

TEXAS STATE VITA

I. Academic/Professional Background

Dr. Marcus Robert Dussler

Chief Education Officer - The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment

B. Educational Background

| Degree | Year | University | Major | Thesis/Dissertation |
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| BA | 1991 | St. Edwards University | Psychology | Mandating Sex Education in the Public-School System *Honors Thesis |
| M.Ed. | 2002 | Georgia College and State University | Health, Physical Education and Recreation – Outdoor Education Administration | NA |
| Ph.D. | 2014 | University of Georgia | Recreation and Leisure Studies | Understanding the Decision-Making Process of Individuals Involved in a Whitewater Critical Incident or Accident: A Grounded Theory Study |

C. University Experience

| Position | University | Dates |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Lecturer | Texas State University | 2019 - Present |
| Assistant Professor | Young Harris College | 2014 - 2017 |
| Department Chair | Young Harris College | 2010 - 2017 |
| Instructor | Young Harris College | 2003 - 2014 |

D. Relevant Professional Experience

| Position | Entity | Dates |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Assistant Professor | Young Harris College | 2014 - 2017 |
| Department Chair | Young Harris College | 2010 - 2017 |
| Instructor | Young Harris College | 2003 - 2014 |
| Director Outdoor Leadership Center | Young Harris College | 2008 - 2017 |
| Director of Intramural Sports | Young Harris College | 2002 - 2005 |
| Director of Student Affairs | Polestar School | 1999 - 2000 |
| English Teacher | Polestar School | 1999 - 2000 |
| English Teacher | Hope Center School | 1996 - 1999 |

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

Wilderness First Responder, National Outdoor Leadership School, Obtained: May 2019

PADI Open Water Diver, Professional Association of Diving Instructors, Obtained: April 2019

Certified Interpretive Guide, National Association of Interpretation, Obtained: February 2018

American Red Cross Adult, Child, Infant CPR First Aid Instructor, Obtained: February 2018

Swift Water Rescue, American Canoe Association, Obtained: November 2017

Whitewater Kayaking Instructor, American Canoe Association, Obtained: May 2006

River Canoeing Instructor, American Canoe Association, Obtained: May 2001

II. TEACHING

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award - the highest faculty award for teaching excellence at Young Harris College (comprised of faculty vote, 2008)

B. Courses Taught:

Young Harris College – Undergraduate

ODLD 2110 – Introduction to Outdoor Education

ODLD 2115 – A Survey of Wilderness Literature

ODLD 2120 – Backcountry Living Skills

ODLD 2140 – Wilderness First Responder

ODLD 3120 – Water Pursuits

ODLD 3210 – Theory and Practice of Experiential Education

ODLD 3220 – Outdoor Leadership

ODLD 4110 – Wilderness as a Metaphor

ODLD 3996/4998 – Special Topics in Outdoor Leadership

ODLD 4310 – Internship

PALS 1450 – Whitewater Kayaking

PALS 1460 – Canoeing

PALS 1470 – Rock Climbing

PALS 1480 – Fly Fishing

PALS 1500 – Tree Climbing

C. Directed Student Learning (i.e. theses, dissertations, exit committees, etc.):

Independent Study: *Outdoor Leadership Risk Management and Programming* – Sam Clayton–
Summer 2016

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

APST 2200 – Appalachian Trail - Designed curriculum
 ODL 2115 – A Survey of Wilderness Literature - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 2110 – Introduction to Outdoor Education ODL 2120 - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 2130 – Backcountry Living Skills - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 2140 – Wilderness First Responder - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 3110 – Land Pursuits - Designed curriculum
 ODL 3120 – Water Pursuits – Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 3130 – Challenge Course - Designed curriculum
 ODL 3210 – Theory and Practice of Experiential Education - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 3220 – Outdoor Leadership - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 3230 – Environmental Stewardship and Interpretation
 ODL 4110 – Wilderness as a Metaphor - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 4120 – Senior Seminar - Designed curriculum
 ODL 4220 – Processing the Experience- Designed curriculum
 ODL 4230 – Program Administration - Designed curriculum
 ODL 399/4998 – Special Topics - Designed curriculum and course
 ODL 4310 – Internship - Designed curriculum and course
 PALS 1450 – Whitewater Kayaking - Designed curriculum and course
 PALS 1460 – Canoeing - Designed curriculum and course
 PALS 1470 – Rock Climbing - Designed curriculum and course
 PALS 1480 – Fly Fishing - Designed curriculum and course
 PALS 1500 – Tree Climbing - Designed curriculum and course

I. Other:

Author, Bachelor of Science Degree, Outdoor Leadership – Southern Association of Colleges
and Schools Accreditation Proposal – Young Harris College, 2009

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

Dussler, R. (2015). Lessons from the river: Utilizing whitewater critical incident and
accident case studies to inform decision-making frameworks in outdoor

leadership. In P. Parker & N. L. Vaugeois (Eds.), *Innovative leisure practices* (pp. 61-71). Nanaimo BC Canada: World Leisure Center of Excellence.

