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EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Texas A&M University, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
The 2013 U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship Recipient
Dissertation: Bourdieusian Analysis on African Americans’ Underrepresentation at Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Committee: David Scott (Chair), Jim Gramann, Michael Edwards, and Reuben Buford May
- 2009 M.S., Texas A&M University, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Master’s Thesis: Exploring Korean Americans’ Interracial Contact Experiences during Recreational Sport Activities
Advisor: David Scott
- 2006 B. S., Kyonggi University (Suwon, Republic of Korea), Department of Tourism and Recreation
- 2000 Exchange Student Program, California State University at Hayward (East Bay)
Three quarters of exchange program from Kyonggi University, Korea

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 - Present Affiliate Faculty, Environmental Humanities Program, University of Utah
- 2023 - Present Assistant Professor, Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, University of Utah.
- 2017 - 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, North Carolina State University.

- 2013 - 2017 Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism,
University of Missouri.
- 2006 - 2017 Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Recreation, Park,
& Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021 Opal Mann Green Engagement and Scholarship Award, North Carolina State University
(with Becky Bowen, Duarte Morais, Hannah Dankbar, Britt Davis, & Susan Jakes)
- 2020 Best Research Paper Award, The Academy of Leisure Sciences.
- 2017 Outstanding Presentation Award, 40th Fall Conference Korean Society of Leisure,
Recreation, & Park.
- 2017 Golden Apple Award in Excellent Teaching and Mentorship, College of Agriculture,
Food, & Natural Resources, University of Missouri
- 2013 U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship, Texas A&M University
- 2012 Diversity Scholarship, National Recreation and Park Association
- 2012 Korean American Scholarship, Korean American Scholarship
Foundation South Chapter

RESEARCH

Research Interest

- Social and environmental justice issues in parks and greenspace
- Racial & ethnic issues in leisure, recreation, tourism, and sport
- Public parks
- Leisure and subjective well-being
- Racism and discrimination experience during leisure and tourism

Book

Lee, K. J. (2025). *Violent and Verdant: Systemic Injustice in Public Parks in the U.S.* Routledge.

Journal Publications (*denotes student advisee)

von Furstenberg, R., Larson, L. R., Peterson, M. N., Lee, K. J., Vayer, V., **Lee, K. J.**, Stevenson, K., Nelson, S., Bruskotter, J., Ahlers, A. A., Anhalt-Depies, C., Bethke, T., Chizinki, C. J., Clark, B., Davan, K., Dayer, A. A., Ghasemi, B., Gigliotti, L., Graefe, A., Keith, S., Kelly, M., Kyle, G., Metcalf, E., Morse, W., Needham, M., Poudyal, N., Quartuch, M., Rodriguez, S., Romulo, C., Sharp, R., Siemer, W., Springer, M., Stedman, R., Stein, T., van Deelen, T., Whiting, J., Winkler, R., & Woosnam, K. M. (2025). Environmental

- identities of college students reveal potential conflicts and common ground for wildlife conservation. *Biological Conservation*.312. 111471.
- Hounmenou, C., **Lee, K. J.**, & Dieser, R. (2025). The untold story of Black social reformers in early social work history. *Journal of Social Work*.
- Stodolska, M., **Lee, K. J.**, Hwang, S., Lee, Y-J., & Son, H. (2025). Leisure and family quality of life in Korean transnational split families. *Leisure Sciences*, 47(5), 1101-1121.
- Kim, J., **Lee, K. J.**, & An, A. (2025). Does the awareness of public leisure resources contribute to leisure satisfaction and happiness among people with disabilities? *Leisure Sciences*
- Van Vleet, Z., KC, A., **Lee, K. J.**, & Fernandez, M. (2025). The effects of green space on college students' mood. *Journal of American College Health*, 73(3), 1280-1288
- Claudio, R., Chaves, T. S., Collado, S., Larson, L., **Lee, K.J.**, & Profice, C. (2024). The potential of gardening and other plant-related interventions to reduce symptoms of depression: A systematic review of non-randomized controlled trials and uncontrolled studies. *People and Nature*, 7(1), 295-316.
- Winkler, R. L., Brown, J. A., Hoover, F. A., Joo, E., Locke, D. H., Aronson, M. J., Kremer, P., **Lee, K. J.**, La Rosa, D., Larson, K., Lepczyk, C. A., Lerman, S. B., Pearsall, H., Nilon, C., & Vargo, T. (2024). Unequal access to social, environmental and health amenities in US urban parks. *Nature Cities*, 1(12), 861-870.
- Harmon, J. & **Lee, K. J.** (2024). Midlife “crisis” or midlife awakening? Leisure as obstacle or opportunity, *World Leisure Journal*, 67(2), 201-210.
- Smith, E.A., Knollenberg, W., Seekamp, E., **Lee, K. J.**, & Savage, A. (2024). Gateway community stakeholders' perceived impacts of protected area management actions. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism*, 47, 100792.
- Lee, K. J.**, Aronson, M. J., Brown, J. A., Hoover, F. A., Joo, E., Kremer, P., La Rosa, D., Larson, K., Lepczyk, C. A., Lerman, S. B., Locke, D. H., Nilon, C., Pearsall, H., Vargo, T., & Winkler, R. L. (2024). Limitations of Existing Park Quality Instruments and Suggestions for Future Research. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 249, 105127.
- Oh, J. I., **Lee, K. J.**, & Hipp, A. (2024). Food deserts exposure, density of fast-food restaurants, and park access: Exploring the association of food and recreation environments with obesity and diabetes using global and local regression models. *PlosOne*, 19(4), e0301121.
- Yoon, J. I., **Lee, K. J.**, & Larson, L. (2024). Place attachment mediates links between pro-environmental attitudes and behaviors among visitors to Mt. Bukhan National Park, South Korea. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 15, 1338650.

- Lee, K. J.** (2024). The myth of African American under-representation in nature tourism. Special Issue on Unpacking Black Tourism, *Tourism Geographies*, 26(1), 70-81.
- Hwang, S., **Lee, K. J.**, & Stodolska, M. (2024). Leisure, acculturation, and life satisfaction of Korean transnational-split family: A mixed-method study. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 55(4), 463-487
- Jones, J., Bocarro, J. N., **Lee, K.**, Hipp, J. A. (2023). Physical activity promotion in North Carolina: A reassessment of public park and recreation directors. *Journal of Healthy Eating and Active Living*. 3(2), 62-75.
- Von Furstenberg, R., Vayer, V., Larson, L., Peterson, N, **Lee, K. J.**, Stevenson, K., Ahlers, A., Anhalt-Depies, C., Bethke, T., Clark, B., Dayer, A., Davan, K. M., Fisher, T. E., Ghasemi, B., Gigliotti, L., Irwin, K., Keith, S...Springer, M. (2023). Evaluating impacts of R3 workshops for first-time hunters at universities across the United States. *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, 47(3), e1482.
- Claudio, R., Chaves, T. S., Collado, S., Larson, L., **Lee, K.J.**, & Profice, C (2023). Horticultural interventions may reduce adults' depressive symptoms: A systematic review of randomized controlled trials. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 91, 102112.
- Lee, K. J.**, Casper, J., Powell, R., & Floyd, M. (2022). African Americans' involvement in nature-based outdoor recreation, leisure satisfaction, and subjective well-being. *Current Psychology*, 42(31), 27840-27850
- Larson, K. L., Brown, J. A., **Lee, K.**, & Pearsall, H. (2022). Park equity: why subjective measures matter. *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening*, 76, 127733.
- Chen, N., **Lee, K. J.**, Kim, J., & Tsai, C. L. (2022). The effects of individual-level and area-level socioeconomic status on preferences and behaviour in leisure time physical activities: A cross-sectional analysis of Chinese adults. *Leisure/Loisir*, 46(4), 623-643.
- Lee, K. J.**, Fernandez, M., Scott, D., & Floyd, M. (2022). Slow violence in public parks in the U.S.: Can we escape our troubling past? *Social & Cultural Geography*, 24(7), 1185-1202.
- Larson, L. R., Zhang, Z., Oh, J. I.*, Beam, W., Ogletree, S. S., Bocarro, J. N., **Lee, K. J.**, Casper, J., Stevenson, K. T., Hipp, J. A., Mullenbach, L. E., Carusona, M., & Wells, M. (2021). Urban park use during the COVID-19 pandemic: are socially vulnerable communities disproportionately impacted? *Frontiers in Sustainable Cities*, 3, 710243.
- Chen, N., Kim C.G., **Lee, K. J.**, & Kim, J. (2021). The Moderating Effect of Community Urbanization on the Association between Socioeconomic Status and Leisure Time Physical Activity among Chinese Adults: A Cross-level Study. *Exercise Science*. 30(3). 288-294.

