacts of tourism. *Unpublished Bachelor's degree professional paper*. West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia.

## **Conference Abstracts & Proceedings**

Stepchenkova, S., Lane, C., Pennington-Gray, L., & Thapa, B. (2011). Strategic partnership to improve tourism education: University of Florida, USA and the State University of Nizhni Novgorod, Russian Federation. *Proceedings from the International Society of Travel & Tourism Educators Conference*. Miami, Florida.

Gibson, H., Kang\*, S., Walker, M., Kaplanidou, K., Thapa, B., Geldenhuys, S., & Coetzee, W. (2011). Four sport tourist fan types: 2010 World Cup, flow-on tourism and other attributes. In H. Gammelsaeter & G. Bielons (comp., ed.), *Proceedings from the 19th Conference of the European Association for Sport Management* (pp. 253-254). Madrid, Spain. September 7-10.

Tasci, A., Aktas, G., Manukyan, A., Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., & Sagas, M. (2011). ATA Fellows: A multilateral university consortium to strengthen tourism education, research and industry outreach. *Proceedings from Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Marketing and Management Conference* (pp. 173-178). Istanbul, Turkey.

Kaplanidou, K., Gibson, H., Karadakis\*, K., Walker, M., Thapa, B., Geldenhuys, S., & Coetzee, W. (2011). Quality of life as a mediator between event impacts and mega event support among South African residents: The 2010 FIFA World Cup™. *Proceedings from the 42nd Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference* (no pages-digital copy). London, Ontario, Canada.

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Parent\*, G., Thapa, B., Mupeta\*, P., & Child, B. (2011). If they build it, will they come? Estimating demand change in Kafue National Park, Zambia in response to potential improvements. *Proceedings from the 17th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Integrating Conservation and Sustainable Living* (no pages-digital copy). Madison, Wisconsin.

Panikowski\*, A., Goldman, A., & Thapa, B. (2011). Women and weaving for tourism: Generation of income and social capital around Kibale National Park, Uganda. *Proceedings from the 17th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Integrating Conservation and Sustainable Living* (no pages-digital copy). Madison, Wisconsin.

Lu\*, W., Stepchenkova, S., & Thapa, B. (2010). Satisfaction with eco-experience: A case of Costa Rica ecolodges. *Proceedings from the Global Sustainable Tourism Conference* (pp. 486-507). Mbombela, South Africa.

Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B., & Child, B. (2010). Public sector perspectives on the potential for community-based ecotourism and support for Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Botswana. *Paper presentation at the Global Sustainable Tourism Conference* (pp. 729-730). Mbombela, South Africa.

Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B. (2010). Factors that influence residents' support for community-based ecotourism development in Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Botswana. *Paper presentation at the Global Sustainable Tourism Conference* (pp. 731-732). Mbombela, South Africa.

Kim\*, S., Slutsky, S., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2010). Pricing competition model of information sharing: Game theory approach. *Proceedings from the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education Annual Conference* (no pages-digital copy). San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Kim\*, S., Thapa, B., Burns, R., & Kim, H. (2010). Economic impacts of nature-based tourism on local communities. *Proceedings from the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education Annual Conference* (no pages-digital copy). San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Cahyanto\*, I., Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., Villegas, J., Matyas, C., Srinivasan, S. (2010). Segmenting tourists' information behavior in the event of a crisis. *Proceedings from the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference* (no pages-digital copy). San Antonio, Texas. June 20-22.

Moswete\*, N., Thapa, B., & Child, B. (2010). People-Park relationship in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Southwestern Botswana. *Proceedings from the 16th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management People and Place: Tyranny of 'Or': Conservation or Development? Preservation or Utilization?* (pp. 156). Corpus Christi, Texas.

Kim, H., Han, B., Kim\*, S., Thapa, B. (2010). Residents' attitudes toward World Heritage Site inscription: The Jeju World Natural Heritage Management Area, South Korea. *Proceedings from the World Heritage and Tourism: Managing for the Global and the Local* (no pages-digital copy). Quebec City, Canada.

Best\*, M., & Thapa, B. (2009). Motives for environmental management in the accommodations sector in the Anglophone Caribbean. *Proceedings from the 1<sup>st</sup> International Tourism Conference: Beyond the Boundary-Creating New Epistemologies in Tourism* (pp. 27). Cave Hill, Barbados.

Nicholas\*, L., & Thapa, B. (2009). Stakeholder perspectives on the Pitons Management Area-World Heritage Site: Potential for sustainable tourism development. *Proceedings from the 1<sup>st</sup> International Tourism Conference: Beyond the Boundary-Creating New Epistemologies in Tourism* (pp. 39). Cave Hill, Barbados.

Best\*, M., & Thapa, B. (2009). Environmental management outcomes in the accommodations sector in the Anglophone Caribbean. In J. Petrick (comp., ed.), *Proceedings from the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference* (no pages-digital copy). Honolulu, Hawaii.

Cahyanto\*, I., Pennington-Gray, L., & Thapa, B. (2009). A postcard from the village: Using photo-elicitation as a means of developing tourism. In J. Petrick (comp., ed.), *Proceedings from the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference* (no pages-digital copy). Honolulu, Hawaii.

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Bustam\*, T., & Thapa, B. (2008). Indigenous power and natural resources conservation in the Everglades National Park, Florida. *Proceedings from the 10<sup>th</sup> World Leisure Congress* (pp. 35-36). Quebec City, Canada.

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Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B. (2008). Village-based tourism and community participation in the Kalahari Region of Botswana. *Proceedings from the International Academy of African Business and Development Conference* (pp. 27). Gainesville, Florida.

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Kim\*, S., Slutsky, S., & Thapa, B. (2008). Information sharing behaviors in price competition model: A case study of hotels in Marion County, Florida. *Proceedings from the 13th Annual Hospitality and Tourism Graduate Student Education and Research Conference. Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Research Vol. XIII* (pp. 1409-1413). Orlando, Florida.

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Moswete\*, N., Thapa, B., & Child, B. (2010). People-park relationship in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, southwestern Botswana. *Paper presentation at the 16th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. People and Place: Tyranny of 'Or': Conservation or Development? Preservation or Utilization?* Corpus Christi, Texas. June 6-10.

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Kim, H., Han, B., Kim\*, S., Thapa, B. (2010). Residents' attitudes toward World Heritage Site inscription: The Jeju World Natural Heritage Management Area, South Korea. *Paper presentation at the World Heritage and Tourism: Managing for the Global and the Local*. Quebec City, Canada. June 2-4.

Gibson, H., Kaplanidou, K., & Thapa, B. (2010). Small-scale sport tourism as a sustainable legacy of mega-events: A key component of a successful national sport tourism strategy. *Paper presentation at the International Summit on Tourism, Sport and Mega-Events-Colloquium on Mega-Event Sustainability*. Johannesburg, South Africa. February 24-26.

Thapa, B., Pennington-Gray, L., & Russo, S. (2010). University of Florida and Tshwane University of Technology: Partnership to strengthen teaching, research, service and faculty development in tourism management. *Poster presentation at the Center for Latin American Studies & Center for African Studies Conference: Bridging Conservation and Development in Latin America and Africa: Changing Contexts, Changing Strategies*. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. January 28-30.

Child, B., Barnes, G., Thapa, B., & Russo, S. (2010). Transforming community based natural resources management education in southern Africa. *Poster presentation at the Center for Latin American Studies & Center for African Studies Conference: Bridging Conservation and Development in Latin America and Africa: Changing Contexts, Changing Strategies*. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. January 28-30.

Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B. (2010). Factors that influence residents' support for conservation of Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park in southwestern Botswana. *Poster presentation at the Center for Latin American Studies & Center for African Studies Conference: Bridging Conservation and Development in Latin America and Africa: Changing Contexts, Changing Strategies*. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. January 28-30.

Hoehn\*, S., & Thapa, B. (2010). Community-based tourism in Kuna Yala, Panama: A success story. *Poster presentation at the Center for Latin American Studies & Center for African Studies Conference: Bridging Conservation and Development in Latin America and Africa: Changing Contexts, Changing Strategies*. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. January 28-30.

Nicholas\*, L., & Thapa, B. (2009). Stakeholder perspectives on the Pitons Management Area-World Heritage Site: Potential for sustainable tourism development. *Paper presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Tourism Conference: Beyond the Boundary-Creating New Epistemologies in Tourism*. Cave Hill, Barbados. December 8-11.

Best\*, M., & Thapa, B. (2009). Motives for environmental management in the accommodations sector in the Anglophone Caribbean. *Paper presentation at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Tourism Conference: Beyond the Boundary-Creating New Epistemologies in Tourism*. Cave Hill, Barbados. December 8-11.

Best\*, M., & Thapa, B. (2009). Environmental management outcomes in the accommodations sector in the Anglophone Caribbean. *Paper presentation at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference*. Honolulu, Hawaii. June 21-24.

Cahyanto\*, I., Pennington-Gray, L., & Thapa, B. (2009). A postcard from the village: Using photo-elicitation as a means of developing tourism. *Paper presentation at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference*. Honolulu, Hawaii. June 21-24.

Huang\*, C., Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., Phillips, R., & Holland, S. (2009). Timeshare owners' perceptions of and preferred ways of participating in tourism planning. *Poster presentation at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference*. Honolulu, Hawaii. June 21-24.

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Kim\*, S., Slutsky, S., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L., & Holland, S. (2009). Nash Equilibrium of Hotel Pricing Strategies: A Bertrand Model of Information Sharing in Florida. *Paper presentation at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference*. Honolulu, Hawaii. June 21-24.

Bustam\*, T., & Thapa, B. (2008). Indigenous power and natural resources conservation in the Everglades National Park, Florida. *Paper presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> World Leisure Congress*. Quebec City, Canada. October 6-10.

Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B. (2008). HIV/AIDS and tourism: Awareness and perceptions in two urban communities in Botswana. *Paper presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> World Leisure Congress*. Quebec City, Canada. October 6-10 (*could not present – schedule conflict*).

Hoehn\*, S., & Thapa, B. (2008). Local capacities and marine conservation among the Kuna in Panama. *Paper presentation at the Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fisheries and Wildlife Management Conference*. Estes Park, Colorado. September 28-October 2.

Jett\*, J., Thapa, B., & Swett, B. (2008). Boater compliance with manatee speed zones in Florida: An application of the theory of reasoned action. *Paper presentation at the Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fisheries and Wildlife Management Conference*. Estes Park, Colorado. September 28-October 2.

Senko\*, J., Thapa, B., & Hoehn\*, S. (2008). Sea turtle conservation and ecotourism: A case study in Bahia Magdalena, Mexico. *Poster presentation at the Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fisheries and Wildlife Management Conference*. Estes Park, Colorado. September 28-October 2.

Parker\*, P., & Thapa, B. (2008). Assessing tourism development based on tourism area life cycle in the Deqin Region, China. *Paper presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management People and Place: Linking Culture and Nature*. Burlington, Vermont. June 10-14.

Jett\*, J., Thapa, B., Ko, Y., & Confer, J. (2008). Recreation specialization and boater speed compliance in manatee zones. *Paper presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management People and Place: Linking Culture and Nature*. Burlington, Vermont. June 10-14.

Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B. (2008). Village-based tourism and community participation in the Kalahari Region of Botswana. *Paper presentation at the International Academy of African Business and Development Conference*. Gainesville, Florida. May 20-24.

Hoehn\*, S., & Thapa, B. (2008). Building local capacities to manage conservation and development in Kuna Yala, Panama. *Paper presentation at the International Conference on Preservation of Biocultural Diversity-Global Issues*. Vienna, Austria. May 6-8.

Parker\*, P., & Thapa, B. (2007). Residents' perception of tourism impacts in Deqin, China. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Landscape Continuity and Change - Social Science Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Conversations*. Park City, Utah. June 17-21.

Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B. (2007). Community-based tourism development in rural western Botswana: An exploration of the communities in the Kgalagadi District. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Landscape Continuity and Change - Social Science Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Conversations*. Park City, Utah. June 17-21.

Kim\*, S., Kang, B., & Thapa, B. (2007). An exploratory study about satisfaction measures in an electronic era: Gap scores vs. satisfaction-only measures? *Poster presentation at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference*. Las Vegas, Nevada. June 17-20.

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Thapa, B. (2007). Domestic insurgency and tourism: A case study of Nepal. *Paper presentation at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Global Insecurities, Global Solution, and Applied Anthropology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Tampa, Florida. March 21-31.

Nicholas\*, L., & Thapa, B. (2007). An analysis of policy implications for the Pitons Management Area World Heritage Site: Conservation versus development in St. Lucia? *Paper presentation at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Global Insecurities, Global Solution, and Applied Anthropology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Tampa, Florida. March 21-31.

Parker\*, P., & Thapa, B. (2007). Early beginnings of tourism development: A case study of the Deqin region, China. *Paper presentation at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Global Insecurities, Global Solution, and Applied Anthropology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Tampa, Florida. March 21-31.

Moswete\*, N., & Thapa, B. (2007). An examination of village-based tourism initiatives in the Matsheng villages of western Botswana. *Paper presentation at the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Global Insecurities, Global Solution, and Applied Anthropology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Tampa, Florida. March 21-31.

Moswete\*, N., Thapa, B., Mbaiwa, J., & Toteng, N. (2006). Citizen involvement & participation in tourism development: A comparative study in Botswana. *Paper presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Global Challenges and Local Responses*. Vancouver, Canada. June 3-8.

Nicholas\*, L., & Thapa, B. (2006). Community-based tourism: A case study on the Fond Gens Libre Community in St. Lucia. *Paper presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Global Challenges and Local Responses*. Vancouver, Canada. June 3-8.

Best\*, M., & Thapa, B. (2006). Nature-based tourism in Morne Trois Pitons National Park, Dominica. *Paper presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Global Challenges and Local Responses*. Vancouver, Canada. June 3-8.

Emptaz-Collomb\*, J.G., & Thapa, B. (2006). And then there were 13 National Parks: Ecotourism Development Strategy in Gabon. *Paper presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Global Challenges and Local Responses*. Vancouver, Canada. June 3-8.

Thapa, B. (2006). World Heritage in danger list: Seven monument zones within Kathmandu Valley, Nepal. *Paper presentation at 7<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Heritage Seminar Intangible-Tangible Cultural Heritage: A Sustainable Dichotomy?* University of Cambridge, England. May 13(*could not present - schedule conflict*).

Thapa, B. (2006). Issues and challenges of World Heritage Sites in Nepal. *Paper presentation at World Heritage: Global Challenges, Local Solutions Conference*. Ironbridge, England. May 4-7.

Moswete\*, N., Brandt, S., & Thapa, B. (2005). The past, present and future of cultural heritage tourism and heritage management in Botswana. *Paper presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Pan African Archeological Association for Pre-history and Related Studies*. Gaborone, Botswana. July 3-10.

Kim\*, J., Pennington-Gray, L., & Thapa, B. (2005). Community-based tourism development in small rural town? The case of High Springs, Florida. *Paper presentation at Border Tourism and Community Development Conference*. Xishuangbanna, China. July 6-9.