7. Other Works in Print:

Dussler, R. (2014). *Understanding the decision-making process for individuals involved in a whitewater critical incident or accident: A grounded theory study*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Georgia. https://getd.libs.uga.edu/pdfs/dussler_marcus_r_201408_phd.pdf

Dussler, R. (2014). A dissertation for the doctor of philosophy in outdoor leadership. In Franklin, L. & Hayse, B. (Eds.), *You are here* (pp. 102-108). Acton, Massachusetts: XanEdu.

Dussler, R. (2018). *Cultivating stewardship through nature exploration*. Texas + Water.

Dussler, R. (2013). Faculty Viewpoint: An Experiential Education. *Echoes*, 15 (2), 22-23.

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

Dussler, R. & Wait, M. (2018). *Exploring Nature Connection Through Research: An Overview of Current Research Projects at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment*. Presentation at the 2018 Texas Children in Nature Summit, Corpus Christi, TX.

Dussler, R. (Accepted). *The Influence of Training and Educational Programs on Decision-Making Efficacy in Whitewater Critical Incidents and Accidents: An Opportunity for Growth*. Accepted presentation at the 2017 Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education Annual Conference, Roanoke, VA.

Dussler, R. (2016). *The Swampy Lowlands: Understanding Decision-Making in Whitewater Critical Incidents and Accidents*. Presentation at the 2016 Southeastern Recreation Research Conference, Asheville, NC.

Dussler, R. (2014). *Understanding the Decision-Making Process of Individuals Involved in a Whitewater Critical Incident or Accident*. Presentation at the 22nd Annual Adventure Education Conference. Brevard College, Brevard, NC.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, Presentations:

Dussler, R. (2019). *Mindfulness and nature connection*. Workshop presented to outdoor educator's network, Shield Ranch, Dripping Springs, TX.

Dussler, R. (2019). *Risk and decision making in outdoor recreation*. Presented to REC 1330 Introduction to Outdoor Recreation, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

Dussler, R. (2019). *Mindfulness and personal narrative*. Presented to the Natural Leader's Summit, Texas State University; March 29, 2019

Dussler, R. (2019). *Mindfulness and environmental interpretation*. Presented to GEO 4323 Conservation Leadership, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

Dussler, R. (2019). *The importance of our spring fed lakes: Past, present and future*. Presented to the Friends for the Preservation of Historic Landa Park, New Braunfels, TX.

Dussler, R. (2014). *Professionals from the field: College program creation and development*. Presented to ODL 4230 Program Administration, Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA.

Dussler, R. (2013). *Professionals from the field: College Program creation and development*. Presented to ODL 4230 Program Administration, Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA.

Dussler, R. (2011). *Outdoor education past, present, and future*. Keynote address at the 2nd Annual Academic Symposium, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA.

5. Other Works not in Print:

a. Works "in progress"

Dussler, R., Deringer, S.A. (in progress). *Mindfulness interventions and environmental interpretation*.

C. Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

Griffin, L.K., Deringer, S.A., **Dussler, R.**, Thomas, A., & Wait, M. (2019). *Strengthening experiential education opportunities in central Texas*. Texas Parks and Wildlife Co-Op Grant. Grant provides resources to examine the impact of experiential education programming on underserved youth participating in an after-school program and 6-day expedition \$49,969.

Dussler, R. (2018). *Non-native species removal kayaking program*. American Canoe Association L.L. Bean Club Fostered Stewardship Grant. Grant provided resources for an environmental education program with underserved youth focusing on STEM and experiential learning \$975.20

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional:

1. University

Member, Assistant Director for Outdoor Recreation Search Committee (2018)

2. College:

Member, College Relations Committee (2012 – 2014)

Member, Safety and Compliance Committee (2013 – 2017)

Member, Sustainability Committee (2010 – 2013)

Member, First Year Experience Committee (2009)

Chair, Assistant Professor Outdoor Leadership Search Committee (2009)

Chair, Coordinator Outdoor Leadership Center (2008)

Member, Assistant Professor Sociology Search Committee (2007)

Member, Planning and Assessment Council (2007 – 2008)

Member, Faculty Development and Welfare Committee

Member, Arts and Assemblies Committee (2006)

3. Department/School:

Advisor, Young Harris College Outings Club (2013 - 2017)

D. Organization Memberships:

Leadership Team Member, Children in Nature Network Collaborative of Austin (2017-present)

Member, National Association of Interpretation (2017-present)

Member, Association of Outdoor Recreation and (2016-present)

Member, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (2014-2017)

Member, Association of Experiential Education (2011 – 2017)

E. Service Honors and Awards

Young Harris College Pacesetter's Award (2014). Presented for service to student organizations at the college.

Texas Christian University Intra-Fraternity Council Distinguished Merit Award (1989). Presented for service to University fraternities alcohol awareness and education program.