- Larson, L. R., Peterson, M. N., von Furstenberg, R., Vayer, V. R., **Lee, K. J.**, Choi, D. Y., Stevenson, K., Ahlers, A. A., Anhalt-Depies, C., Bethke, T., Bruskotter, J., Chizinski, C. J., Clark, B., Dayer, A. A., Dunning, K. H., Ghasemi, B., Gigliotti, L., Graefe, A., Irwin, K., Keith, S. J., Kelly, M., Kyle, G., Metcalf, E., Morse, W., Needham, M. D., Poudyal, N., Quartuch, M., Rodriguez, S., Romulo, C., Sharp, R. L., Siemer, W., Springer, M., Stedman, R., Stein, T., van Deelen, T., Whiting, J., Winkler, R. L., & Woosnam, K. M. (2021). The future of wildlife conservation funding: what options would U.S. college students support? *Conservation Science and Practice*, e505. doi:10.1002/csp2.505
- Kim, J., **Lee, K. J.**, & Thapa, B. (2021). Visualizing fairness: Exploring spatially varying relationships between access to urban open spaces and marginalized groups. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 65(5), 833-851.
- Vayer, V., Larson, L., Peterson, N., **Lee, K. J.**, Von Furstenberg, R., Choi, D., Stevenson, K., Ahlers, A., Anhalt-Depies, C., Bethke, T., Bruskotter, J., Chizinski, C., Clark, B., Dayer, A., Ghasemi, B., Gigliotti, L., Graefe, A., Irwin, K., Keith, S...Woosnam, K. (2021). Searching for future hunters: R3 opportunities and insights from diverse university campuses across the United States. *Journal of Wildlife Management and Wildlife Monographs*
- Xiao, X., **Lee, K. J.**, & Larson, L. (2021). Who visits U.S. National Parks (and who doesn't)? A national study of perceived constraints and vacation preferences across diverse populations. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 53(3), 404-425.
- Stodolska, M., **Lee, K. J.**, Hwang, S., Son, H., & Lee, Y. (2020). Leisure behaviors among mothers and fathers in Korean transnational split families. *Leisure Sciences*. 45(6), 577-593.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Dieser, R. (2020). Ada S. McKinley: A hidden history of African American settlement house in Chicago. *Leisure Sciences*. *Leisure Sciences*, 45(4), 351-367.
- Lee, K. J.**, Hwang, S., & Stodolska, M. (2020). Leisure and subjective well-being of the parents of Korean Transnational-split Families. *Current Psychology*, 41(5), 3270-3281.
- Powers, S., **Lee, K. J.**, Pitas, N. A., Graefe, A. R., & Mowen, A. J. (2020). Understanding access and use of municipal parks and recreation through an intersectionality perspective. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 51(4), 377-396. DOI: 10.1080/00222216.2019.1701965
- Lee, K. J.**, Casper, J., & Floyd, M. (2020). Racial and ethnic diversity and inclusion effort of public park and recreation agencies. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*, 38(1), 88-105.
- Lee, K. J.**, Cho, S., Kim, E. K., & Hwang, S. (2020). Do more leisure time and leisure repertoire make us happier?: An investigation of the curvilinear relationships. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 21(5), 1727-1747. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-019-00153-3>

- Fernandez, M., **Lee, K. J.**, Larson, L., Johnson, C. W., Mowatt, R., Bush, K., Robinett, J., Sharaievska, I., & Stewart, W. (2020). Deeper than diversity: A collection of teaching perspectives and strategies from social justice scholars. *SCHOLE: A Journal of Leisure Studies and Recreation Education*, 37(1-2), 26-43.
- Schultz, C., Bocarro, J., **Lee, K. J.**, Sene-Harper, A., & Floyd, M. (2019). Whose National Park Service? An examination of Relevancy, Diversity, and Inclusion programs from 2005-2016. *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*, 37(4), 51-69.
- Pinckney, H., Brown, A., Sene-Harper, A., & **Lee, K. J.** (2019). A case for Race scholarship: A research note. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 50(4), 350-358.
- Lee, K. J.**, Morgan, M., & Shim, H*. (2019). Crowding, race, and ethnicity: A case study at Onondaga Cave State Park. *Journal of Interpretation Research*, 24(1), 49-61.
- Scott, D. & **Lee, K. J.** (2018). People of color and their constraints to National Parks visitation. *George Wright Forum*, 35(1), 73-82.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Hwang, S. (2018). Serious leisure qualities and subjective well-being. *Journal of Positive Psychology*, 13(1), 48-56.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Scott, D. (2017). Racial discrimination and African Americans' travel behavior: The utility of habitus and vignette technique. *Journal of Travel Research*, 56(3), 381-392.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Stodolska, M. (2017). Asian North Americans' leisure: A critical examination of the theoretical frameworks used in research and suggestions for future study. *Leisure Sciences*, 39(6), 524-542.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Scott, D. (2016). Bourdieu and African Americans' park visitation: The case of Cedar Hill State Park in Texas. *Leisure Sciences*, 38(5), 424-440.
- Lee, K. J.**, Scott, D., Floyd, M. F., & Edwards, M. (2016). Social stratification in fishing participation in the United States: a multiple hierarchy stratification perspective. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 48(3), 245-263.
- Lee, K. J.**, Dunlap, R., & Edwards, M. (2014). The implication of Bourdieu's theory of practice for leisure studies. *Leisure Sciences*, 36(3), 314-323.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Scott, D. (2013). Interracial contact experience during recreational basketball and soccer: Korean American males' perspectives. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 45(3), 267-294.
- Lee, K. J.**, Dunlap, R., & Scott, D. (2011). Korean American males' serious leisure experiences and their perceptions of different play styles. *Leisure Sciences*, 33(4), 290-308.

Lee, K. J., & Scott, D. (2011). Participation in wildlife watching: A multiple hierarchy stratification perspective. *Human Dimensions of Wildlife*, 16(5), 330-344.

Book Chapters

Lee, K. J., & Dieser, R. (2024). The history of leisure services: It is time to embrace the wrongs we have committed and celebrate there is time to start anew. In M. Stodolska, D. Scott, & T. Liechty (Eds.), *Leisure Matters: Exploring Leisure in a Changing World*. Urbana, IL: Sagamore-Venture Publishing.

Ellis, G., **Lee, K. J.**, & Satchabut, T. (2015). Experimental designs in leisure studies. In G. Walker, D. Scott, M. Stodolska (Eds.), *Leisure Matters: The State and Future of Leisure Studies* (pp. 333-342). State College, PA: Venture Publishing.

Book Reviews

Lee, K. J. (2013) *Race and Sport in Canada: Intersecting Inequalities* edited by Joseph, J., Darnell, S., & Nakamura, Y. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 45, 563-566.

Manuscripts in Progress

von Furstenberg RJ, Larson LR, Bashford B, Minchey C, Rutledge ME, Peterson MN, **Lee KJ**, Nelson SAC, Stone WE, Williams-Yussif A, Dorwart C, Patterson T. (Under Review). Lost traditions and new pathways: Hunting participation and perceptions among Black HBCU students in the U.S. *Wildlife Society Bulletin*.

Lee, K., Han, J., Smith, E., Knollenberg, W., Seekamp, E., Savage, A., Supak, S., Kim, J., & Chen, P. (Under Review). Discrimination experience and park visitation of people of color: The case of North Carolina State Parks. *Leisure Sciences*. Submitted in March 2025.

Lee, K., Han, J., Smith, E., Knollenberg, W., Seekamp, E., Savage, A., Supak, S., Kim, J., & Chen, P. (In development). Diversity, marketing message, and public parks: The case of North Carolina State Parks.

