Dr. Myron Floyd chosen to lead PRTM

Dean Mary Watzin named Dr. Myron F. Floyd as the Department Head of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management effective July 1, 2014. Dr. Floyd joined the faculty of PRTM in 2005 and became Director of Graduate Programs in 2010. With more than 25 years experience, he has made significant contributions to his field, focusing on racial and ethnic inequality in provision of parks, open space, and public recreation services. Find more details here >>>.

Congratulations Dr. Floyd!

Dr. Hugh Devine Retiring January 1st

Dr. Hugh Devine will be retiring, effective January 1, 2015. Hugh has been an excellent teacher and mentor, expansive collaborator, innovative researcher and friend to many since coming to NC State in 1977. He has been instrumental in establishing several academic programs that have raised the profile of PRTM, CNR, and the university, including: development of the PhD in PRTM established in 1999; establishing the Master of Natural Resources degree; creating one of the first graduate certificate programs at NC State; leading the establishment of the Master of Geospatial Information Sciences and Technology in 2010; leading the establishment of the GIS research program at NC State in 1983, the Center for Earth Observation in 1989, and the Geovisualization Lab in 2012; and gaining approval to plan a new interdisciplinary PhD in Geospatial Analytics. Dr. Devine has established a new Non-Profit entity the "NC State GIS Service Learning Fund." This unit will connect service agencies and Non-Profits (e.g., Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts, etc.) with GIS students at the University. The goal is to provide GIS support to these groups for transport planning, service area analysis, proposal development, public communication, etc. to enhance their mission and to provide project management and client interaction experience for the students. We wish him success with the start-up of his new non-profit and we will miss him thoroughly.

Dr. Aram Attarian Announces Retirement

Dr. Aram Attarian has announced his retirement after 16 years with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management. Dr. Attarian serves and will continue to serve, as the Director of the National State Park Leadership School sponsored by PRTM and located at the Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, West Virginia. He has over 30 years of experience in adventure education and outdoor leadership, working with a range programs, businesses, camps, and Outward Bound. For over 25 years he worked as an instructor, climber, and
Dr. Kyle Bunds Joins PRTM Faculty
Dr. Kyle Bunds joined the PRTM faculty as an Assistant Professor in August of this year. He comes to our department from Florida State University where he spent 2 years as a Doctoral Fellow and Instructor. His research focuses on sport and sustainable community development and sport and charity. Read More>>

Crystal Szvetitz joins CNR & PRTM
Crystal Szvetitz joined the College of Natural Resources and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management as an Account Technician in August of this year. She has been with the University for 6 years and was hired to fill Laura Castro-Spach's position, vacant after her retirement.

Graduate Student Profile - Troy Carlton
Troy Carlton is a second year Master's student originally from Hickory, NC. Troy's overarching research interests includes promoting physical activity and community health through sport and recreation, specifically as it relates to children and adolescents. For his graduate assistantship, he works as the Active Living Project Manager for the North Carolina Community Transformation Grant focusing on joint use agreements evaluation. He hired, trained and manages 25 people across the state collecting observational physical activity data using SOPARC in a sample of public schools across the state during after school hours and weekend days. The primary method of data collection involves an innovative new iPad application called "iSOPARC" that he and other faculty members helped develop. Troy's master's thesis will draw from these data in hopes to better inform policy decisions regarding shared use agreements to create more physically active communities. Troy was recently the recipient of the 2014 Academy of Leisure Sciences Future Scholar Award, given to outstanding master's students interested in pursuing a doctorate and exhibiting significant scholarly potential. Troy enjoys running, biking, hiking, pickup basketball and anything that breaks a good sweat! Troy lives in Apex with his wife Marella.

Undergraduate Student Profile - Gabby Sinkovic
Being a member of the Wolfpack for the past four and a half years of my life has been extremely amazing! The PGA Golf Management program has truly been my home away from home during my time at NC State, and I don't think I could've imagined a more exciting college career! Through the PGA Golf Management program, I have had the opportunity to complete four internships prior to graduation, and I have already accepted two seasonal positions post-graduation. I've interned at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm (Potomac, MD), Bandon Dunes Golf Resort (Bandon, OR), Interlachen Country Club
(Minneapolis, MN), and the PGA of America Headquarters (Palm Beach Gardens, FL). Upon graduation, I will become an assistant professional at Riomar Country Club in Vero Beach, FL for the winter months and an assistant professional at Interlachen Country Club for the summer months. I’ve held multiple leadership positions in the PGM program during my time here, and I am currently serving as the first female president of the program in my last semester at NC State.

On the university level, I’ve been fortunate enough to also serve a year as a Chancellor’s Aide for Chancellor Randy Woodson. I’ve been able to meet many distinguished alumni and current faculty members that have huge impacts on NC State, and I’ve been able to meet them at multiple events hosted by the Chancellor, i.e. basketball games, football games, banquets, and other special events. This year, I was an honored guest at the Carol Johnson Poole Clubhouse Dedication, which was very special to me as I was showcased as both a Chancellor’s Aide and President of the PGA Golf Management program.

I will also be a valedictorian when I graduate this December! I feel extremely blessed to have so many experiences to fondly look back on at NC State. All of these opportunities have truly shaped an amazing college career here, and I can’t wait to become a proud alumnus when January comes around.

**CNR & PRTM Launch New Websites**

In keeping with NC State’s new branding campaign and subsequent launch of the new website, CNR and PRTM launched new websites on October 31st. The new site is designed to give the college a cohesive look across departments and increase ease of navigation. Check it out at: [cnr.ncsu.edu](http://cnr.ncsu.edu) and [cnr.ncsu.edu/prtm](http://cnr.ncsu.edu/prtm).

**May 2014 Commencement Numbers**

In May, 2014 a total of 176 students graduated from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management. The break down by major: 66 PRT, 13 PGM, 67 SPM, 26 Master of PRT, 1 Master of Natural Resources, 1 Master of Science in PRT and 2 Ph.D.s.

**Upcoming Events**

December 18, 2014 - Fall Commencement

April, 2015 - Alumni & Friends Banquet - Day and Location TBA

See More Events and Important Dates on the [PRTM Event Calendar](http://www.prtm.ncsu.edu/event-calendar)

**Support PRTM**

Alumni and friends of PRTM play an important role in the department’s continuing success by participating in special events and programs, serving as guest lecturers, supporting the college’s fundraising efforts and encouraging future generations of students by providing internships and other field opportunities.

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