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### ***Education***

- University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, Minnesota** **May 2004**  
-Ph.D. in Education / Emphasis in Recreation, Park and Leisure Studies / Advisor: Dr. Leo McAvoy  
-Dissertation Topic: *An Investigation of the Solo in a Wilderness Experience Program*
- Minnesota State University - Mankato, Minnesota** **May 2001**  
-Master of Science in Experiential Education / Advisor: Dr. Jasper Hunt
- Montreat College - Montreat, North Carolina** **December 1996**  
-Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Education
- Wheaton College - Wheaton, Illinois**  
-Wilderness Leadership Practicum, HoneyRock, Three Lakes Wisconsin **Summer 1996**  
-Summer Leadership School, HoneyRock, Three Lakes, Wisconsin **Summer 1993, 1994**
- Related Educational Experience**
- Leave No Trace** **June 2017**  
-Master Educator training offered through Landmark Learning
- North Carolina Outward Bound School** **June 2006**  
-8-day sea kayak instructor training in the Outer Banks coastal area of NC
- Wilderness Education Association** **August 2004**  
-10-day Advanced Professional Short Course in the Sierra Mountains of California
- North Carolina Outward Bound School** **May 2002**  
-14-day wilderness course instructor training
- Wilderness Medicine Institute - Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician** **November 1994**
- National Outdoor Leadership School - Lander, Wyoming** **Fall 1994**  
-Twenty-one day sea kayaking course in Baja California
- Discovery Wilderness Practicum - Montreat College - Montreat, North Carolina** **May 1993**  
-Twenty-one day wilderness course in the mountains of Western North Carolina
- Colorado Outward Bound School - Denver, Colorado** **Summer 1992**  
-Twenty-one day multi-environment course in the Cataract Canyon and Henry Mountains of Utah

### ***Higher Education Experience***

- Professor and Program Director – Experiential and Outdoor Education (M. S.)**  
Western Carolina University – Cullowhee, North Carolina – February 2020 – present  
-Co-created new Masters degree program curricula and overall program plan

-Currently teaching courses including: Research Methods in EOE, Foundations of Experiential and Outdoor Education, and Current Trends and Issues in Experiential and Outdoor Education

**Program Director – Parks and Recreation Management Program (B.S.)**

Western Carolina University – Cullowhee, North Carolina – August 2014 – August 2020

-Provided administrative leadership for thriving undergraduate degree program including: class scheduling, budget prioritization, risk management procedures, adjunct instructor recruitment and support

**Professor– Parks and Recreation Management Program (B.S.)**

Western Carolina University – Cullowhee, North Carolina – August 2014 – present

-Currently supervising students conducting internships at local, regional and national agencies  
-Currently serving as the PRM coordinator for a year-long exchange program at GMIT in Ireland  
-Taught courses in Camp Counseling, Introduction to Outdoor Pursuits & Program Planning in PRM  
-Advised average of twenty-five undergraduate students within the Parks and Recreation Management major  
-Created new Summer Travel Course proposals for PRM 427: Wilderness Education annually  
-Coordinated articulation agreements with Southwestern Community College and Landmark Learning

**Coordinator – Team Development Course (TDC)**

Western Carolina University – Cullowhee, North Carolina – October 2016 – present

-Coordinated design and installation of new trail system and fixed low ropes course  
-Developed administrative documents for University partners  
-Co-created training manual and administrative program manual  
-Facilitated faculty and staff trainings  
-Coordinate regular maintenance, inspection and equipment purchases

**Associate Professor & Co-Chair – Outdoor Education Department**

Montreat College – Montreat, North Carolina – August, 2005 – May, 2014 / Co-Chair Fall 07 – May, 2014

-Provided administrative leadership for the department's five faculty and one professional staff including program coordination for two undergraduate degrees and one graduate degree  
-Taught courses in Outdoor and Adventure Education, Wilderness Skills and Administration and Management  
-Developed and managed a 13-day wilderness orientation program for incoming freshman students  
-Developed and coordinated intensive, traveling semester certification program in wilderness leadership  
-Co-authored proposal for Team and Leadership Center (\$500,000) and served as construction coordinator  
-Authored Wilderness Education Association accreditation application and served as department liaison