Non-academic Publication

Dieser, R. B., & **Lee, K. J.** (February, 1, 2021). Op-ed: Social reformer Ada S. McKinley deserves recognition in Chicago. *The Chicago Tribune*.
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-opinion-ada-s-mckinley-chicago-20210201-efx42ovgunfpbc5v5z5w5h4vjm-story.html>

Lee, K. J. (January, 27, 2020). *Public space, park space, and racialized space*, Project for Public Spaces. <https://www.pps.org/article/public-space-park-space-and-racialized-space>

Technical Reports

Morais, D. B., Dodson, D.*, **Lee, K.**, Bowen, B., Ferreira, B. S., & Dankbar, H. (2022). *NC Agribusiness and Tourism Barometer 2019 -2021*. Report number P1tLab 2022.03. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

Dodson, D.*, Morais, D. B., Bowen, B., Dankbar, H., Hostetter-Hill, M., & **Lee, K.** (2022). *Vacationer Supported Agriculture 2021 Season*. Report number P1tLab 2022.02. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

Ferreira, B., Morais, D., & **Lee, K. J** (2018). Visioning Unicoi County Tourism: A pathway for environmental conservation and equitable prosperity (Report No. P1tLab 2018-001). DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.22054.57920

Shim, H. J*, **Lee, K. J.**, & Morgan, M. (2016). *Onondaga Cave State Park Visitor Survey*, Missouri State Parks, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Shafer, C.S., Eccles, K., Lacher, G., **Lee, K. J.**, Lee, Y. J., Lu, J., Merritt, L., Rivera, B., Santoro, L., Smith, B., Williams, A., Yoon, J. I., Yuan, F., & Ziegler, K. (2007). *Restoration to Recreation: A proposal for an environmentally, culturally and economically sustainable park*, Alcoa's Sandow Mine, Milam County, Texas.

Grants

Summary of All Grant Activities (as of 14th Mar 2025)

	Submitted	Awarded
PI:	\$1,296,714	\$102,961
co-PI:	\$646,018	\$419,313
Co-I	\$229,804	\$229,804
Under Review	\$423,500	
Total:	\$2,594,036	\$752,078

2025 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Social Impact in Education Faculty Small Grant Program. Sorenson Impact Institute, University of Utah. (\$2,000) – Funded

2025 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)** & William Smith (CO-I). The true cost of discrimination on human health: Discrimination appraisal and discrimination validation stress. NIH R 21 – PAR 23-111. (\$423,500) – Under Review

2024 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. The Power of Nature: A New Investigation on Nature's Stress Reduction Effect. College of Health Seed Grant Program. University of Utah. (\$27,500) – Not Funded

2024 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Democracy in Public Parks: A Comparative History of Birkenhead Park and Central Park. Environmental Humanities Research Professorship. – Not Selected

- 2024 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Pioneers of Public Parks in England and the U.S.: Their Democratic Vision. Faculty Small Grant Program. University of Utah. (\$5,000) – Funded
- 2024 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)** & William Smith (CO-PI). The true cost of discrimination on human health: Discrimination appraisal and discrimination validation stress. Pioneering Ideas: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. (\$319,058) – Not Funded
- 2024 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**, Jeff Rose (CO-PI), & Lisa Meerts-Brandsma (CO-PI). Investigating short and long term effects of nature-based recreation in flourishing, *Letter of Intent* to REI Cooperative Action Fund: Advancing Nature and Health Research Evidence. (\$199,468) – Not Funded
- 2022 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**, Duarte Morais (PI), & Dylan Dudson (CO-I). Translating knowledge to actions: Forest-based tourism microentrepreneurship to ensure generational land succession and rural economic revitalization among Black landowners in Eastern NC, Renewable Resources Extension Act Grant, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture (\$9,950) – Funded
- 2022 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Examining mental health benefits of parks via brainwave technology (purchasing electrodes for an electroencephalography system). The UNC Strategic Research Fund, UNC System Office (\$4,375) – Funded
- 2022 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Book project: The dark history of American public parks. The Foundation for Systemic Change (\$10,000) – Funded
- 2021 Duarte Morais (PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**, & Dylan Dudson (CO-I). The role of forest-based tourism microentrepreneurship to ensure generational land succession and rural economic revitalization among Black landowners in Eastern NC, Renewable Resources Extension Act Grant, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture (\$10,000) – Funded
- 2021 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. African American Settlement Houses and the Park and Recreation Movement in the U.S., Faculty Research and Professional Development Program, North Carolina State University (\$5,000) – Funded
- 2021 Ann Savage (PI), Erin Seekamp (PI), Whitney Knollenberg (CO-PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**, & Stacy Supak (CO-PI). North Carolina State Parks Research Proposal, North Carolina State Parks (\$195,427) – Funded
- 2021 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)** & Chang S. Nam (CO-PI). Multidisciplinary Investigation on the Relationship between Race, Environmental Identity, and Health Benefits of Greenspace. NCSU Center for Human Health and the Environment (\$68,932) – Not Funded
- 2021 Teresa Penbrooke (PI), Amanda Walker (PI), J. Aaron Hipp (CO-PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**, Randy Rosenberger (CO-PI), Robby Layton (CO-PI), Art Thatcher (CO-PI), Tom Diehl (CO-PI), & Chris Cares (CO-PI). Equitable access to resilient parks:

- Economic impact research & tools, National Recreation and Park Association (\$79,999) – Not Funded
- 2021 Morais, D. B. (PI), Susan Rockel (CO-PI), Bowen, B. L. (CO-I), Hannah Dankbar (CO-I), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-I)**, & Brittany Davis (CO-I). 2020-21 Community Collaborative Research Grant, NC Sea Grant (\$27,225) – Not Funded
- 2020 Amy Halberstadt (PI), Carolyn Bird (PI), Jodi Hall (CO-PI), Kamilah Legette (CO-PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**, & Christy Byrd (CO-PI). Promoting Positive Racial Climate to Reduce Achievement Disparities between Black and White Youth, Non-laboratory Scholarship/Research Support Program, North Carolina State University (\$12,200) – Funded
- 2020 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)** & Chang S. Nam (CO-PI). Investigating Health Benefits of Parks via Brainwave Monitoring and Psychological Measurements. NCSU Faculty and Research & Professional Development (\$8,000) – Funded
- 2020 Bowen, B. L. (PI), Jakes, S. S. (CO-PI), Morais, D. B. (CO-PI), & **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**. Scaling Vacationer Supported Agriculture, North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission (\$60,000) – Funded
- 2020 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)** & Chang S. Nam (CO-PI). Health Benefits of Parks: An Experimental Study using Brainwave Monitoring. NCSU Research and Innovation Seed Funding Program (\$25,000) – Not funded
- 2020 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)** & Chang S. Nam (CO-PI). Exploring Psychological and Neurocognitive Pathways Linking Greenspace to Health, NCSU Center for Human Health and the Environment, North Carolina State University (\$37,994) – Not Funded
- 2019 Knollenberg, W. G. (PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**, & Barbieri, C. (CO-PI). Economic Impact Study of Organized Camping in North Carolina, North Carolina Youth Camp Association (\$25,000) – Funded
- 2019 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Historical Investigation on Ada S. McKinley and Her South Side Settlement House, Faculty Research and Professional Development Program, North Carolina State University (\$4,747) – Not funded
- 2019 Morais, D. B. (PI), Bowen, B. L. (CO-PI), Jakes, S. S. (CO-PI), & **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**. Scaling Vacationer Supported Agriculture, North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission (\$244,193) – Not funded
- 2018 Lincoln Larson (PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-I)** & Nils Peterson (CO-I). Evaluating the Promise and Potential Impacts of R3 Efforts Targeting College Students, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (\$107,621) – Funded

- 2018 Camargo, B. A. (PI) & **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-I)**. Korean Expatriate Workers' Cultural Adjustment, Recreation and Tourism Activities, and Subjective Well-being in Mexico: Lessons for Latin America, Emerald Publishing (\$2,500) – Not funded
- 2018 Mariela Fernandez (PI), Andrew Kaczynski (CO-PI), Brandon Harris (CO-PI), David White (CO-PI), & **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**. Examining the association between redlining and park disparities. Small Grant Program (R03). National Institutes of Health (\$47,783) – Not funded
- 2018 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Historical Investigation on Ada S. McKinley and Her South Side Settlement House, Faculty Research and Professional Development Program, North Carolina State University (\$7,781) – Not funded
- 2018 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**, CS Nam (CO-PI), & Karen Chen (CO-PI). Parks, Brain Activity, and Virtual Reality: Understanding how Parks contribute to Stress Reduction and Attention Restoration, Pioneering Ideas, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$480,000) – Not funded
- 2017 Lincoln Larson (PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-I)** & Nils Peterson (CO-I). Evaluating the Promise and Potential Impacts of R3 Efforts Targeting College Students, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (\$123,071) – Funded
- 2017 Sunhwan Hwang (PI), **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**, & Monika Stodolska (CO-PI). A longitudinal mixed-method study of Korean transnational-split families' sport and recreation participation, acculturation, and subjective well-being, National Research Foundation of Korea National Global Research Network Program (\$240,000) – Funded
- 2017 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Historical Investigation on Ada S. McKinley and Her South Side Settlement House, Non-laboratory Scholarship/Research Support Program, North Carolina State University (\$5,000) – Not funded
- 2016 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis (CO-I), & Dae-Young Kim (CO-I). Missouri State Parks Diversity Enhancement Projects, Missouri State Parks (\$25,000) – Not funded
- 2016 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis (CO-I), & Dae-Young Kim (CO-I). Missouri State Parks Diversity Enhancement Projects, Research Council Grants, Office of Research, University of Missouri (\$10,000) – Not funded
- 2015 **KangJae Jerry Lee (PI)**. Promoting Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Public Recreation Settings, Research Council Grants, Office of Research, University of Missouri (\$3,670) – Funded
- 2015 Sul-hyang Kim (PI), Sunhwan Hwang (CO-PI), & **KangJae Jerry Lee (CO-PI)**. Investigating the relationship between recreational specialization and personality, Korean Institute of Sports Sciences (\$40,000) – Not funded

