

WCU M.S. Experiential and Outdoor Education Program

Student Publications & Presentations

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Publications (listed in alphabetical order by first author's last name)

- Downs, K. B.**, Schultz, C., Stonehouse, P., & Faircloth, W. B. (2023). Teaching through the screen: How our planet impacts adolescents' feelings of connection to nature. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Environmental and Science Education*, 19(4), e2316. <https://doi.org/10.29333/ijese/13723>
- Farrar, S.** & Bobilya, A. J. (in review). Challenge for whom? A case for the consideration of appropriate challenge in outdoor adventure education. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*.
- Fuesler, A.**, Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Hobbs, W. (in press). Alumni perspectives of the life significance of attending an undergraduate outdoor academic program. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*.
- Kinch, R. A.**, Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B., & Duncan, S. (2022). Indigenous storytelling, Cherokee traditional ecological knowledge, and place-based education. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*, 14(4), 55–70. <https://doi.org/10.18666/jorel-2022-11601>
- Orozco, J.**, Schultz, C. S., & De La Garza, A. (2024). “Parece que están dándote una bienvenida”: Testimonios of Chicana/o families' sense of belonging through nature. *International Journal of the Sociology of Leisure*, 7(1), 177-206. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41978-024-00151-7>
- Schafer, D.**, Bobilya, A. J., Lawhon, B., Faircloth, W. B., & Schultz, J. (2022). Understanding hikers' behavioral intent towards Leave No Trace in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*, 14(4), 19–35. <https://doi.org/10.18666/jorel-2022-11589>
- Schmidt, A.**, & Bobilya, A. J. (2022). Engaging youth as community leaders in outdoor education research, program design, and evaluation. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*, 14(1), 78-86. <https://doi.org/10.18666/jorel-2022-v14-i1-11124>
- Schmidt, A. M.**, Outley, C. W., & Schultz, C. S. (2022). Can (or should) white women do Black feminist theory?: exploring tensions, contradictions, and intersectionalities while performing justice-focused research. *Leisure/Loisir*, 47(1), 101–119. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14927713.2022.2141835>
- Schmidt, A.**, & Schultz, C. (2023). Researcher as curator: Making room for the politics of emotion in leisure research. *Leisure Studies*, 43(3), 511–521. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02614367.2023.2210782>
- Schmidt, A.**, Schultz, C., Schultz, J., Hinnant-Crawford, B., & Baron Palomar, M. (2023). Art as counternarratives: a/r/tographic understandings of black youth's conceptualizations of nature. *Leisure/Loisir*, 47(4), 601–620. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14927713.2023.2252820>

Schultz, J., Schultz, C., Chen, K., Maddox, G., **DeBrew, K.**, & **Price, R. A.** (2024). Impacts of a poverty simulation experience on student empathy levels toward people living in poverty. *College Teaching*, 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/87567555.2024.2327080>

Talley, K. A., Bobilya, A. J., Stonehouse, P. (2023). “Being comfortable with the uncomfortable”: Adolescent girls experiences of an extended outdoor adventure program. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 15(4). 34 – 47. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2023-11750>

Waddell, E., Bobilya, A. J., Faircloth, W. B., Daniel, B. & Hoffman, A. (in press). Barriers and strategies for utilizing school outdoor spaces: Exploring the experiences of high school teachers. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*.

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Barg, H. & Schmidt, A. (2021, October). *Youth got the power: Adult allies in youth-led movements* [Conference session]. North American Association of Environmental Education (NAAEE) National Conference, virtual.

Barg, H. & Schmidt, A. (2022, May). *Youth got the power: Adult allies in youth-led movements* [Conference session]. Children & Nature Network Inside-Out International Summit, Atlanta, GA.

Barg, H., & Schultz, C. (2022, March 1-4). *Engaging the heart, head, and hands: Collaborating with youth for climate action* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Barnett, F. (2023, September 21-24). *The Three C's of Staff Retention* [Conference session]. Southeastern Environmental Educators Alliance (SEEA) Annual Conference & Research Symposium, Falls Creek Falls State Park, Spencer, TN.