Thapa, B. (2005). Tourism in Ethiopia: Issues, challenges and opportunities. *Paper presentation at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Heritage, Environment and Tourism*. Santa Fe, New Mexico. April 5-10.

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Nicholas\*, L., & Thapa, B. (2005). An examination of the cultural tourism product in St. Lucia: Unlocking the potential. *Paper presentation at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Heritage, Environment and Tourism*. Santa Fe, New Mexico. April 5-10.

Sanders\*, G., & Thapa, B. (2005). Ybor city: Linking the past and present communities through heritage tourism. *Paper presentation at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Heritage, Environment and Tourism*. Santa Fe, New Mexico. April 5-10.

Culver\*, C., Nicholas\*, L., & Thapa, B. (2005). St. Augustine, Florida: A case study of heritage tourism. *Paper presentation at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society of Applied Anthropology: Heritage, Environment and Tourism*. Santa Fe, New Mexico. April 5-10.

Kim\*, J., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2004). Image differences of a nature-based tourism destination by travel behaviors. *Paper presentation at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference*. Montreal, Canada. June 20-23.

Pennington-Gray, L. & Thapa, B. (2004). Culturally responsible behaviors: Are DMO's doing a good job of educating the tourist? *Poster presentation at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Travel and Tourism Research Association Conference*. Montreal, Canada. June 20-23.

Thapa, B., Confer, J., & Mendelsohn\*, J. (2004). Trip motivations among water-based recreationists. *Paper presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Monitoring and Management of Visitor Flows in Recreational and Protected Areas*. Rovaniemi, Finland. June 17-20.

Thapa, B., Holland, S., & Absher, J. (2004). Perceived risk, safety and reactionary behaviors to fire situations among Florida tourists. *Paper presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Past and Future*. Keystone, Colorado. June 2-6.

Cheng\*, J., Thapa, B., & Confer, J. (2004). Relationships between environmental behaviors and demographic variables among coral reef recreationists. *Paper presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Past and Future*. Keystone, Colorado. June 2-6.

Graefe, A., & Thapa, B. (2004). Conflict in natural resource recreation. *Paper presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Past and Future*. Keystone, Colorado. June 2-6.

Thapa, B., Holland, S., & Absher, J. (2003). Tourist knowledge, attitudes and reactions to fire situations in Florida. *Paper presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Wildland Fire Ecology and Fire Management Congress*. Orlando, Florida, November 16-20.

Holland, S., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2003). Peace parks: Managing for outdoor recreation and tourism. *Paper presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Summit on Peace through Tourism*. Geneva, Switzerland. February 5-8.

Thapa, B. (2002). The effects of international and local crises and instability on tourism: A case study of Nepal. *Paper presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Leisure Congress: Global Forces and Local Responses*. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. October 21-25.

Nyaupane, G. & Thapa, B. (2002). Evaluation of ecotourism: A comparative approach in Nepal. *Paper presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Leisure Congress: Global Forces and Local Responses*. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. October 21-25.

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Thapa, B., Pennington-Gray, L., & Holland, S. (2002). Assessing the validity of an outdoor recreation constraints model for tourists to Florida. *Paper presentation at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Travel and Tourism Research Association*. Arlington, Virginia. June 23-26.

Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (2002). The relationship between recreation specialization and environmentalism among forest recreationists. *Paper presentation at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Choices and Consequences-Natural Resources and Societal Decision-Making*. Bloomington, Indiana. June 2-5.

Pennington-Gray, L., Holland, S., & Thapa, B. (2002). Assessing the validity of an outdoor recreation constraints model for residents of Florida. *Paper presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> Canadian Congress on Leisure Research*. Alberta, Canada. May 22-25.

Thapa, B., Pennington-Gray, L., & White, E. (2001). The role of the Internet and travel planning behaviors among university of Florida students. *Poster presentation at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Travel and Tourism Research Association*. Fort Myers, Florida. June 10-13.

Thapa, B. (2000). Trends and issues in select winter recreation activities: Alpine skiing and snowboarding. *Paper presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trends Symposium: Building Bridges between Outdoor Recreation and Tourism for the Third Millennium*. East Lansing, Michigan. September 17-20.

Thapa, B. (2000). An exploration of the influence of moderating variables on the environmental attitude-behavior relation among American college students. *Paper presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Leisure Congress: Leisure and Human Development*. Bilbao, Spain. July 3-7.

Graefe, A., Absher, J., Confer, J., & Thapa, B. (2000). The role of user surveys in the development of an information and education plan for the Allegheny National Forest. *Paper presentation at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Transcending Boundaries-Natural Resource Management from Summit to Sea*. Bellingham, Washington. June 17-22.

Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (1999). Level of skill and its relationship to recreational conflict and tolerance among adult skiers and snowboarders. *Paper presentation at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Application of Social Science to Resource Management in the Asia-Pacific Region*. Brisbane, Australia. July 7-10.

Thapa, B. (1999). The relationship between debt-for-nature swaps and protected area tourism: A plausible strategy for developing countries. *Paper presentation at the Wilderness Science Conference: Wilderness Science in a Time of Change*. Missoula, Montana. May 23-27.

Graefe, A., Thapa, B., Confer, J., & Absher, J. (1999). Relationships between trip motivations and selected variables among Allegheny National Forest visitors. *Paper presentation at the Wilderness Science Conference: Wilderness Science in a Time of Change*. Missoula, Montana. May 23-27.

Sasidharan, V., Thapa, B. (1999). Ethnicity and variations in wildlife concern: Exploring the socio-psychological bases of wildlife values. *Paper presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Urban Wildlife Conservation*. Tucson, Arizona. May 1-5.

Thapa, B., & Sasidharan, V. (1999). Debt-for-nature swap and protected area tourism in coastal and marine environments: A symbiotic relationship for developing countries. *Paper presentation at International Symposium on Coastal and Marine Tourism*. Vancouver, Canada. April 26-29 (could not present - schedule conflict).

Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (1998). Between-and-within activity conflict and tolerance among adult skiers and snowboarders. *Paper presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management: Culture, Environment, and Society*. Columbia, Missouri. May 27-31.

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Thapa, B. (1996). The role of tolerance in recreational conflict: The case of adult skiers and snowboarders. *Paper presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Leisure Research Symposium*. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada. May 13.

#### **National Presentations (Refereed)**

Kim\*, S., Slutsky, S., & Thapa, B. (2008). Information sharing behaviors in price competition model: A case study of hotels in Marion County, Florida. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Education & Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality & Tourism*. Orlando, Florida. January 3-5.

Thapa, B., Pennington-Gray, L., & Holland, S. (2004). Attitudes, participation and trends in outdoor recreation among Florida statewide residents. *Paper presentation at the National Extension Tourism Conference: People, Places & Partnerships: Keys to Success*. Kissimmee, Florida. September 27-30 (*conference cancelled: weather related*).

Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., & Kim\*, J. (2004). How visioning and tourism planning interact: A case study of Micanopy, Florida. *Paper presentation at the National Extension Tourism Conference: People, Places & Partnerships: Keys to Success*. Kissimmee, Florida. September 27-30 (*conference cancelled: weather related*).

Williams\*, S., & Thapa, B. (2004). Tourism and special events in small communities. A case study of Cedar Key, Florida. *Paper presentation at the National Extension Tourism Conference: People, Places & Partnerships: Keys to Success*. Kissimmee, Florida. September 27-30 (*conference cancelled: weather related*).

