

Xingxing Wu: Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph. D., Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism May 2023
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation Title: Exploring Laotians' Experiences of Leisure Gambling and Sense of Place in a Casino Setting: A Case Study

Master of Science in Sports Administration Dec 2016
Valparaiso University

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature Jun 2005
Zhejiang University of Technology, PRC

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Practice: University of Arizona ***Fall 2023***
TLS 355 Planning Community Events and Recreation Programs
In-person format; 21 students enrolled

TLS 353 Recreation and Leisure in Contemporary Society
Online format; 35 students enrolled

TLS 354 Administration and Leadership in Community Recreation and Park Organizations
Online format; 21 students enrolled

Instructor of Record: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
RST 120 Parks, Recreation, and Environment Spring 2023
Online format; 132 students enrolled

RST 120 Parks, Recreation, and Environment Fall 2022
In-person format; 72 students enrolled

RST 370 Research Methods and Analysis in Recreation, Sport, and Tourism Spring 2022
In-person format; 43 students enrolled

RST 100 Recreation, Sport, and Tourism in Modern Society Fall 2021
Hybrid format; 148 students enrolled

Course Development

RST 335 Consumer Culture and Leisure (online course) Summer 2022

- Established course objectives
- Developed learning materials
- Designed activities and assessments for individual modules
- Created lesson plans and PowerPoint lectures

- Video recorded lectures

Teaching Assistant

RST 100 Recreation, Sport, and Tourism in Modern Society	Spring 2021
RST 100 Recreation, Sport, and Tourism in Modern Society	Fall 2020
RST 242 Nature and American Culture (online course)	Spring 2020
RST 216 Tech Innovation for the Experience Economy (online course)	Fall 2019
RST 216 Tech Innovation for the Experience Economy (online course)	Spring 2019
RST 242 Nature and American Culture (online course)	Fall 2018

Guest Lectures

RST 120 Parks, Recreation, and Environment	Spring 2022
RST 590 Research Seminar	Fall 2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Leisure, recreation, and wellbeing among diverse populations (e.g., immigrants, older adults)
- Inclusion and access to leisure and recreation among underserved communities
- Place attachment and sense of place; emotional geography and leisure

PUBLICATIONS

Wu, X., Shinew, K. J., & Payne, L. L. (2021). Roles of culture on casino gambling among Laotian immigrants in the US. *Leisure Sciences*, 1-19. DOI: 10.1080/01490400.2021.1907634

Wu, X., Schuetz, L., Lee, M., Payne, L., & Shinew, K. (2023). "We do revolve our lives around it" - The meaning and significance of being a collegiate women's basketball fan among older women. *Journal of Leisure Research*. DOI: 10.1080/00222216.2023.2183368

Wu, X. (2023). "It's like an adult arcade" – A qualitative examination of Laotian immigrants' experiences of casino visitation and role of culture. *Leisure/Loisir*. DOI:10.1080/14927713.2023.2224373

Wu, X. (accepted with revision). Exploring Laotians' experiences of leisure gambling and place meaning in a casino setting: a case study. *International Journal of the Sociology of Leisure*.

West, S., **Wu, X.,** Liechty, T., Naar, J., Son, J., Wong, J., Janke, M. (accepted with revision). Today's older adults: Who are they and what they want from us? - Strategies for facilitating older adult sport. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Lee, M., **Wu, X.,** Woo, M., & Payne, L. (under review) The meaning of cycling among middle-aged women in South Korea. *Journal of Leisure Research*.

Liechty, T., Lizzo, B., **Wu, X.** (under review). Leisure and women's body image: the role of fandom-based tattoos. *Leisure Sciences*

Du, X., Lee, M., **Wu, X.**, Liechty, T. (under review). Leisure, culture, and identity among Chinese LGT young adults in the U.S. *Leisure Sciences*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

West, S., **Wu, X.**, Liechty, T., Naar, J., Son, J., Wong, J., Janke, M. (2023). Today's Older Adults: Who They Are and What They Want from Us? – Strategies for Facilitating Older Adult Sport. *The 17th World Leisure Congress*. Dunedin, New Zealand. December 2023. Paper Presentation.

Lee, M., **Wu, X.**, Payne, L. (2023). The Roles of Colatec Social Dancing in Healthy Aging Among Korean Older Adults. *The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting*. Tampa, FL. November 2023. Poster Presentation.