DeBrew, K., Cousineau, L., & Schultz, C. S. (2024, January). *"Rethinking and (re)presenting outdoor adventure: A critical analysis of #microadventure content on Facebook and Instagram"* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Conference on Research and Teaching, New Orleans, LA.

DeBrew, K., Schultz, C. S., Stonehouse, P., Russell, V., & Cousineau, L. (2024, January 12-14). *"Curating a new meaning of outdoor adventure: (Re)thinking how we represent #Microadventure content on social media"* [Paper presentation]. Coalition for Education in the Outdoors, Black Mountain, NC.

Downs, K. B., Schultz, C., Stonehouse, P., & Faircloth, W. B. (2023, October). *Can Netflix's "Our Planet" impact adolescents' connection to nature?* [Paper presentation]. North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Annual Conference and Research Symposium, Virtual.

Fuesler, A. & Young, C. (2023, November). *"Bro, is that an e-bike?": Exploring the intersection of e-bikes and masculinity* [Conference session]. Association for Experiential Education (AEE) Annual International Conference, Madison, WI.

- Kinch, R.**, Bobilya, A. J., Duncan, S., Daniel, B. & Brannon, J. (2022, February). *Indigenous storytelling, Cherokee traditional ecological knowledge, and place-based education* [Paper presentation]. Coalition for Education in the Outdoors (CEO)15th Biennial Research Symposium, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Knight, J.** (2022, November 9). *Visiting Sand County: An Aldo Leopold Reading and Writing Workshop* [Conference session]. Adventure Education Conference (AEC), Black Mountain, NC.
- Knight, J.**, Schultz, C. S., Stonehouse, P., Howard, J., & Johnson, C. (2024, January 12-14). *"Discoveries for wellbeing in and with the ProjectEXPLORE community: Adventures in emancipatory design"* [Paper presentation]. Coalition for Education in the Outdoors, Black Mountain, NC.
- Knight, J.** (Presenter & Author), Schultz, C. S., Stonehouse, P., Howard, J., & Johnson, C. W. (2024, January). *"Nature based learning is for teachers too: Discoveries for wellbeing in and with the ProjectEXPLORE community"* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Conference on Research and Teaching, New Orleans, LA.
- Mathias, C.** (Presenter & Author), Schultz, C. S., Curtis, R. C., Schultz, J., & Wynn, D. (2024, January). *"The Parts I've Lost: An autoethnographic study of a transition program designed to aid former wilderness therapy instructors"* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Conference on Research and Teaching New Orleans, LA.
- Nelms, N.** (2023, September 21-24). *Tips and Tricks for Safe and Purposeful Student Experiences Outside the Classroom* [Conference session]. Southeastern Environmental Educators Alliance (SEEA) Annual Conference & Research Symposium, Spencer, TN.
- Orozco, J.**, & Schultz, C. S. (2023, March 26-28). *"Nature reminds me that I deserve to be here, because I am human just like everyone else": Testimonios of Chicana(o) sense of belonging through nature* [Paper presentation]. Southeastern Environment and Recreation Research Conference, Asheville, NC.
- Orozco, J.**, Schultz, C. S., De La Garza, A., Ramirez, J., & Oakleaf, L. L. (2023, February 7-9). *"Parece que están dándose una bienvenida": Testimonios of Chicana/o families' sense of belonging through Nature* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Sanders, T.**, Schultz, C. S., Stonehouse, P., & Oakleaf, L. L. (2023, March 26-28). *"Where do I fit in this space?": The role of community for women leaders in bike shops* [Paper presentation]. Southeastern Environment and Recreation Research Conference, Asheville, NC.
- Schafer, D. M.**, Bobilya, A. J., Lawhon, B., Schultz, J. & Faircloth, W. B. (2022, February). *Understanding hikers' behavioral intent towards Leave No Trace in Great Smoky Mountains National Park* [Paper presentation]. Coalition for Education in the Outdoors (CEO)15th Biennial Research Symposium, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Schmidt, A.** (2022, March). *Anti-oppression self-expression: An A/r/tographic understanding of Black and Brown youth's conceptualization(s) of nature* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS) Annual Conference, virtual.

