

**Penn State's Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management
(RPTM) Announces Two Exciting Opportunities
Opportunities for 2015/2016!**



PhD Graduate Assistantship

National Park Management/Soundscapes/Health & Human Well-being

Responsibilities associated with this assistantship will include field research projects in protected areas such as Grand Teton and Rocky Mountain National Parks, and field work for a National Science Foundation Coupled Human and Natural Systems Study and/or controlled experiments (in the Penn State Social Science Acoustics Laboratory) exploring the role of protected areas for human health and wellbeing. The graduate assistant will work with RPTM faculty among an interdisciplinary team made up of faculty from Bio-Behavioral Health, Psychology, the Graduate Program in Acoustics, the Penn State Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness, the dual degree Graduate Program in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment, as well as natural resource agency managers, educational organizations, and scientists.

- For further information, please contact Drs. Peter Newman at pbn3@psu.edu or Derrick Taff at bdt3@psu.edu.

Post Doctoral Position

National Park Management/Soundscapes/Health & Human Well-being

Work with Drs. Peter Newman and Derrick Taff in the Park Studies Unit at Penn State:

Coordinate Park and Protected Areas studies in, but not limited to:

- Denali National Park and Preserve
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Grand Teton National Park

Join our team of scientists on a National Science Foundation-Coupled Human Natural Systems (NSF-CHANS) study. This research will examine the acoustic environment in Parks and Protected Areas as it concerns people and wildlife.

Join our team to explore the effects of noise/natural sounds on human health and well being

- Develop experiments in our Social Science Acoustics Laboratory
- Work with professors of Medicine/Bio-Behavioral Health, Psychology, Ecology, and Acoustics
- Work with natural resource managers and scientists

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<http://psu.jobs/Search/Opportunities.html>

The Penn State Difference

Penn State is one of the leading research universities in the United States. Its graduate programs attract students from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds and from more than 100 countries around the world.

Established in 1946, Penn State's Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management (RPTM) is one of the most well respected programs of its kind in the nation. Its multidisciplinary graduate program educates students about research, theory and practice at the individual, societal and cross-cultural levels. Both the M.S program and the Ph.D. program help students develop an understanding of the social, psychological, and environmental aspects of human behavior. Both programs allow students to concentrate their studies in a variety of areas such as: recreation/tourism management and marketing; sustainable tourism; leisure and well-being; outdoor recreation and protected area management; community recreation; visitor use behavior; family recreation; and general leisure behavior.

Master of Science (M.S.) Degree

The M.S. degree is designed for students who wish to continue their studies at the doctoral level at Penn State. Students who wish to pursue a Ph.D degree but do not have an M.S. degree will complete a thesis and earn a masters degree in the process of working toward the doctorate.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

The Ph.D. degree provides in-depth preparation for research and teaching positions at the college and university levels as well as higher-level administrative positions with public or private recreation providers. Graduates have also found employment with consulting firms who build off their research expertise.

“The Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management offers the best of both worlds: a family atmosphere nested within a world-class research facility. The faculty consistently supported my growth as an instructor, encouraged me as a fledgling instructor, and helped me to learn what it means to be a member of an academic community. From teaching to tailgating, there was always someone there to help make the experience better!”

Rob Andrejewski, Ph.D. '11

Outreach & Education Coordinator, Office for Sustainability, University of Virginia

For more information about the RPTM graduate program and how to apply through the graduate portal, please go to hhd.psu.edu/rptm/graduate and/or contact Dr. Deb Kerstetter (debk@psu.edu), Professor-in-Charge of the Graduate Program in RPTM.