**Assistant Professor – Department of Health Education and Recreation**

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Illinois – August 2004 – May 2005

-Taught courses in Recreation Programming, Adventure Education and Outdoor Recreation Management  
-Managed Wilderness Education Association expedition-based courses (7 – 21-days in length)

**Instructor/Teaching Assistant – Division of Recreation and Sports Studies**

University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, Minnesota – August 2001 – May 2004

-Taught a range of courses in Recreation, Outdoor Education and Physical Education  
-Designed and taught new Backpacking and Kayaking courses within the Physical Education program  
-Managed student practicum experiences and served as liaison with agency supervisors

**Wilderness Leadership Practicum Senior Trainer / Wilderness Course Instructor**

HoneyRock - Wheaton College - Three Lakes, Wisconsin - Summers 1997, 2000, 2004

-Facilitated a group of nine undergraduate and graduate students throughout wilderness leadership training  
-Taught seminars which enabled the students to learn different leadership and teaching skills  
-Trained the students in technical skills including: expedition planning, canoeing, rock climbing

**Graduate Assistant - Academic Initiatives and Learning Community Program**

Office of First Year Experience – Minnesota State University – Mankato, Minnesota – 2000 - 2001

- Coordinated outside learning opportunities for Learning Community participants
- Created multiple marketing pieces to be used by the University for program recruitment and advertising
- Investigator for ongoing research project evaluating the experiences of Learning Community students

***Related Employment***

**Director of Training and Education, Co-Founder**

2<sup>nd</sup> Nature TREC (Training, Research, Education and Consulting) – 2019 - present

- Coordinate training and education related consulting activities
- Collaborate on all consulting services including program evaluation, research, trainings
- Created training curriculum for the Wilderness Education Association
- Hosted various virtual and in-person conferences and events including the International Conference on Outdoor Leadership (ICOL)

**Kayaking Program Supervisor**

Camp Merri-Mac & Camp Timberlake – Black Mountain, North Carolina – Summers 2013, 2014, 2015

Camp Rockmont for Boys – Black Mountain, North Carolina – Summers 2008-2012

HoneyRock - Wheaton College - Three Lakes, Wisconsin - Summer 1994

- Coordinated the camp's kayaking program and trained the summer staff to instruct kayaking

**High and Low Ropes Course Facilitator**

Team and Leadership Center at Montreat College – North Carolina – January 2007 – May 2014

Friendship Ventures- Annandale, Minnesota – 2002 - 2003

Minnesota State University - Mankato, Minnesota - August 2000 - May 2001

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly (Alpine Tower) – Black Mountain, North Carolina - 1995 - 1997

Montreat College - Montreat, North Carolina – 1995 - 1996

In the Oaks Conference Center – Black Mountain, North Carolina – 1996

- Created and implemented programs for groups ages 12 - 55 using initiatives and high ropes elements

**Senior Wilderness Instructor**

North Carolina Outward Bound School – Cedar Rock Base Camp – Summers 2002, 2003, 2006

- Planned course routes, logistics, equipment and food preparation for 5 – 21-day wilderness courses
- Facilitated group and individual growth and skill development with participants ages 14 – 60 years
- Managed program components including backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater canoeing, and solo

**Adventure Education Consultant**

Asheville Outdoors Instruction and Guiding Company – Asheville, N.C. – 2002 – 2005

Seagate Technologies Australian Eco-Challenge – Bloomington, MN – January 2003, 2004

University of Minnesota Center for Outdoor Adventure – St. Paul, MN – 2001 – 2004

- Instructed specialized courses in Whitewater Kayaking, Competitive Orienteering and Rock Climbing