- 2014 **KangJae Jerry Lee**. Arts and Humanities Domestic Travel Award, Office of Research, University of Missouri (\$1,000) - Funded
- 2012 David Scott (PI) & **KangJae Jerry Lee (Co-PI)**. Cleveland Metroparks Visitation Study, Cleveland Metroparks, (\$4,000) - Not funded
- 2012 David Scott (PI) & **KangJae Jerry Lee (Co-PI)**. John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge Study, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (\$6,600) - Not funded
- 2010 **KangJae Jerry Lee**. Graduate Students Research and Presentation Grant. Office of Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University (\$400) - Funded

Conference Proceedings

- Morais, D., **Lee, K. J.**, & Dodson, D*. (February, 2022). Farm tourism microentrepreneurial reactions to the COVID19 pandemic: A cross-gender comparison. *2022 TWINE- Co-creating sustainable rural tourism experiences with food & wine, local culture, landscapes, and people*. (p. 174-179). [Online]
- Lee, K. J.**, Cho, S., Kim, E. K., & Hwang, S. (December, 2017). The relationship between leisure participation patterns and happiness in Korea. *Proceeding for 40th Fall Conference Korean Society of Leisure, Recreation, & Park*. (p. 3-4). Seoul, Republic of Korea.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Scott, D. (June, 2015). Racial discrimination and African Americans' travel behavior: The utility of habitus and vignette technique. Qualitative Special Session, 2015 International Conference of Travel and Tourism Research Association, Portland, OR
<https://scholarworks.umass.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1049&context=ttra>
- Lee, K. J.**, & Scott, D. (April, 2010). Korean American Males' Interracial Contact Experiences during Serious Leisure Activity. *Proceeding for the Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium* (GTR-NRS-P-94). (pp. 30-37). Bolton Landing, NY

Conference Presentations

- Lee, K. J.** (July, 2025). Rethinking Democracy in Public Parks: Ideals, Realities, and Future Directions. 50th Leisure Studies Association Conference, York, UK: July 8-10, 2025. [Presentation]
- Vargo, T., **Lee, K. J.**, Aronson, M. J., Clark, J. A., Hoover, F. A., Joo, E., Kremer, P., La Rosa, D., Larson, K. L., Lepczyk, C. A., Lerman, S. B., Locke, D. H., Nilon, C., Pearsall, H., Steinhauer, M. L., & Tokuyama, A. (Accepted) Limitations of existing park quality instruments related to ecological function and biodiversity. International Urban Wildlife Conference. Atlanta, GA: June 1-5, 2025. [Presentation]

- von Furstenberg, R., Larson, L. R., Peterson, M. N., Lee, K. J., Nelson, S. A. C., & Vayer, T. (2025). College students' environmental identities reveal conflicts and common ground for conservation. *National Environment and Recreation Research (NERR) Symposium*. Virginia Beach, VA: March 30-April 1, 2025. [Presentation]
- Hoover, F. A., Truong, T., Aronson, M. J., Clark, J. A., Joo, E., Kremer, P., La Rosa, D., Larson, K., **Lee, K. J.**, Lepczyk, C. A., Lerman, S. B., Locke, D. H., Nilon, C., Pearsall, H., & Vargo, T. (2005). Exploring the Limitations of Park Quality Instruments in Charlotte, NC. *American Association of Geographers*, Detroit, MI: March 24-28, 2025. [Presentation]
- Lee, K. J.** (2025). A Playbook of the White Ruling Class: Their 14 Strategies for Monopolizing American Public Parks, American Association of Geographers, Detroit, MI: March 24-28, 2025. [Presentation]
- Knudson, C., Schmalz, D., Rose, J., & **Lee, K. J.** (2025). Do undergraduate college students recognize nature-based leisure to contribute to their mental health and well-being? The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, Pittsburg, PA: March 5-7, 2025. [Presentation]
- Kremer, P., Winkler, R. L., Clark, J. A., Locke, D. H., Aronson, M. J., Hoover, F. A., Joo, E., La Rosa, D., **Lee, K. J.**, Lerman, S. B., Pearsall, H., Vargo, T. L. V., Nilon, C. H., & Lepczyk, C. A. (2024). Unequal access to social, environmental, and health amenities in US urban parks. American Geophysical Union. Washington, D.C.: December 9-13, 2024 [Presentation]
- von Furstenberg, R., Larson, L., Minchey, C., Bashford B., Peterson, N., **Lee, K.J.** & Nelson, S. (2024). Creating a more inclusive future for hunting and wildlife conservation: insights from Black HBCU students in the Southeastern U.S. Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Augusta, GA: December 9-13, 2024. [Presentation]
- Kim, J., **Lee, K. J.**, & An, A. (October, 2024). The impact of awareness of public leisure resources on happiness among people with disabilities? National Recreation & Park Association, Atlanta, GA: October 8-10, 2024. [Presentation]
- Lee, K.** (July, 2024). Global Leisure Debate: Future of Publishing and Knowledge Dissemination in Leisure. 2024 Leisure Studies Association Conference, Paisley, UK: July 10-12, 2024. [Session Chair]
- Lee, K.** (July, 2024). Reimagining Public Parks in the U.S.: Their Implications for an Alternative Future. 2024 Leisure Studies Association Conference, Paisley, UK: July 10-12, 2024. [Presentation]

- Hall, C. J., Hardin, A. M., Browning, E. G., Clark, C., & **Lee, K. J.** (April, 2024). Teaching environmental history through a carceral lens. American Society for Environmental History, Denver, CO: April 3-7, 2024. [Panel]
- von Furstenberg, R., Larson, L., Peterson N., **Lee, K.J.** (February, 2024). Understanding the next generation of diverse wildlife recreationist enthusiasts: identifying potential conflicts and common ground. 5th Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Wildlife Viewing & Nature Tourism Academy. Duck, NC. [Presentation]
- Van Vleet, Z., KC, A., **Lee, K. J.**, & Fernandez, M. (January-February, 2024). The effects of green space on college students' mood. 2024 The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, New Orleans, LA. [Presentation]
- Brown, J. A., Winkler, R. L., Locke, D. H., Kremer, P., Aronson, M. J., Hoover, F. A., Joo, E., La Rosa, D., **Lee, K. J.**, Lerman, S. B., Lepczyk, C. A., Nilon, C. H., Pearsall, H., Vargo, T. (August, 2023). Beyond Accessibility: Inequity among socio-demographic groups in park access, amenities, and ecosystem service benefits. Ecological Society of America, Portland, OR.
- Lee, K.**, Han, J., Smith, E., Knollenberg, W., Seekamp, E., Savage, A., Supak, S., Kim, J., & Chen, P. (July, 2023). The relationship between racial discrimination and park visitation: The case of North Carolina State Parks. 2023 Leisure Studies Association Conference, Dorset, UK: July 11-13, 2024. [Presentation]
- Smith, E., Knollenberg, W., Seekamp, E., **Lee, K.**, & Savage, A. (June, 2023). Understanding Gateway Community Stakeholders' Perspectives on Management Actions for Increasing Revenues and Dispersing Visitor Use in North Carolina State Parks. Travel and Tourism Research Association, St. Louis, MO.
- Dodson, D*, **Lee, K. J.**, Morais, D., & Brookins, K. (April, 2023). Tourism microentrepreneurship among Black farmers in North Carolina. 2023 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium, Annapolis, MD, USA
- Dodson, D*, **Lee, K. J.**, Morais, D., & Brookins, K. (March, 2023). A mixed methods examination of tourism microentrepreneurship among Black farmers in North Carolina., Ashville, NC, USA
- Powell, R., Floyd, M., Wynveen, C. J., & **Lee, K. J.** (February, 2023). Negotiating discrimination in the great outdoors among African Americans. 2023 The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, New Orleans, LA.
- Lee, K. J.**, & Dieser, R. (February, 2023). Jane Addams and Her Stance on Race Issues: Initial Thoughts. 2023 The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, New Orleans, LA.