Sanders\*, G., & Thapa, B. (2004). Ybor city, Florida: Preserving the past as a benefit for the future. *Paper presentation at the National Extension Tourism Conference: People, Places & Partnerships: Keys to Success*. Kissimmee, Florida. September 27-30 (*conference cancelled: weather related*).

Pennington-Gray, L., Holland, S., & Thapa, B. (2004). Regional tourism efforts: The original Florida. *Paper presentation at the National Extension Tourism Conference: People, Places & Partnerships: Keys to Success*. Kissimmee, Florida. September 27-30 (*conference cancelled: weather related*).

Thapa, B., & Holland, S., & Absher, J. (2004). The relationship between wildfires and tourist behaviors in Florida: An exploratory study. *Paper presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Social Aspects and Recreation Research Symposium*. San Francisco, California. February 4-6.

Absher, J., Thapa, B., Graefe, A., & Kyle, G. (2004). Information needs and communication theory at Mono Basin Visitor Center. *Paper presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Social Aspects and Recreation Research Symposium*. San Francisco, California. February 4-6.

Spengler, J., Thapa, B., & Delynko\*, E. (2004). Backcountry search and rescue operations on public lands: Liability issues for park professionals. *Poster presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> (2004) Social Aspects and Recreation Research Symposium*. San Francisco, California. February 4-6.

Holland, S., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2003). Population ratios for outdoor recreation facility planning: Searching for an empirical basis. *Paper presentation at the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners Conference*. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. May 6.

Thapa, B., Pennington-Gray, L., Holland, S., & Willming, C. (2002). Constraints to participation in the outdoors: An examination of Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics. *Poster presentation at the Leisure Research Symposium of the National Recreation and Park Association Congress*. Tampa, Florida. October 16-19.

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Thapa, B., Graefe, A., Zinn, H., & Kerstetter, D. (2001). Forest recreationists and environmentalism. *Paper presentation at the Leisure Research Symposium of the National Recreation and Park Association Congress*. Denver, Colorado. October 3-6.

Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (1998). Level of skill and its relationship to recreational conflict and tolerance among adult skiers and snowboarders. *Paper presentation at the Leisure Research Symposium of the National Recreation and Park Association Congress*. Miami, Florida. September 23-27 (*conference cancelled: weather related*).

#### **Regional Presentations (Refereed)**

Chen\*, H., & Thapa, B. (2011). Tourism ecolables as a marketing strategy. *Poster presentation at the Southeast Travel and Tourism Research Association Symposium*. Destin, Florida. March 28-30.

Matyas, C., Srinivasan, S., Cahyanto\*, I., Thapa, B., Pennington-Gray, L., Villegas, J. (2011). Attributes affecting the evacuation decisions of Florida tourists when a hurricane landfall is projected. *Paper presentation at the Florida Society of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Gainesville, FL. February 19.

Gage\*, R. & Thapa, B. (2010). Volunteer motivations and constraints among college students. *Paper presentation at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 11-13.

Confer, J., Thapa, B., & Jett\*, J. (2004). Environmental attitudes of university students: Do students act globally and have “no opinion” locally. *Paper presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. March 28-30.

Nyaupane, G. & Thapa, B. (2003). Comparative evaluation of the perceptions of environmental impacts between local residents and managers in the Annapurna Conservation Area Project, Nepal. *Paper presentation at the 15<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 6-8.

Meyer\*, L., Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2002). An exploration of motivations among SCUBA divers in North Central Florida. *Paper presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 14-16.

Meyer\*, L., Thapa, B. & Confer, J. (2002). The association of outdoor recreation and environmental concern. *Paper presentation at the Southeast Recreation Research Symposium*. Athens, Georgia. February 21-23.

Confer, J., & Thapa, B. (2001). Environmentalism: A comparative assessment of undergraduate students. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 1-3.

Absher, J., Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (2001). Assessing information needs and uses of summer Forest visitors. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 1-3.

Zinn, H., Harmon, L., Thapa, B., Kerstetter, D., & Graefe, A. (2001). An exploration: Human territoriality in forest recreation. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 1-3.

Li, C., Zinn, H., Thapa, B., Kerstetter, D., & Graefe, A. (2001). The relationship between new and repeat visitors' and their outdoor recreation participation patterns, level of satisfaction, and feelings about forest management issues in one State Forest. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 1-3.

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Meyer\*, L., Patterson, T., Pennington-Gray, L., Holdnak, A., & Thapa, B. (2001). Alachua county welcome center visitor profile. *Paper presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 1-3.

Thapa, B. & Graefe, A. (2000). Environmental attitude-behavior correspondence between different types of forest recreationists. *Paper presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 2-4.

Sasidharan, V., & Thapa, B. (1999). An exploration of the influence of gender and locality on environmental attitudes using the New Ecological Paradigm (NEP Scale). *Paper presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 11-14.

Thapa, B. (1999). Environmentalism: A study of undergraduate students. *Paper presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 11-14.

Confer, J., Graefe, A., Absher, J., & Thapa, B. (1999). Differences in place attachment between Allegheny National Forest users. *Paper presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 11-14.

Thapa, B., & Graefe, A. (1998). Gender and age group differences in recreational conflict and tolerance among adult skiers and snowboarders. *Paper presentation at the 10<sup>th</sup> Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium*. Lake George, New York. April 5-7.

#### **Invited Presentations**

Thapa, B. (2009). Crisis planning and preparedness in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Keynote presentation at the Mexico's Ministry of Tourism - National Congress of Tourism Investigation*. Tijuana, Mexico. October 9.

Thapa, B. (2009). Capacity building in tourism and hospitality management education in Africa. *Paper presentation at the Corporate Council on Africa's 2009 US-Africa Business Summit*. Washington, D.C. September 30.

Thapa, B. (2009). Sustainable tourism in South Africa. *Paper presentation at the Center for International Business Education and Research Seminar Series*. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. March 27.

Thapa, B., & Pennington-Gray, L. (2007). Profile of visitors and economic impacts for Flagler County, Florida. *Proposal presentation to the Flagler County Board of County Commission*. Bunnell, Flagler County, Florida. July 15.

Thapa, B. (2006). Profile and economic impacts of visitors at Norfolk, VA. *Presentation of Project Results to Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau*. Norfolk, Virginia. August 14.

Thapa, B. (2006). The role of research in tourism. *Paper presentation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Seminar on the Importance of Market Research in Tourism*. Ljubljana, Slovenia. November 23.

Thapa, B. (2006). Tourism and ecotourism development in Kazakhstan. *Paper presentation at Turan-Astana University*. Astana, Kazakhstan. May 29.

Thapa, B. (2005). Tourism and World Heritage Sites: A case study of Nepal. *Paper presentation at the International workshop on Preserving the World's Heritage Resources*. Cumberland Island National Seashore, Georgia. November 2-6.

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Pennington-Gray, L., & Thapa, B. (2005). Tourism visioning for Marion County, Florida. *Workshop for Hospitality and Tourism representatives of Marion County*. Ocala, Florida. October 11.

Thapa, B. (2001). The impact of terrorism on tourism: A general assessment of Florida. *Paper presentation at the First Coast Chamber of Commerce Meeting*, Jacksonville, Florida. November 13.

Thapa, B. (1999). Information search and the selection process of graduate programs in the recreation/tourism/leisure fields. *Paper presentation at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual conference of Pennsylvania's Recreation & Park Society*. Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. March 21-24.