- Schmidt, A.** (2022, May). *Black and Brown youth's artful counterstories of "nature" in the children and nature movement* [Paper presentation]. Children & Nature Network Inside-Out International Summit, Atlanta, GA.
- Schmidt, A.,** & Schultz, C. (2023, March 1-4). *Anti-oppression self-expression: An A/r/tographic understanding of Black and Brown youth's conceptualization(s) of "nature"* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Schmidt, A.,** Schultz, C., Schultz, J., & Bobilya, A. J. (2023, December). *Art as counternarratives: A/r/tographic understandings of Black youth's conceptualizations of nature* [Paper presentation]. Australia and New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies Conference, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Schmidt, A.,** Schultz, C. S., & Outley, C. (2023, February 7-9). *Can (or should) white women do Black feminist theory?: Exploring tensions, contradictions, and intersectionalities while performing justice-focused leisure research* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS) Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Schmidt, A.,** Outley, C., & Schultz, C. (2023, February). *Can (or should) white women do Black feminist theory?* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS) Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Schmidt, A.,** Schultz, C., Schultz, J. & Bobilya, A. J. (2023, December). *Art as counternarratives: A/r/tographic understandings of black youth's conceptualizations of nature.* [Paper presentation]. Australia New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies (ANZALS) Conference, Auckland, NZ.
- Schultz, C., **Schmidt, A.,** Schultz, J., & Bobilya, A. J. (2023, December). *Researcher as curator: Making room for the politics of emotion in social justice-focused leisure research* [Paper presentation]. World Leisure Congress, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Schultz, J., Bobilya, A. J., Schultz, C. & **Schmidt, A.** (2023, December). *Do immersive poverty simulations work?: Exploring the efficacy of the MCAN Poverty Simulation for shifting student views on poverty* [Paper presentation]. World Leisure Congress, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Schultz, C., Schultz, J., Bobilya, A. J. & **Schmidt, A.** (2023, December). *Why "just make it free" isn't the only answer: The role of simulations in health and recreation students' understanding about the complexity of poverty* [Paper presentation]. Australia and New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies (ANZALS) Conference, Auckland, New Zealand.
- Smith, A.** (2022, November). *Outdoor adventure programming: An individual's perspective of an Outward Bound veteran's expedition.* [Paper presentation]. Association for Experiential Education (AEE) Annual International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Stevens, M.,** Schultz, C. S., Stonehouse, P., & Cousineau, L. (2022, November 13). *A picture is worth a thousand words: A content analysis of women's body representations on the North Face And Patagonia's Instagram pages* [Paper presentation]. Association for Experiential Education (AEE) Annual International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.

- Stuart, R., & Schultz, C.** (2022, March 1-4). *Dress like a woman, paddle like a man: Exploring gendered subjectivities in whitewater kayaking* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Talley, K. A., Bobilya, A. J., Stonehouse, P. & Horschman, J.** (2022, November). *Being comfortable with the uncomfortable: Adolescent girl's experiences of an extended outdoor adventure program* [Paper presentation]. Association for Experiential Education (AEE) Annual International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Waddell, E., Bobilya, A. J., Faircloth, W. B., Daniel, B. & Hoffman, A.** (2023, September). *Benefits, Barriers, & Strategies: Utilizing School Outdoor Learning Spaces* [Paper presentation]. 11th Annual Southeastern Environmental Education Association (SEEA) Conference and Research Symposium, Spencer, TN.
- Waddell, E., Bobilya, A. J., Faircloth, W. B., Daniel, B. & Hoffman, A.** (2023, October). *Benefits, Barriers, & Strategies: Utilizing School Outdoor Learning Spaces* [Paper presentation]. North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Annual Conference and Research Symposium, Virtual.
- Waddell, E., Bobilya, A. J., Faircloth, W. B., Daniel, B. & Hoffman, A.** (2024, January). *Barriers and strategies for utilizing school outdoor spaces: Exploring the experiences of high school teachers.* [Paper presentation]. Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 16th Biennial Research Symposium, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Young, C.** (Presenter & Author), Schultz, C. S., Johnson, C. W., Rose, J., & Schultz, J. (2024, January). *"Man up, bro!": An exploration of masculine performances in Brevard's outdoor adventure field* [Paper presentation]. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Conference on Research and Teaching, New Orleans, LA.