KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Agriculture
Department of Horticulture,
Forestry, and Recreation Resources

Assistant Professor of Recreation Resources
Park Management and Conservation
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POSITION: Assistant Professor, Recreation Resources. 12-month, tenure-track, 70% teaching, 30% research appointment in the Park Management and Conservation unit (a NRPA accredited curriculum). The successful candidate will be responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining a successful teaching program and an active program in applied and/or basic research closely aligned with the unit's mission.

LOCATION: Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- **A** Ph.D. in outdoor recreation and/or park resource management or closely aligned discipline
- Commitment to excellence in teaching
- Demonstrated excellence in research
- Ability to effectively communicate by oral and written means.
- Ability to interact professionally and amicably with diverse academic colleagues
- Demonstration of a high level of self-motivation
- Possess a strong commitment to collegiality, teamwork, and expanding and fostering diversity

Preference will be given to candidates with excellent communication and leadership skills and a record of teaching and research excellence.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Strengthen the existing curriculum at the undergraduate and graduate level.
- Teach courses with content designed to meet the curriculum's student learning objectives; such as Introduction to Outdoor Recreation, Outdoor Recreation Programs and Events, Sustainable Tourism, and Human Dimensions of Outdoor Recreation.
- Advise undergraduate students and the student club.
- Maintain a distinguished record of both teaching and research scholarship in the area of outdoor recreation and/or park and natural resource management/rural tourism. *(Scholarly activity is defined as creative, intellectual work that is validated by peers and communicated widely.)*
- Develop a vigorous, externally funded and nationally recognized research program focused on outdoor recreation and/or park and natural resource management/rural tourism.
- Participate in all facets of graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students

- Work collaboratively within the university, college and department and with outside stakeholders, to include park and recreation agencies, professional societies and associations, not-for-profit organizations and recreation enterprises, resulting in noteworthy contributions to the profession.

BENEFITS: Salary will be competitive and commensurate with professional experience. Compensation also includes excellent fringe benefits that consist of employer contributions to the individual's retirement program, medical, life & disability insurance, and sabbatical-leave opportunities.

TO APPLY: To ensure full consideration, each candidate should submit a cover letter that includes a statement of professional goals for teaching and research, their curriculum vitae with full list of publications, at least three letters of reference and official transcripts of all college-level work. All application materials should be sent to: Mrs. Sam Reyer, Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources, Kansas State University, 2021 Throckmorton Plant Science Center, Manhattan, KS 66506. Email: creyer@ksu.edu. Phone: 1-785-532-3365. Electronic submission as .pdf files preferred.

Specific questions regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Sid Stevenson, 785-532-1405, sstevens@ksu.edu. Finalists will be required to provide a signed consent form authorizing the University to conduct a background check. Actual background investigations will be conducted on a post offer/pre-employment basis.

DEADLINE: Screening of applicants will begin on September 13 and continue until position is filled. Expected appointment will be January 1, 2014.

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Useful web sites to learn more about K-State and the city of Manhattan:
Kansas State University: www.ksu.edu
Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources: www.hfrr.ksu.edu
City of Manhattan: www.ci.manhattan.ks.us