## **CONTRACTS & GRANTS**

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#### ***Funded Grants (External: Foundations)***

Thapa, B. (PI), Walker, M. (CO-PI), Kaplanidou, K., (CO-PI), & Gibson, H. (CO-PI) [University of Florida] Goldenhuys, S. (PI) & Coetzee, W. (CO-PI) [Tshwane University of Technology] - (2009-2011). Residents and Visitors Study - 2010 FIFA World Cup™. Joint partnership between Tshwane University of Technology and the University of Florida. *Tshwane University of Technology, and Host Cities (Tshwane, Polokwane, Johannesburg)*. Total: \$130,000.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Villegas, J., (CO-PI), Matyas, C. (CO-PI), Srinivasan, S. (CO-PI) (2009-2010). Identifying the Factors that Influence the Evacuation Decisions of Florida Tourists when Hurricanes Strike. *Eric Friedheim Foundation*, Jacksonville, Florida. Total: \$25,492.

Thapa, B. (PI) (2006). Kazakhstan Ecotourism Management Program. *Eurasia Foundation*, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Total: \$14,210.

Thapa, B. (PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Confer, H. (CO-PI), & Gibson, H. (CO-PI) (2004-2005). Profile and Economic Impacts of Visitors at Norfolk, Virginia. *Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau Training and Research Foundation, Inc*, Norfolk, Virginia. Total: \$40,000.

#### ***Funded Grants (External: Federal Agencies)***

Thapa, B. (PI) (2012-2014). Sustainable Tourism in Africa-Interdisciplinary Research. *U.S. Department of Education-International Education Programs*, Washington, D.C. *UF Center for International Business Education*, Gainesville, Florida. Total: \$25,000.

Thapa, B. & Child, B. (PI) (2010-2011). Zambia Tourism Demand Survey. *U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Foreign Agricultural Service*, Washington, D.C. Total: \$193,262.

Stepchenkova, S. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & Pennington -Gray, L. (CO-PI) (2010-2013). Capacity Building Partnership to Improve Tourism Education, Research, and Industry Outreach: University of Florida, USA and the State University of Nizhni Novgorod, Russian Federation. *U.S. Department of Education-Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE): U.S.-Russia Program*, Washington, D.C. Total: \$800,000 (\$400,000 from U.S. for University of Florida and \$400,000 from Russia for State University of Nizhni Novgorod).

Tasci, A. (PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & Sagas, M. (CO-PI) (2010-2013). A Multilateral University Consortium to Strengthen Tourism Education, Research, and Industry Outreach: University of Florida, USA, Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey, and Armenian State University of Economics, Armenia. *U.S. Department of State (US Embassy-Turkey)-University Partnership Program*. Ankara, Turkey. Total: \$729,443 (\$569,235; cost share \$160,208).

### ***Curriculum Vitae (Brijesh Thapa, Ph.D.)***

Thapa, B. (PI), Russo, S. (CO-PI), & Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI) (2009-2012). University of Florida and Tshwane University of Technology (South Africa): Partnership to Strengthen Teaching, Research, Service and Faculty Development in Tourism Management. *U.S. Agency for International Development/Higher Education for Development*, Washington, D.C. Total: \$312,500 (award \$250,000; cost share \$62,500).

Child, B. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), Barnes, G. (CO-PI), & Russo, S. (CO-PI) (2009-2012). Transforming Community Based Natural Resources Management Education in Southern Africa. *U.S. Agency for International Development/Higher Education for Development*, Washington, D.C. Total: \$750,000 (award \$600,000; cost share \$125,000).

Thapa, B. (PI). Communication Behaviors in Outdoor Recreation (2003-2004). *U.S. Department of Agriculture: Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station*, Riverside, California. Total: \$7,183.

Thapa, B. (PI) (2002-2003). Understanding Information Needs and Communication Behaviors in a Recreation Context. *U.S. Department of Agriculture: Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station*, Riverside, California. Total: \$7,840.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Holland, S. (CO-PI). Wildfires and Tourist Behaviors in Florida (2001-2002). *U.S. Department of Agriculture: Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station*, Riverside, California. Total: \$23,998.

#### **Funded Grants (External: Florida State Agencies)**

Holland, S. (PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2000-2001). Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment for Florida. *Florida Department of Environmental Protection*, Tallahassee, Florida. Total: \$149,266.

#### **Funded Grants (External: National)**

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI) (2009). A Toolbox for Crisis Communication: Checklists and Best Practices. Subcontracted by Dexter Koehl Group, LLC on behalf of UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)-Risk and Crisis Management. Total: \$2,500.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Nicholas, L. (CO-PI), L., Willming, C. (CO-PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2008). Benefits of Travel and Leisure: Empirical Factoids and Annotated Bibliography. *U.S. Travel Association*, Washington, D.C. Total: \$2,000.

#### **Funded Grants (External: Regional)**

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2005). Destination Visioning Workshop for Hospitality and Tourism Representatives of Marion County. *Marion County Tourism Development Council*, Ocala, Florida. Total: \$5,000.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2004-2005). Profile of Visitors to Pasco County. *Pasco County Board of County Commissioners*, New Port Richey, Florida. Total: \$29,500.

Confer, J. (PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & Holland, S. (CO-PI) (2001-2002). Profile and Economic Impacts of Visitors at St. John's County. *St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and the Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau*, St. Augustine, Florida. Total: \$40,000.

## **Intramural Funded Research**

### **Funded Research (UF Internal Funds)**

Thapa, B. (2010). Tourism and Natural Resources Management in South Africa. *Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Award-Office of the Provost, University of Florida*, Gainesville, Florida. Total: \$36,097 (award \$19,425; cost share \$16,672).

Pennington-Gray, L., Thapa, B., & Dorman, S. (2007-2012). Development of the Tourism Crisis Management Research Institute within the Center for Tourism Research & Development. *Office of the President, University of Florida*, Gainesville, FL. Total: \$750,000.

Brandt, S., Cohen, D., Thapa, B., Graham, R., & Armstrong, C. (2005). Development of a Study Abroad Trip: Paris, Rome, Addis Ababa. *International Programs, University of Florida*, Gainesville, Florida. Total: \$5,000.

Gibson, H., Holland, S., & Thapa, B. (2002). Instructional Development Grant. *College of Health & Human Performance, University of Florida*, Gainesville, Florida. Total: \$906.

Thapa, B. (2001). Tourism in Nepal. *College of Health & Human Performance and Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management, University of Florida*. Gainesville, Florida. Total: \$2,100.

### **Submitted-Not Funded**

Donohoe, H., (PI), Semrad, K. (CO-PI), Pennington-Gray, L., (CO-PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2011). Arts, Culture and Heritage Tourism Development in St. Johns County, Florida. *Submitted to St. Johns County*, St. Augustine, Florida. Total requested: \$71,847.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), Holdnak, A. (CO-PI), McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI), Villegas, J. (CO-PI), & Klages, W. (CO-PI) (2010). Understanding the Impact of the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill on Florida's Tourism Industry: A Baseline Study of Perceptions of Visitors and Non-Visitors. *Submitted to BP/FIO-Gulf Oil Spill Prevention, Response & Recovery Grants Program, Florida Institute of Oceanography*, St. Petersburg, Florida. Total requested: \$296,762.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI), Villegas, J. (CO-PI), & Klages, W. (CO-PI) (2010). Gulf Oil Spill Advertising Research. *Submitted to VISIT FLORIDA*, Tallahassee, Florida. Total requested: \$162,500.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Cahyanto, I. (CO-PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI) (2010). Determinants of Crisis Preparedness in the Lodging Sector. *Submitted to American Hotel and Lodging Association*, Washington, D.C. Total requested: \$75,000.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Cahyanto, I. (CO-PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI) (2009). Teaching Youth about Crisis Management Planning in the Tourism Industry. *Submitted to State Farm Youth Advisory*, Bloomington, Illinois. Total requested: \$40,000.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & Cahyanto, I. (CO-PI) (2009). Understanding the Impact to Tourism of Offshore Drilling in the State of Florida. *Submitted to Florida Association of Visitor and Convention Bureaus*, Tallahassee, Florida. Total requested: \$9,900.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2009). A Toolbox for Crisis Communication: Checklists and Best Practices. *Submitted to UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)-Risk and Crisis Management*, Madrid, Spain. Total requested: \$29,947.