- Smith, E., Knollenberg, W., Savage, A., Seekamp, E., & **Lee, K.** (September, 2022). Understanding the perceived impacts of revenue-generating and use-dispersion strategies on North Carolina State Park gateway community stakeholders. Oral presentation at the Southeastern Travel and Tourism Research Association (SETTRA), Concord, NC.
- Smith, E., Knollenberg, W., Savage, A., **Lee, K. J.**, & Seekamp, E. (June, 2022). A systematic review to explore how pricing strategies may contribute to managing overtourism in state parks. 2022 Travel and Tourism Research Association International Conference. British Columbia, Canada.
- Lee, K. J.**, Aronson, M. J., Brown, J. A., Hoover, F. A., Joo, E., Kremer, P., La Rosa, D., Larson, K., Lepczyk, C. A., Lerman, S. B., Locke, D. H., Nilon, C., Pearsall, H., Vargo, T., & Winkler, R. L. (June, 2022). A critical review of social and ecological park quality measurements. 2022 The Annual Meeting of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR). Costa Rica, USA.
- von Furstenberg, R., Larson, L., Vayer, V., Peterson, N., **Lee, K. J.**, James, W., & Clark, C. (2022). Developing and implementing R3 programs for college students: lessons learned from a nationwide project designed to diversify hunting. *National R3 Symposium*, Broken Arrow, OK: May 2-5, 2022. [Presentation]
- Yi, J., Yoon, J., & **Lee, K. J.** (April, 2022). COVID-19 Related Stress Perception and Coping Processes for Outdoor Recreationists in Korea. 2022 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium, Annapolis, MD, USA
- Smith, E., Knollenberg, W., Savage, A., Chen, P., Kim, J., **Lee, K. J.**, Supak, S., & Seekamp, E. (April, 2022). Identifying Commonalities in Pricing as a Strategy to Manage Overtourism and Park Visitation and Promote Equitable Access. 2022 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium. Annapolis, MD, USA
- Yoon, J., **Lee, K. J.**, & Larson, L. (April, 2022). The Mediating Effect of Place Attachment in the Relationship between Environmental Attitude and Behavior. 2022 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium. Annapolis, MD, USA
- Lee, K. J.**, Joo, J. Y., Yoon, J., & Hwang, S. (April, 2022). The Effect of Leisure Participation on Leisure Satisfaction and Life Satisfaction: A Test of Three-way Interaction. 2022 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium. Annapolis, MD, USA
- Larson, L. R., Zhang, Z., Oh, J., Beam, W., Ogletree, S. S., Bocarro, J., **Lee, K. J.**, Casper, J., Stevenson, K., Hipp, J. A., Carusona, M., Wells, M. (March, 2022). Changes in urban park use during the COVID-19 pandemic raise concerns about equity and environmental justice. Southeastern Environment & Recreation Research Conference. Asheville, NC, USA
- von Furstenberg, R., Larson, L. R., Vayer, V., Peterson, N. M., & **Lee, K. J.** (March, 2022). Developing and implementing R3 programs for college students: Lessons learned from a

nationwide project designed to diversify hunting. Southeastern Environment & Recreation Research Conference. Asheville, NC, USA.

- Lee, K. J.**, & Yoon, J. (March, 2022). The importance of leisure quality in leisure satisfaction and happiness. 2022 The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching [Online].
- Larson, L., von Furstenberg, R.*, Vayer, V., Peterson, M. N., **Lee, K. J.**, James, W., & Clark, C. (February, 2022). Developing and implementing R3 programs for college students: lessons learned from a nationwide project designed to diversity hunting. 82nd Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. Des Moines, Iowa [Virtual Presentation.]
- Morais, D., **Lee, K. J.**, & Dodson, D*. (February, 2022). Farm tourism microentrepreneurial reactions to the COVID19 pandemic: A cross-gender comparison. 2022 TWINE- Co-creating sustainable rural tourism experiences with food & wine, local culture, landscapes, and people [Online].
- Larson, L. R., Vayer, V., Furstenberg, R., Peterson, N. M., & **Lee, K. J.** (November, 2021). Can R3 programs create new hunters? Evaluating impacts of hunting workshops on college students across the United States. The Wildlife Society Annual Conference [Online].
- Kim, J., & **Lee, K. J.** (July, 2021). Visualizing fairness: Distributional equity of urban green spaces for marginalized groups in Seoul, 2021 TOSOK International conference, Seoul, South Korea [Online].
- Oh, J. I.*, **Lee, K. J.**, & Kim, J. (April, 2021). Intersectionality of age, education, income, and race in greenspace access. American Association of Geographers [Online].
- Hwang, S., **Lee, K. J.**, & Stodolska, M. (February, 2021). Leisure, acculturation, and subjective well-being of Korean transnational-split families. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching.
- Lee, K. J.**, Powell, R., & Floyd, M. (February, 2021). African Americans' leisure involvement and subjective well-being. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching [Poster].
- Oh, J. I.*, **Lee, K. J.**, & Hipp, J. A. (April, 2020). The relationship between park access, food desert, obesity, and diabetes in the US. Paper accepted at 2020 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium (NERR). Annapolis, Maryland. (Conference canceled)
- Hwang, S., **Lee, K. J.**, & Stodolska, M. (March, 2020). Korean Transnational-split Families in the US: Their leisure participation and well-being. [Panel: Transnationalism, Immigration, & Mobility: Expanding Our Knowledge Base through New Investigations on Korean Transnationalism]. The Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Boston, MA. (Conference canceled)

Oh, J. I. *, & **Lee, K. J.** (February, 2020). Health benefits of green space. 2020 KSEA-NC Interdisciplinary Research Conference, Raleigh, NC. February 28, 2020

Lee, K. J., & Dieser, R. (February, 2020). Ada S. McKinley: A hidden history of Africa American settlement house in Chicago. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, Champaign, IL.

Powers, S., **Lee, K. J.**, Pitas, N. A., Graefe, A., & Mowen, A. J. (February, 2020). Understanding access and use of park and recreation services through multiple hierarchy stratification perspective. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, Champaign, IL.

Kim, J., & **Lee, K. J.** (February, 2020). The linkage between the awareness and use of public leisure resources and happiness. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, Champaign, IL.

Stodolska, M., **Lee, K. J.**, Hwang, S., & Son, H. (February, 2020). Family leisure in Korean transnational split families. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, Champaign, IL.

Vayer, V., Larson, L., **Lee, K. J.**, Peterson, M. N., & James, W. (September, 2019). Cultivating college students' non-traditional pathways into hunting. Pathways: Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conference. Estes Park, CO.

Larson, L. R., Vayer, V., **Lee, K. J.**, Peterson, N. M., Ahlers, A., Sharp, R., Irwin, K., Woosnam, K. M., Keith, S., Farmer, J., Metcalf, E. Deelen, T. V., Anhalt-Depies, C. Bruskotter, J., Stedman, R., Siemer, W., Rodriguez, S., Springer, M., Graefe, A., Mueller, T., Kelley, M., Winkler, R., Romulo, C., & Quartuch, M. (April, 2019). The Conservation Funding Crisis: What Solutions Do College Students Support?. 2019 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland

Vayer, V., Larson, L. R., Choi, D., **Lee, K. J.**, Peterson, N. M., Ahlers, A., Sharp, R., Irwin, K., Woosnam, K. M., Keith, S., Farmer, J., Metcalf, E. Deelen, T. V., Anhalt-Depies, C. Bruskotter, J., Stedman, R., Siemer, W., Rodriguez, S., Springer, M., Graefe, A., Mueller, T., Kelley, M., Winkler, R., Romulo, C., & Quartuch, M. (April, 2019). A Changing the Face of Hunting: Insights from College Campuses across the United States. 2019 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland

Edmonds, D., Edwards, M. B., Floyd, M. F., & **Lee, K. J.** (April, 2019). Understanding the perceptions and experiences of African American outdoor recreationalists. Poster Session. The Conservation Funding Crisis: What Solutions Do College Students Support?. 2019 National Environment and Recreation Research Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland

- Keith, S. J., Larson, L. R., Vayer, V., **Lee, K. J.**, Peterson, N. M., Irwin, K., Woosnam, K. M., & Lane, W. (February, 2019). Changing the Face of Hunting: The Growing Role of Women and Minorities in R3 Initiatives. Poster session. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, Greenville, SC
- Lee, K. J.**, Hwang, S., & Stodolska, M. (February, 2019). Leisure, Cultural Identity, and Well-being of Korean Transnational-split Families. The Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conferences on Research and Teaching, Greenville, SC
- Larson, L. R., **Lee, K. J.**, Peterson, M. N., Vayer, V., Sharp, R., Ahlers, A., & Stayton, B. (October, 2018). The promise and potential impacts of R3 efforts targeting college students. The Wildlife Society Annual Conference. Cleveland, OH
- Vayer, V., Larson, L., Choi, D., **Lee, K. J.**, Peterson, M. N., Sharp, R., Ahlers, A., Stedman, R., Siemer, W., Irwin, K., Woosnam, K., Keith, S., Farmer, J., Van Deelen, T., Anhalt-Depies, C., Bruskotter, J., Metcalf, E., Springer, M., Graefe, A., Rodriguez, S., Kelly, M., Winkler, R., Romulo, C., & Quartuch, M. (October, 2018). Hunting and fishing participation among college students: Implications for wildlife conservation. The Wildlife Society Annual Conference. Cleveland, OH [Poster]
- Lee, K. J.**, Floyd, M., & Scott, D. (July, 2018). Social inequality and symbolic violence in the history of public parks in the U.S. XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Sociology of Leisure session, Toronto, Canada.
- Floyd, M. & **Lee, K. J.** (February, 2018). History of race & ethnicity in leisure studies. A people's history of Leisure studies. Pre-conference Workshop at the Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Conference on research and Teaching, Indianapolis, IN [Workshop Presentation]
- Schultz, C., **Lee, K. J.**, Bocarro, J., & Floyd, M. (February, 2018). The Characteristics of Relevancy, Diversity, and Inclusion Programs in the National Park Service. Teaching & Research Institute of The Academy of Leisure Sciences, Indianapolis, IN
- Fernandez, M., **Lee, K. J.**, & Lincoln Larson. (February, 2018). Preparing students to serve diverse populations. 2018 Research and Teaching Institute of The Academy of Leisure Sciences, Indianapolis, IN. [Panel]
- Shim, H.*, **Lee, K. J.**, & Morgan, M. (May, 2017). Cross-Cultural perceptions of crowding at Onondaga Cave State Park, Missouri. 2017 Canadian Congress on Leisure Research, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- McKelvey, P.*, & **Lee, K. J.** (April, 2017). Marketing effort of public parks and recreation agencies to attract racial and ethnic minorities. 2017 Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Forum, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Lee, K. J., & Mainieri, T.** (February, 2017). The habits of productive scholars: Conversations with early-career faculty members. 2017 Research Institute of The Academy of Leisure Sciences, Indianapolis, IN
- Lee, K. J., & Sohn, M.** (September, 2015). Pregnancy, body image, and clothing shopping: A cross-cultural study of pregnant women's clothing selection in the United States and Republic of Korea. 2015 Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Las Vegas, NV [Poster]
- Curd, B.*, Ricketts, Z. *, & Halford, K.*, & Lee, K. J.** (April, 2015). Is the curse real?: professional athletes on video game covers and declines in their performance. 2015 Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Forum, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- Lee, K. J.** (October, 2014). Toward theoretical explanations of the outdoor recreation patterns of Asian Americans. 2014 Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Charlotte, NC
- Lee, K. J., & Scott, D.** (October, 2014). Bourdieu and black visitation to Cedar Hill State Park. 2014 Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Charlotte, NC
- Lee, K. J., Scott, D., Floyd, M., & Edward, M.** (October, 2013). Social stratification in fishing participation in the United States: A multiple hierarchy stratification perspective. 2013 Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Houston, TX
- Lee, K. J., Dunlap, R., & Edward, M.** (October, 2012). Bourdieu's potential and implication in leisure study. 2012 Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Anaheim, CA
- Lee, K. J.** (October, 2012). A critical review on serious leisure: Beyond Stebbins' conceptualization. 2012 Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Anaheim, CA [Poster]
- Lee, K. J., & Scott, D.** (October, 2010). Structural Inequalities in Wildlife-Associated Recreation: A Multiple Hierarchy Stratification Perspective. Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Minneapolis, MN
- Lee, K. J.** (October, 2009). Exploring Recreational Sport Enthusiasts' Interracial Contact Experiences: Perspective of Korean American Males. Leisure Research Symposium at National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition, Salt Lake City, UT [Panel]

Invited Presentations

Lee, K. J. (1st July, 2025). Systemic Injustice in Public Parks in the U.S.: Its Past, Present, and Future. University of Brighton, Brighton, UK: 1st July, 2025. [Invited Speaker]

von Furstenberg, R., Meshram, K., Larson, R. **Lee K.J.**, and Peterson, M.N. (2025, May 1). *Shaping the future of wildlife recreation: Insights from the next generation & global conservation* [Webinar]. Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Wildlife Viewing and Nature Tourism Working Group.

Lee, K. J., (March 2025), ENVS 467: Power, Privilege, and Environment, Western Washington University. Title of lecture: Systemic Injustice in American Public Parks [Keynote]

Lee, K. J. (December 2024). Public parks, Health, & Happiness. Department of Tourism, Leisure, & Hospitality Management, The National Chi Nan University, Puli, Taiwan. [Invited Speaker]

Lee, K. J. (August 2024). Inclusion in urban green area. International Symposium on Nature & Health: Building Bridges for Human Well-Being and Conservation. 23-24 August 2024. São Paulo, Brazil. [Keynote]

Lee, K. J. (February 2023). A dark history of American public parks: Can we escape our troubling past? All Outside Conference. Dartmouth College, NH. [Keynote]

Seekamp, E., Lee, K. J., & Fearn, M. (February 2023). The politics of beauty. PRTM departmental seminar. North Carolina State University. [Panelist]

Lee, K. J. (May 2022). What makes people happy? The importance of leisure, recreation, and sport. The 3rd International Recreation and Sport Management Congress. Antalya, Turkey. [Keynote]

Lee, K. J. (April 2022). Dismantling Racism by Disrupting Native American Invisibility. The Conference of World Affair. University of Colorado – Boulder. [Panelist]

Lee, K. J. (April 2022). Intersectionality of Race, Class, and Gender. The Conference of World Affair. University of Colorado – Boulder. [Panelist]

Lee, K. J. (April 2022). Diversity and Inclusion in Outdoor Recreation, Nature and Conservation. The Conference of World Affair. University of Colorado – Boulder. [Panelist]

Lee, K. J. (April 2022). Racism 101: The language of Racism. The Conference of World Affair. University of Colorado – Boulder. [Panelist]

Lee, K. J., January 2022, Seminar, School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University. Title of lecture: Seoul National University Smart City Global Convergence Innovative Capacity Development Program, Invited Seminar for Overseas Scholar. [Panelist]

- Lee, K. J. (September 2021). Can we escape from our troubling past?: Historical Racism in American public parks. Scholar Series: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Empowering Professionals to Dismantle Health Inequities and Systemic Racism in Parks and Recreation. PlayCore. [Online Panelist]
- Lee, K. J. (September 2021). Institutional Racism and Nature Tourism in the United States. Stereotypes, Prejudice, Discrimination and Racism in Tourism. International Institute for Peace through Tourism [Online]
- Lee, K. J. (April 2021). Challenging Whiteness in the history of park and recreation: Ada S. McKinley and her South Side Settlement House. PRTM Colloquium. North Carolina State University [Online]
- Lee, K. J. (April 2021). Racial and ethnic diversity in America's great outdoors. Environmental Studies. Colby College. [Online]
- Lee, K. J. (March 2021). The untold story of Ada S. McKinley. School of Social Work. Loyola University – Chicago. [Online]
- Lee, K. J. (March 2021). Racial and ethnic diversity in American national parks. National Park Club. North Carolina State University. [Online]
- Lee, K. J. (February 2021). Black Bodies, Public Spaces: This LAND Short Film Screening and Conversation. Milwaukee Film Festival. [Panelist]
- Lee, K. J. (January 2021). Can we escape from our troubling past: Race, ethnicity, and American public parks, NRPA Board of Directors meeting. [Online]
- Lee, K. J. (June 2020). INCLUSION panel session, Boston Harbor for All Summit, Boston, MA. [Online]
- Larson, L., Lee, K. J., & Fearn, M. (February 2020). Dealing with the dark side of parks, 72nd Annual North Carolina Parks & Recreation Directors Conference, Wilmington, NC. [Keynote]
- Lee, K. J. (November. 2019). Purple Leisure. 44th Fall Conference Korean Society of Leisure, Recreation, & Park. Anyang, Republic of Korea. [Keynote]
- Lee, K. J. (December. 2017). Leisure education and research in the U.S. 40th Fall Conference Korean Society of Leisure, Recreation, & Park. Seoul, Republic of Korea. [Keynote]
- Lee, K. J. (November. 2016). African Americans' Underrepresentation at Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Great Rivers Greenway, St. Louis, MO. [Keynote]
- Lee, K. J. (August, 2016). Reflections on pathways and practices of tourism. Critical Tourism Studies North America, Huntsville, Canada. [Panelist]

- Lee, K. J. (July. 2016). African Americans' Underrepresentation at Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Missouri State Parks, Jefferson City, MO.
- Lee, K. J. (Spring. 2016). The History of National Parks in America, Asian Affairs Center, University of Missouri
- Lee, K. J. (Fall. 2014). African Americans' Underrepresentation at Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Diversity in Action: Monthly Faculty Seminar Series, The Office of Chancellor's Diversity Initiative, University of Missouri
- Lee, K. J. (Spring. 2010). Conducting Research with Secondary Data: Using Data from the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Center of Socioeconomic Research & Education. Texas A&M University
- Lee, K. J. (Spring. 2010). Korean American Males' Interracial Contact Experiences during Serious Leisure Activity, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University

TEACHING

I have taught various undergraduate and graduate courses in park and recreation across four R1 institutions. My teaching interests include diversity and inclusion, social and environmental justice, leisure theories, qualitative and quantitative research methods, history of public parks, and sociology and social psychology of leisure.