Son, J. S., Liechty, T., Naar, J., Janke, M., West, S., Woo, M., Chung, W., Young, T., **Wu, X.** (2023). Retirees' Re-creating Leisure: Older Adults' Challenges and Innovations during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *The Leisure Studies Association Conference*. July 2023. Paper Presentation.

Wu, X. (2023). A Qualitative Examination of Laotian Immigrants' Experiences of Casino Visitation and Role of Culture. *The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference*. New Orleans, LA. Feb 2023. Paper Presentation.

Du, X., **Wu, X.**, Lee, M., Liechty, T. (2023). Leisure, Culture and Identity among Chinese LGBT Young Adults in the U.S. *The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference*. New Orleans, LA. Feb 2023. Blitz Presentation.

Liechty, T., Lizzo, B., **Wu, X.**, Fratila, I. (2023). Leisure and Women's Body Image: Fandom-based Tattoos' Connections to Social Physique Anxiety and Body Appreciation. *The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference*. New Orleans, LA. Feb 2023. Paper Presentation.

Wu, X., Schuetz, L., Lee, M., Payne, L., & Shinew, K. (2022). "We do revolve our lives around it" - The Meaning and Significance of being a Collegiate Women's Basketball Fan. *The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference*, Virtual. March 2022. Paper Presentation.

Wu, X., Payne, L., & Shinew, K. (2021). The Roles of Culture on Casino Visitation among Laotian Immigrants. *17th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*, Virtual. Champaign, IL. May 2021. Paper Presentation.

Wu, X., Payne, L., & Shinew, K. (2020). The Roles of Acculturation and Enculturation Processes on Casino Visitation among Southeast Asian Immigrants. *The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference*, Champaign, IL. Feb 2020. Paper Presentation.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Wu, X., Liechty, T. *Experience of religious leisure activities: Emotional geographies of Laotian immigrants and the Theravada Buddhist temple.* (data analysis)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stodolska, M., Shinew, K., Emberson, C., Hedgpeth, E., Gleason, J., Dove, L., Acevedo, J.C., & **Wu, X.** (2021-2022). *Call to Action to Address Racism & Social Injustice Research Program in the Urbana Park District.*

- Collected door-to-door surveys in underserved neighborhoods and at park district events

Payne, L., Cavanaugh, D., McGrath, R., Kim, D., **Wu, X.** (2022). *Prospect Heights Park District Facilities Referendum Survey.*

- Conducted data analysis and co-authored the final report for the project

SERVICE

Ad hoc Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Leisure Research

Leisure Sciences

Leisure/Loisir

World Leisure Journal

University Service

Research Mentorship, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP) at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Spring 2021

- Guided an undergraduate student mentee's exploration of qualitative research methodology
- Taught mentee the process of facilitating in-depth interviews, transcribing, thematic coding, and data analysis
- Prepared mentee to develop and prepare a research poster presentation

Judge, The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 15th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. 2022

Graduate Student Representative, Teaching Assistant/Associate Professor search committee

Student Representative of Brainstorming Session, Boldly Illinois Strategic Plan Summit

Professional Service

Committee Member, The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS) Student Advisory Committee. April 2021 – May 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ticket Office of the University of Notre Dame, IN

Aug 2016 - Jan 2018

Ticketing Coordinator

- Assisted in operations of all ticket sales including sales windows, mail and phone orders and game day sales
- Supervised part time ticket sales staff for baseball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, hockey, soccer and volleyball seasons
- Worked closely with the ticket operations staff in selling individual game tickets while utilizing Paciolan ticketing system to process all tickets transactions

Athletic Department of Valparaiso University, IN

Nov 2015 - Aug 2016

Team Manager for Women's Basketball and Track & Field

- Responsible for assisting Women's Basketball and Track & Field teams' daily practice
- Assisted coaches in preparing for Women's Basketball home games
- Coordinated track and field home events, hosted Track & Field Horizon Conference

Hangzhou Echo Educational Consulting, China

Feb 2014 - Jul 2015

Center Director

- Responsible for center operations
- Supervised and led sales team to achieve annual revenue target
- Directly supervised marketing department to create monthly promotion plans and adjust marketing strategies

Hangzhou Linkman International Language Institute, China

Feb 2007 - Dec 2013

Operation Director

- Responsible for center operations
- Coordinated operational issues among departments
- Supported the marketing and sales team to achieve monthly and annual revenue targets

Hangzhou Qiushi Professional High School, China

Jul 2005 – Jan 2007

English Teacher

- Taught high school students English literature, grammar, vocabulary, and essay writing

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Mary and Duke Regnier Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

July 2020