### *Curriculum Vitae (Brijesh Thapa, Ph.D.)*

Ageliki, E. (PI) et al. (2009). Comprehensive Framework for Catastrophic Event Evacuation Planning. *Submitted to U.S. Congressional Appropriations Request, Fiscal Year 2010*. (Thapa was part of a team of four who to examine prediction and planning for hurricanes). Washington, D.C. Total requested: \$8 million (Prediction and Planning for Hurricanes is \$1.6 million).

Thapa, B. (PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Villegas, J. (CO-PI), Sivaramakrishnan, S. (CO-PI), & Matyas, C. (CO-PI) (2008). Modeling Evacuation Decisions of Tourists in Response to Hurricane Information. *Submitted to U.S. National Science Foundation, Arlington, Virginia*. Total requested: \$386,276.

Thapa, B. (PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), & McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI) (2008). Hurricanes and Tourism: A Comprehensive Communication and Evacuation Response in Florida. *Submitted to U.S. Congressional Appropriations Request, Fiscal Year 2010*, Washington, D.C. Total requested: \$399,945.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI); McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2008). A rise in Anti-American Sentiment around the Globe? Is this what has led to a decline in International tourism arrivals to the United States? *Submitted to U.S. Congressional Appropriations Request, Fiscal Year 2010*, Washington, D.C. Total requested: \$834,923.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & McLaughlin, E. (CO-PI) (2007). Tourism Crisis Management Plan: A Comprehensive Model for Florida. *Submitted to U.S. Congressional Appropriations Request, Fiscal Year 2009*, Washington, D.C. Total requested: \$4,934,603.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI) (2007). Flagler County Visitor Study. *Submitted to Flagler County Board of County Commission, Bunnell, Florida*. Total requested: \$65,000.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI) (2007). Okaloosa County Visitor Study. *Submitted to Emerald Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., Ft. Walton Beach, Florida*. Total requested: \$75,000.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI) (2007). Clay County Visitor Study. *Submitted to Tourism & Film Development, Clay County Chamber of Commerce, Orange Park, Florida*. Total requested: \$65,000.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Scicchitano, M. (CO-PI), & Johns, T. (CO-PI) (2007). Data Collection (Three Years) for Visitors to St. Johns County. *Submitted to St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors & Convention Bureau, St. Augustine, Florida*. Total requested: \$300,000.

Pennington-Gray, L. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & Ko, Y. (CO-PI) (2007). Religious Travel: Market Trends and Analysis. *Submitted to World Religious Travel Association, Littleton, Colorado*. Total requested: \$82,000.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Graham, R. (CO-PI) (2006). World Heritage Sites and sustainable development. *Submitted to Tourism Cares for Tomorrow, Canton, Massachusetts*. Total requested: \$20,000.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Graham, R. (CO-PI) (2006). Using World Heritage designations as a means to further sustainable development of local communities (St. Lucia & Dominica). *Submitted to World Heritage Center-United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris, France*. Total requested: \$35,000.

Graham, R. (PI), & Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2006). Re-Urban Mobil project: A case study of Krakovo, Slovenia. *Submitted to Tourism Cares for Tomorrow, Canton, Massachusetts*. Total requested: \$10,000.

Thapa, B. (PI), & Graham, R. (CO-PI) (2006). Using World Heritage designations as a means to further sustainable development of local communities in St. Lucia & Dominica. *Submitted to Research and Graduate Programs, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida*. Total requested: \$28,052.

### ***Curriculum Vitae (Brijesh Thapa, Ph.D.)***

Floyd, M. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & Confer, J. (CO-PI) (2005). Understanding boaters' knowledge and behavior in Biscayne National Park, Florida. *Submitted to U.S. National Park Service, Homestead, Florida*. Total requested: \$30,000.

Brandt, S. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI) & et al. (2004). Ethiopia cultural heritage project. *Submitted to the Government of Ethiopia (World Bank Funded)*, Washington, D.C. Total requested: \$5,000,000.

Alavalapati, J. (PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), Southworth, J. (CO-PI), Chapman, C. (CO-PI), Ankerson, T. (CO-PI) (2004). Sustainable biodiversity conservation: People and protected areas. *Submitted to the U.S. National Science Foundation: IGERT Program, Arlington, Virginia*. Total requested: \$2,993,400.

Spengler, J. (PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI), Confer, J. (CO-PI), & Gibson, H. (CO-PI) (2004). Identification of hard-to-reach populations and improved risk communications. *Submitted to the Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee, Florida*. Total requested: \$367,500.

Confer, J. (PI), Floyd, M. (CO-PI), Gibson, H. (CO-PI), Holland, S. (CO-PI), Pennington-Gray, L. (CO-PI), Spengler, J.O. (CO-PI), Thapa, B. (CO-PI) (2004). Evaluation of RBFF Programs. *Submitted to the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, Alexandria, Virginia*. Total requested: \$218,185.

Thapa, B. (PI) (2004). Development of an international ecotourism field trip. *Submitted to University of Florida International Programs, Gainesville, Florida*. Total requested: \$3,000.

Thapa, B. (CO-PI), & Gibson, H. (CO-PI) (2002). Is Florida risky or safe? Perceptions of British travelers. *Submitted to University of Florida's Center for International Business Education and Research, Gainesville, Florida*. Total requested: \$10,000.

### **Participation in Research Projects (The Pennsylvania State University)**

Kerstetter, D. (PI), Graefe, A. (CO-PI), Zinn, H. (CO-PI) (1999-2000). Visitor profile of Bald Eagle State Forest. *Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*. Total: \$54,749.

Graefe, A. (PI) (1999-2000). Information needs and communication behaviors among users in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, California. *U.S. Department of Agriculture: Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Riverside, California*. Total: \$14,911.

Graefe, A. (PI), Confer, J. (CO-PI) (1997-1998). Communication needs and approaches for visitor management at Allegheny National Forest. *U.S. Department of Agriculture: Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Riverside, California*. Total: \$10,000.

Graefe, A. (PI), Burns, R. (CO-PI) (1997-1998). Type of use and level of customer satisfaction among visitors to the Corps Recreational Areas-Gavins Points and Fort Randall, South Dakota. *U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-Omaha District, Omaha, Nebraska*. Total: \$59,638.

Thapa, B. (PI) (1997). Environmentalism among undergraduate Students. *School of Hotel, Restaurant and Recreation Management, State College, Pennsylvania*. Total: \$200.

Thapa, B. (PI) (1996). Perception of recreation conflict and tolerance among skiers and snowboarders. *School of Hotel, Restaurant and Recreation Management, State College, Pennsylvania*. Total: \$250.

## GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE

### University of Florida

- Interdisciplinary Concentration & Certification in Historic Preservation: *Governing Board Member* (2004-2010)
- Minority Mentoring Program: *Mentor* (2002)
- Annual Graduate and Professional Student Forum: *Judge* (2001, 2002)

### College of Health and Human Performance

- Undergraduate & Petitions Committee (2008)
- Graduate Studies Advisory Committee (2005-2008)
- Doctoral Curriculum Evaluation Committee (2006-2008)
- Council of Principal Investigators Committee (2006-2007)
- Research Opportunity Fund Review Committee (2006-2007)
- International & Cultural Diversity Committee (2000-2004)
- Scholarship Committee (2003)

### Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management

- Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute Committee (2011-present)
- Faculty Mentor (2009-present)
- Graduate Studies Committee (2005-2008)
- Tenure & Promotion Committee (2006-present)
- Tenure & Promotion Guidelines Committee (2003-2004)
- Personnel Search Committee (2001, 2003, 2004-2007, 2008, 2009)
- UF Foundation Scholar Review Committee (2008)
- Bill Simms Endowment Guidelines Committee (2008)
- Merit Awards Committee (2006)
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2002, 2010)
- Undergraduate & Petitions Committee (2000)

### Governance & Service (Non-University of Florida)

- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Exhibition, The Pennsylvania State University (PSU), *Judge* (1999)
- 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition of Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Sciences, PSU, *Judge* (1999)
- Graduate Students Association, PSU, *Representative* (1998)
- Student Government, West Liberty State College, *Student Senator* (1993-1994)
- Student Activities Board, West Liberty State College, *Member* (1992-1994)

## EDITORIAL & REVIEW ACTIVITIES

### Editorial Board

- *Associate Editor*: Journal of Park & Recreation Administration
- *Editorial Board*: International Journal of Management Perspectives
- *Guest Associate Editor*: Leisure Sciences

### **Reviewer (Journal Manuscripts, Books and Proposals)**

- Journal of Leisure Research
- Leisure Sciences
- Journal of Park & Recreation Administration
- Tourism Management
- Annals of Tourism Research
- Journal of Sustainable Tourism
- Current Issues in Tourism
- Journal of Heritage Tourism
- International Journal of Heritage Studies
- Tourism Review International
- World Leisure Journal
- Leisure/Loisir
- Journal of Sport & Tourism
- Journal of Environmental Management
- Society and Natural Resources
- Environmental Management
- Land Use Policy
- Human Dimensions of Wildlife
- Applied Journal of Western Wildlands
- Coastal Management
- Community Development
- The International Ecotourism Society
- Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.
- National Science Foundation (NSF): Arctic Social Sciences Program

### **Reviewer (Scholarly Conferences)**

- Global Sustainable Tourism Conference (2010)
- International Planning History Society Conference (2008)
- Travel & Tourism Research Association (TTRA), Keeling Dissertation Award (2008)
- Travel & Tourism Research Association (TTRA), Annual Research Symposium (2007, 2008)
- Southeastern Recreation Research Symposium (SERR), Annual Research Symposium (2007, 2008)
- National Recreation and Park Association, Leisure Research Symposium, Tourism Paper Sessions (2002, 2006, 2010)
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture International Conference, Heritage Tourism Paper Sessions (2005)
- Travel & Tourism Research Association (TTRA), Best Master's Paper Award (2004)
- Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium, Annual Research Symposium (2002)
- Tourism for Peace Conference, International Essay Competition (2000)

### **Conference Steering Committee**

- Global Sustainable Tourism Conference, Nelspruit, South Africa. November 15-19, 2010
- Foundations of Community-Based Natural Resources Management Education. Workshop. Kruger National Park, South Africa. Feb 28-March 4, 2010

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- Transforming Community-Based Natural Resources Management Education in Southern Africa Workshop. Pretoria, South Africa. July 19-24, 2009
- International Academy of African Business Development (IAABD) Conference. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. May 20-24, 2008
- Tourism Crisis Management Institute, Inaugural Tourism Crisis Management Think Tank. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. January 18, 2008
- Florida Association of Visitor and Convention Bureau Annual Conference. Workshop on Tourism Crisis Planning. Gainesville, FL. June 26, 2008
- National Extension Tourism Conference: People, Places & Partnerships: Keys to Success. Kissimmee, Florida. September 27-30, 2004

### **INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS**

- U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, DC.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Foreign Agricultural Service, Washington, DC.
- World Heritage Center, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris, France
- Eurasia Foundation, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Nepal Tourism Board and the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Nature Conservation Society, Bahundangi, Nepal
- Division of Forestry, Wildlife & National Parks, Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica
- Ethiopian Tourism Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Ministry of Tourism and Tshwane Tourism Board, Pretoria, South Africa

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- Travel and Tourism Research Association
- The International Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education
- IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas-Tourism and Protected Areas Specialist Group
- Global Sustainable Tourism Council
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- The International Association for Society and Natural Resources
- World Leisure and Recreation Association
- National Recreation & Park Association
- The International Ecotourism Society
- Delta Mu Delta (National Honor Society in Business Administration)
- Delta Sigma Pi (International Business Fraternity)

**AWARDS & HONORS**

- University of Florida-Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sport Management: *Sabbatical* (2010)
- University of Florida-Office of the Provost: *Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Award* (2010)
- The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management: *Alumni Recognition Emerging Professional Degree Graduate Award* (2009)
- University of Florida Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER): *Research and Travel Award Fellowship* to South Africa and Kenya (2007)
- University of Florida International Center: *International Educator of the Year*, UF College of Health & Human Performance (2006)
- World Leisure and Recreation Association: *Tom and Ruth Rivers International Scholarship* (2000)
- Graduate School, The Pennsylvania State University: *Dissertation Completion Fellowship* (1999-2000)
- School of Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management, Leisure Studies Program, The Pennsylvania State University: *Graduate Assistantship* (1995-2000)
- School of Business Administration, West Liberty State College: *Most Outstanding Graduating Travel & Tourism Management Student* (1994)
- United States Achievement Academy: *National Award Winner & All-American Scholar* (1994)
- Ruth E. & Williams D. Gates Memorial Scholarship Award, West Liberty State College: *Most Outstanding Student within the School of Business Administration* (1993)
- Student Research Competition, West Liberty State College: *Second Place* (1993)
- United States Small Business Administration: *Certificate of Merit* (1993)