University of Utah

PRT 2101: Introduction to Parks, Recreation, & Tourism
PRT 3310: Leisure Behavior and Human Diversity
PRT 7950: Independent Studies

North Carolina State University

PRT 238: Diversity and Inclusion in Recreation and Sport
PRT 491: Special Topics: Undergraduate Research Project in Diversity and Inclusion
PRT 500: Conceptual Foundations of Recreation (Online)
PRT 500/700: Advanced Theories in Park, Recreation & Tourism Research

University of Missouri

PRT 2101: Topics in PRT (Diversity and Cultural Competence in Recreation, Sport & Tourism)
PRT 2750: Methods in Research and Evaluation
PRT 2281: The Business of Sport (Online)
PRT 3210: Personnel Management and Leadership in Leisure Services (Writing Intensive)
PRT 3215: Programming in Leisure Services
PRT 4208: Administration of Leisure Services
PRT 7960: Guided Reading in Parks, Recreation & Tourism
PRT 8700: Construct of Leisure

Texas A&M University

RPTS 301: Leisure and Outdoor Recreation in American Culture

RPTS 340: Recreation, Parks & Diverse Populations

Invited Lectures

Lee, K. J., 7th May 2025, Global The history of American public parks and its implications for democracy and justice. Honam University, South Korea.

Lee, K. J., April 2023, AEM 4940: Outdoor Recreation Economy, SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University. Title of lecture: A dark history of American Public Parks: Can We Escape Our Troubling Past? [Online]

Lee, K. J., April 2022, SOCI 2077: Environment & Society, University of Colorado. Title of lecture: Racism, Parks, and The Great Outdoors: Can We Escape Our Troubling Past?

Lee, K. J., November 2021, Seminar, WA Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana. Title of lecture: Enduring Violence in The Great Outdoors: Can We Escape Our Troubling Past? [Online]

Lee, K. J., October 2021, Sociology 662: Racism and Anti-Racism Seminar, Texas A&M University. Title of lecture: Race, Ethnicity, & Leisure; guest lecture [Online]

Lee, K. J., November 2019, Graduate Level Leisure Seminar, Korea University (Seoul, Korea). Title of lecture: Race, Ethnicity, & Leisure

Lee, K. J., November 2019, Graduate Level Leisure Seminar, University of Seoul (Seoul, Korea). Title of lecture: Race, Ethnicity, & Leisure

Lee, K. J., November 2019, Graduate Level Leisure Seminar, Hong-Ik University (Seoul, Korea). Title of lecture: Public Parks: The history of discrimination and inequality

Lee, K. J., October. 2018. PRT 700 – Conceptual Foundations of Recreation, Department of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Management, North Carolina State University. Title of lecture: Deviant Leisure, Taboo Recreation, & Dark Tourism

Lee, K. J., October. 2018. PSY 710 - Multicultural Psychology in Schools, Department of Psychology, North Carolina State University. Title of lecture: Race & Ethnicity

Lee, K. J., October. 2018. PRT 701 - Social Science Research Methods, Department of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Management, North Carolina State University. Title of lecture: Literature Review

Lee, K. J., December. 2017. Graduate Seminar, Implication of leisure and sport in multicultural and multiethnic society. Kyung Hee University, Suwon, Republic of Korea.

- Lee, K. J., December. 2017. Travel behavior, tourism, leisure, and Korean society. Kyonggi University. Seoul, Republic of Korea
- Lee, K. J., October 2017, CNR 250 – Diversity and Environmental Justice, North Carolina State University. Title of lecture: Race, ethnicity, and public parks in America
- Lee, K. J., October 2017, PRT 500 – Conceptual Foundations of Recreation, North Carolina State University. Title of lecture: Conceptual distinction: Leisure, recreation, play, sport, and tourism
- Lee, K. J., September 2015, SSC 1150 - International Learning Strategies, University of Missouri. Title of lecture: International Students' Academic Success in the U.S.
- Lee, K. J., June 2015, Graduate Level Leisure Seminar, University of Seoul (Seoul, Korea). Title of lecture: Leisure and Life
- Lee, K. J., June 2015, Introduction to Sport Sciences, University of Seoul (Seoul, Korea). Title of lecture: Leisure and Leisure Studies in North America
- Lee, K. J., May 2015, Advanced English Conversation, Wayo Women's University (Chiba, Japan). Title of lecture: Learning English Outside of Classroom
- Lee, K. J., Summer 2012, RPTS340 - Recreation, Parks and Diverse Populations, Texas A&M University, Title of lecture: Leisure Patterns among Asian Americans
- Lee, K. J., Spring 2011, RPTS201 - Foundations of Recreation and Parks, Texas A&M University, Title of lecture: Leisure Behavior of Minorities: Key Concepts and General Trends
- Lee, K. J., Fall 2010, RPTS340 - Recreation, Parks and Diverse Populations, Texas A&M University, Title of lecture: Leisure Patterns among Asian Americans
- Lee, K. J., Spring 2010, Graduate Tourism Marketing, Kyonggi University, Title of lecture: Explaining Americans' Outdoor Recreation Patterns using Secondary Data: A Multiple Hierarchy Stratification Perspective
- Lee, K. J., Spring 2010, RPTS340 - Recreation, Parks and Diverse Populations, Texas A&M University, Title of lecture: Leisure Patterns among Asian Americans
- Lee, K. J., Fall 2009, RPTS 301 - Leisure and Recreation, Texas A&M University, Title of lecture: Interracial Contact during Recreational Sport Activities
- Lee, K. J., Spring 2009, RPTS340 - Recreation, Parks and Diverse Populations, Texas A&M University, Title of lecture: Leisure Patterns among Asian Americans

Graduate Advisory Committees University of Utah

- Committee, Paige Fery, Ph.D. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, Expected graduation: December 2026
- Committee, Siyabonga Kolobe, M.S. Department of Sport, Recreation & Exercise Science, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

North Carolina State University

- Co-Chair, Dylan Dodson, M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in May 2023
- Committee, Richard von Furstenberg, Ph.D. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in May 2024
- Committee, Jared Jones. M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in May 2023
- Committee, Emily Smith. M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in May 2023
- Committee, Andrew Rogers. M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in May 2020
- Committee, Torey Vayer. M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in May 2020
- Committee, Diquan Edmonds. M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in May 2019
- Committee, Yi-Sung Ethan Cheng. Ph.D. Department of Hospitality Management, University of Missouri, graduated in Fall 2018.
- Committee, Ray Person. M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management, graduated in August 2018
- Committee and External Examiner, Jie Ding. M.S. Department of Recreation & Tourism Management, Vancouver Island University, graduated in May 2018

University of Missouri

- Chair, Gemma Hyojeong Shim, M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, graduated in August 2016
- Chair, Il-Jin Jang, M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, Leave of Absence in May 2016
- Committee, Emily Raaf. M.S. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, graduated in May 2016
- Committee, Alexandra Maurer. M.S. student. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, graduated in December 2016

Undergraduate Research Mentees

North Carolina State University

- Katie Butler (Fall, 2022)
- Owen Larson (Spring, 2022)
- Hunter Coleman (Spring, 2022)
- Elijah Kormanek (Spring, 2022)
- Logan Yokeley (Spring, 2022)
- Agatha Mitchem (Spring, 2022)
- Steve Yang (Summer, 2020)
- Autumn Kim (Spring, 2020)
- Soobin “Nicole” Lee (Spring, 2019)
- Hyejin Park (Fall 2018)

University of Missouri

- Pet McKelvey (Spring, 2017)
- David Davis (Spring 2017)
- Brandon Curd (Spring, 2015)
- Zachery Ricketts (Spring, 2015)
- Kristen Halford (Spring, 2015)

SERVICE

University of Utah

- Reviewer: Summer Fellowship, Environmental Humanities Program (2025), University of Utah
- Reviewer: University Teaching Assistantship Fellowship (2025), the Graduate School, University of Utah
- Reviewer: Rockwood Scholarship (2025), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- Hiring Committee: Assistant/Associate Professor (2024-2025), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- Hiring Committee: Associate instructor (2024), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- Hiring Committee: Assistant/Associate Professor (2023-2024), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

North Carolina State University

- PRTM Seminar Committee Chair (2021-2022), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management.
- Student Scholarships & Awards Committee (2021-2022), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management.

- Peer Review of Teaching (2021-2022), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management.
- Hiring Committee: Executive Assistant to Dean (2021), College of Natural Resources.
- CNR Teaching Awards Committee (2020), College of Natural Resources.
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Justice Committee (2019-2020), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management.
- Peer Review of Teaching (2018-2020), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management.
- Core Curriculum Committee (2019), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management.
- Research Committee (2018-2019), College of Natural Resources.
- Committee on Distance Master's Program of Parks, Recreation, Tourism & Sport Management (2017-2019), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management.

University of Missouri

- Advising, Learning and Teaching Enhancement Committee (2016-2017), College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2015-2017), School of Natural Resources.
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2015-2017), School of Natural Resources.
- Undergraduate Restructuring Committee (2015-2017), School of Natural Resources.
- Faculty Adviser (2015-2017), Korean Student Association.
- National Recreation and Park Association Accreditation Committee (2014-2017), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2015-2017), Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.
- Scholarship Committee (2015-2017), Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

Texas A&M University

- Faculty Hiring Committee Graduate Student Representative (2012), Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
- President (2008 – 2009), Korean Student Association
- Vice-president (2007 – 2008), Korean Student Association

Leadership/Community/Professional Organizations

- 2024 Conference Committee, Abstract Review Co-Chair, The Academy of Leisure Sciences (2023- 2024)
- 2023 Conference Committee, Abstract Review Co-Chair, The Academy of Leisure Sciences (2022- 2023)
- Advisory Board, 2027 Summer World University Games Planning, Chungcheongbuk-do, Republic of Korea (2021-2022)

- 2022 Conference Committee, Abstract Review Co-Chair, The Academy of Leisure Sciences (2021- 2022)
- Bannon Lecture Committee, The Academy of Leisure Sciences (2020)
- Contributor: [History of Black Travel](#) (2020)
- Contributor: [NRPA Equity in Parks and Recreation: A historical Perspective](#) (2020)
- Conference Chair (2020). 2020 KSEA-NC Interdisciplinary Research Conference, Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association NC Chapter
- Review Committee of the Board of Directors Nomination, The Academy of Leisure Sciences (2019)
- Secretary (2018 – 2020), Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA), NC Chapter

Journal/Editorial Participation

Editorial Board

- Senior Associate Editor: Leisure Sciences (2021- present)
- Associate Editor: Leisure Sciences (2019-2020)
- Associate Editor: The International Journal of Human Movement Science (2017-2020)
- Associate Editor: Journal of Leisure Studies (2018-2023)
- Associate Editor: Journal of Leisure and Tourism Research (2018-present)

Reviewer

- National Science Foundation (NSF): 2020 Sociology program grant proposal review
- Leisure Sciences
- Journal of Leisure Research
- Journal of Park and Recreation Administration
- Leisure/Loisir
- Current Psychology
- Event Management
- Environmental Management
- Environmental Values
- Annals of Leisure Research
- Leisure Studies
- Landscape & Urban Planning
- Urban Ecosystems
- Society & Natural Resources
- NC State Extension (Creating the Perfect Blend)

Review Coordinator

- 2018 National Research Session, National Recreation and Park Association
- 2017 National Research Session, National Recreation and Park Association

Conference Manuscript Reviewer

- 2022 Travel and Tourism Research Association Annual International Conference

- 2017 Travel and Tourism Research Association Annual International Conference
- 2017 Asia Pacific Tourism Association Annual Conference
- 2016 Asia Pacific Tourism Association Annual Conference
- 2016 Travel and Tourism Research Association Annual International Conference
- 2015 Asia Pacific Tourism Association Annual Conference

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Sirius XM Doctor Radio: Live Interview, racial discrimination in park participation and outdoor leisure. August, 29th, 2024
- Los Angeles Times, California's first Black land trust fights climate change, makes the outdoors more inclusive, <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-05-19/californias-first-black-land-trust-builds-a-sierras-haven>, May 19th 2024
- @THEU, Ensuring parks are for all people, <https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/ensuring-parks-are-for-all-people/>. February 14th 2024.
- BBC, The hiking movement to reclaim green spaces. <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240109-the-hiking-groups-tackling-racism-in-nature>. January 9th 2024.
- REI CO-OP: La Nueva Frontera: Latino Organizations Are Bridging the Nature Gap <https://www.rei.com/blog/video/la-nueva-frontera>. October 11, 2022.
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- College of Natural Resources News (NC State), Historic Discrimination to Blame for Diversity Gap in US Parks, Expert Says. February 21, 2022. https://cnr.ncsu.edu/news/2022/02/historic-discrimination-to-blame-for-diversity-gap-in-us-parks-expert-says/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_content=cnr&utm_campaign=socialhub
- The Abstract (NC State News), Tracking Injustice in the History of U.S. Public Parks, February 3, 2022. <https://news.ncsu.edu/2022/02/tracking-injustice-in-the-history-of-u-s-public-parks/>
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- CNN, Outdoor recreation has historically excluded people of color. That's beginning to change. December 14, 2021. <https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/14/us/national-parks-history-racism-wellness-cec/index.html>
- Twin Cities PBS, How the crew connects BIPOC youth to horses and hopes to change lives: Racial gatekeeping often prevents kids of color from experiencing equine sports

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- WGN9-Chicago, Remembering seldom recognized trailblazer Ada Sophia McKinley, February 18, 2021. <https://wgntv.com/news/black-history-month/remembering-seldom-recognized-trailblazer-ada-sophia-mckinley/>
- The Chicago Defender, Black History Month: Ada S. McKinley Deserves Her Place in History. Sanders, D. February 10, 2021. <https://chicagodefender.com/ada-s-mckinley-deserves-her-place-in-history/>
- ABC 7 Chicago, Ada S. McKinley, founder of South Side Settlement House, one of Black Chicago's unsung heroes, February 1, 2021. <https://abc7chicago.com/society/ada-s-mckinley-one-of-black-chicagos-unsung-heroes-scholars-say/10228111/>
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- Verify Road Trip, It's not our culture: How parks make minorities feel unwelcome, August 2020. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrooqFk3mHc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2Sn_r_OM3NtIGSHpTl1koJQMjWjRm_Es7QvBSomroaEiRRNA7P0aVpqIro
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MILITARY SERVICE

2002 – 2004 The Republic of Korean Army, Korean Augmentation Troops to the United States Army (KATUSA)
 Worked with United States Army as a squad leader, supply specialist, leader of the field sanitation team, and an instructor of KATUSA programs for the U.S. soldiers in Charlie Company 168 Medical Battalion at Camp Humphreys

MEMBERSHIP

- The Academy of Leisure Sciences (member since 2013)
- The Leisure Studies Association (member since 2023)
- American Society for Environmental History (member since 2023)
- Association of American Geographer (member since 2024)
- National Recreation and Park Association (member since 2009)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Social Equality in Tourism (member since 2016)
- Travel & Tourism Research Association (member since 2017)
- Hospitality and Tourism Management Research and Education Forum (member since 2014)
- Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (2017 - 2022)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Funding Search Interactive Workshop, University of Utah (11 September, 2024)
- Proposal Writing Training, University of Utah (28 August, 2024)
- Principles of Effective Writing: Punctuation & Parallelism, University of Utah (13 September, 2024)
- Faculty Intensive Teaching Institute, University of Utah (01 August 2024)
- Entering Mentoring: The Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experience in Research (2021)
- Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Foundations. North Carolina State University
- A socioecological systems view of urban green spaces for evaluating use and equity, the workshop proposed by Drs. Chris Lepczyk (Auburn University) and Charles Nilon (University of Missouri) and funded by The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, May 2021- August 2022
- University of Missouri Faculty Scholars Program 2014-2015. University of Missouri