**GRADUATE STUDENTS' COMMITTEES**

**Ph.D. Students**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Research Topic</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Year of Completion</b>
<b>Chair, Doctoral Committees</b>	Lorraine Nicholas	Stakeholder Perspectives on the Pitons Management Area in St. Lucia: Potential for Sustainable Tourism Development	TRSM	May 2007
	John Jett	Boater Compliance Behavior in Manatee Conservation Zones: Recreation Specialization, Attitudes and Situational Factors	TRSM	Aug. 2007
	Sungsoo Kim	Nash Equilibrium of Hotel Pricing Strategies: A Bertrand Model of Information Sharing	TRSM	Aug. 2008
	Mechelle Best	Environmental Management in the Accommodations Sector in the Anglophone Caribbean	TRSM	Aug. 2008
	Tinelle Bustam	Reconstructing Stakeholder Perspectives of Wilderness Designation in Everglades National Park, Florida	TRSM	Dec. 2009
	Pete Parker	Household Participation, Resource Dependency and Diversification: A Livelihoods Assessment in the Kanchenjunga Conservation Area, Nepal	TRSM	Dec. 2009
	Naomi Moswete	Stakeholder Perspectives on the Potential for Community-based Ecotourism Development and Support for the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park in Botswana	TRSM	Dec. 2009
	Louisa Meyer	An Exploratory Investigation of Perceived Tourism Impacts on Resident Quality of Life and Support for Tourism in Cologne, Germany	TRSM	May 2011
<b>Member, Doctoral Committees</b>	Andrew Lepp	Tourism in a Rural Ugandan Village: Impacts, Local Meaning, and Implications for Development	TRSM	May 2004
	Thuy Nguyen	Role of Social Capital in Natural Resources Conservation: A Case Study of Cat Tien National Park in Vietnam	SNRE	Aug. 2007
	Cindy Chandool	Analysis of Households' Resource Use, Conservation Attitude, and Perceived Socioeconomic Impact of the Protected Areas Policy in the Nariva Swamp, Trinidad and Tobago	SNRE	Aug. 2007
	Chenchen Huang	Timeshare Owners' Perceptions of and Preferences for Participation in Tourism Planning	TRSM	Dec. 2007
	Lisa Pennisi	Connection to Nature: Developing a Measurement Scale	TRSM	Dec. 2007
	Namyun Kil	Integrating Sense of Place into Recreation Planning and Management in the Ocala National Forest, Florida	TRSM	Dec. 2008
	Jung Eun Kim	Understanding Corporate Social Responsibility in the Tourism Industry	TRSM	Aug. 2009
	Jean-Gael Emptaz-Collomb	Linking Tourism, Human Wellbeing and Conservation in the Caprivi Strip, Namibia	SNRE	Dec. 2009
	Laurie Kaufman	Primate Response to Tourist Presence at Raleighvallen, Central Suriname Nature Reserve	ANT	Dec. 2010
	Richard Shieldhouse	A Jagged Path: Tourism Planning and Development in Mexican World Heritage Cities	DCP	Aug. 2011
	Renata Godoy	Public Value of Archaeological Heritage: Learning from Urban Environments in Central Brazil	ANT	May 2012*
	Zachary Cole	Exploring the Human Dimensions of Ecological Restoration: Assessing Place Meanings and Recreation Economy in Planning and Management of Elwha Dam Removal	TRSM	May 2012*
Ignatius Cahyanto	Modeling Tourists' Risk Information Behaviors while in the Destination	TRSM	May 2012*	

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	Amy Panikowski	Economic opportunities for Zulu communities around iSimangaliso Wetland Park in South Africa	GEO	May 2013*
	Jenny Haddle	Tourism Experiences in the Tropics: Comparing Change in American Cultural Models of the Rainforest	SNRE	May 2013*

\*Expected Month/Year of Graduation

- ANT: Department of Anthropology
- DCP: College of Design, Construction & Planning
- GEO: Department of Geography
- SNRE: School of Natural Resources and Environment
- TRSM: Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management

**M.S. Students**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Research Topic</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Year of Completion</b>
<b>Chair, Masters Committees</b>	Louisa Meyer <sup>1</sup>	Recreation Specialization & Environmental Behaviors: An Exploratory Analysis among SCUBA Divers	TRSM	Dec. 2002
	Genoveva Arjona <sup>2</sup>	Community-based Ecotourism in Natural Protected Areas in Mexico	SNRE	Aug. 2003
	Judith Cheng <sup>2</sup>	The Association between Environmental Behaviors and Demographic Characteristics among Coral Reef Recreationists in Green Island, Taiwan	SNRE	Dec. 2003
	Eric Delynko <sup>4</sup>	Nature-based Tourism Management in U.S. Parks and Protected Areas	TRSM	May 2004
	Ericka Knobbloch <sup>4</sup>	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development in Parks and Protected Areas	TRSM	May 2005
	Quinn Doyle <sup>4</sup>	Hospitality Operations and Management	TRSM	Dec. 2005
	Tae Young Park <sup>3</sup>	Cultural Heritage Resources and Tourism Management in Korea	TRSM	May 2007
	Dorian Hope Howland-Cook <sup>4</sup>	Cultural Heritage Tourism and Development	TRSM	Dec. 2007
	Ania Wiesak <sup>3</sup>	International Tour Operators and Sustainable Tourism Compliance	TRSM	May 2008
	Joseph Eshbach <sup>3</sup>	Residents' Perception of Tourism Impacts in Jaco, Costa Rica	TRSM	May 2008
	Animma Agithakumar <sup>3</sup>	Medical Tourism Development in India	TRSM	May 2008
	Stefanie Hoehn <sup>1</sup>	Monitoring Sustainable Use of Marine Resources: Assessing Local Practices for Integrated Monitoring Approaches in Panama	LAS	Dec. 2008
	Richard Gage <sup>1</sup>	Motivations and Barriers to Volunteer among College Students	TRSM	May 2009
	Huifeng Chen <sup>4</sup>	Cultural Heritage Tourism Development in China	TRSM	May 2011
	Tarah Bigger <sup>4</sup>	Nature-based Tourism Management in Protected Areas	TRSM	May 2011
	Bianca Reyes <sup>4</sup>	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development in Parks and Protected Areas	TRSM	May 2012*
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**M.S. Students**

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<b>Member, Masters Committees</b>	Erin Parks <sup>1</sup>	Resident Perceptions of the Social Impacts of Tourism in the Daytona Beach Area, Florida	TRSM	May 2002
	Sarah Farmer <sup>1</sup>	An Examination of Service Quality Indicators as a Predictor of Customer Satisfaction for U.S. Forest Service Recreationists	TRSM	May 2004
	Jenny Haddle <sup>1</sup>	Community Perceptions of Ecotourism Impacts and Conservation Issues in Rural Creole Belize: A Case Study of Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary	SNRE	May 2005
	Geraldine Slean <sup>1</sup>	Residents' Perceptions of Sustainable Tourism in Tucume, Peru	LAS	May 2005
	Robert Wilson <sup>1</sup>	Motivational Factors and Decisions to Volunteer in the Florida Park Service	TRSM	May 2005
	Tom McMorrow <sup>4</sup>	Special Events and Facilities Management	TRSM	May 2005
	Catherine Culver <sup>3</sup>	Heritage Tourism in St. Augustine, Florida	TRSM	May 2007
	Rachel Albritton <sup>1</sup>	An Application of GIS in Visitor Experience Planning: Examining Conflict & Tolerance among Off-Highway Vehicle Recreationists in Ocala National Forest	SNRE	Dec. 2007
	Ryann Nursey <sup>4</sup>	Sport Tourism and Event Management	TRSM	Dec. 2007
	Ignatius Cahyanto <sup>1</sup>	The Understanding of Rural Indonesian Culture as a Means of Developing Tourism through Reflexive Photography	TRSM	May 2008
	Jeffrey Anderson <sup>4</sup>	Visitor Management in Parks and Protected Areas	TRSM	May 2008
	Tara Schickedanz <sup>1</sup>	The Intention of Meeting Professionals to Incorporate Voluntourism into Conventions Perceptions of Meeting Professionals	TRSM	Aug. 2008
	Elena Bychkovskikh <sup>4</sup>	Stakeholders Analysis of Tourism Planning and Management of World Heritage Sites in Vladimir, Russia	TRSM	Dec. 2008
	Amanda Pullen <sup>4</sup>	Carrying Capacity in Parks and Protected Areas	TRSM	Dec. 2009
	Amy Panikowski <sup>1</sup>	Weaving for Tourism: Women Groups Turning Household Baskets into Income Generation Products through Tourism around Kibale National Park, Uganda	GEO	Dec. 2009
	Sarah Welch <sup>1</sup>	Benefits Sought and Realized among College Students Studying Abroad	TRSM	May 2010
	Sharon Carpenter <sup>4</sup>	Tourism Planning and Destination Development	TRSM	May 2010
	Michael Murphy <sup>4</sup>	Heritage Interpretation in Parks and Protected Areas	TRSM	May 2010
	Alexa Von Staden <sup>4</sup>	Destination Management Organization and Marketing	TRSM	Aug. 2010
	Weilin Lu <sup>1</sup>	Ecotourists' Travel Experience and Satisfaction Reported on the World Wide Web: A Case of Costa Rica Ecolodges	TRSM	May 2011
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