**Adventure Program Coordinator**

YMCA Camp Greenville - Cedar Mountain, North Carolina - November 1997- May 2000

- Supervised over 100 seasonal staff including staff recruitment, hiring, and training
- Created, implemented and managed on and off-site adventure programs of 2 days to 4 weeks in length
- Manager of three indoor and outdoor high ropes course facilities and indoor climbing gym
- Presented the camp's history, philosophy, and programs at over 75 recruitment functions

**Wilderness Course Instructor**

HoneyRock - Wheaton College - Three Lakes, Wisconsin - Summer 1996  
 -Designed and facilitated 15 – 28-day backpacking, canoeing, and climbing courses for adolescents

**Management Assistant / Director of Advertising and Promotions**

Lone Eagle Whitewater and Resort - Jackson, Wyoming – Summer, 1995  
 -Coordinated daily operations that involved liaison to the U.S. Forest Service and Jackson Chamber  
 -Facilitated over 300 promotional visits throughout Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming

***Teaching Experience in Higher Education***

**Western Carolina University**

Current Trends and Issues in Experiential and Outdoor Education (EOE 601)	Spring 2021, 2022
Research Methods in Experiential and Outdoor Education (EOE 503)	Fall 2020, 2021, 2022
Thesis I/ Project I (EOE 679)	Fall 2021, 2022
Thesis II/ Project II (EOE 699)	Spring 2022
Philosophy and Theory of Experiential and Outdoor Education (EOE 501)	Fall 2020
Foundations of EOE (EOE 500)	Fall 2020, 2021, 2022
Camp Counseling (PRM 313)	Spring 2019
Wilderness Education – Summer Travel Course (PRM 427/ EOE 627)	Summers 2015- present
Survey of Outdoor Adventure Activities (PRM 224 or PRM 293)	Fall 2017 - 2019
Expedition Management and Leadership (PRM 454)	Spring 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020
Administration and Leadership of Outdoor Pursuits (PRM 454)	Spring 2015, 2017
Program Planning and Evaluation (PRM 361)	Fall 2014, 2015, 2016
Introduction to Outdoor Pursuits (PRM 254)	Fall 2014- Spring 2021
Mini Internship in Parks and Recreation (PRM 383)	Fall 2014- present

**Montreat College**

Research Methods (Graduate Course: EV 520)	Fall 2010 - 2015
Facilitating Outdoor Education Experiences (OE 111)	Spring 2014
Wilderness Journey Practicum (OE 182)	January 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014
Whitewater Kayaking (PE 240)	Fall & Spring 2005 - 2014
Advanced Whitewater Kayaking (PE 241)	Fall 2005 - 2014
Administration and Management in Outdoor Education (OE 404)	Fall 2005 - 2014
Conference and Event Planning (OE 225) – Professor	Fall 2013
Outdoor Programming and Leadership: Expedition Mgmt. (OE 312)	Spring 2005 - 2014
Outdoor Programming and Leadership: Kayaking (OE 311)	Spring 2005 - 2014
Pre-Internship (IS 310)	Fall 2010, 2012, 2013
Survey of Outdoor Education (OE 103)	Fall 2010 - 2013
Backpacking (PE 210)	Fall 2012
Current Issues in Outdoor Education (OE 462)	Spring 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012
Challenge Course Facilitation (OE 480)	Spring 2009, 2012
Leadership and Group Dynamics (OE 306)	Spring 2006, 2007, 2010
Wilderness Journey for First Year Students (OE 181)	August 2006 - 2009
Outdoor Living Skills (OE 190)	Fall 2005 - 2008
History and Philosophy of Outdoor Education (OE 112)	Spring 2006
Foundations of Faith and Learning (IS 102)	Fall 2005

**Southern Illinois University**

Expedition Leadership (REC 431)	Spring 2005
Outdoor Living Skills (REC 331)	Spring 2005
Outdoor Recreation Management (REC 445)	Spring 2005
Program Design and Group Dynamics (REC 302)	2004 - 2005
Adventure Programming Skills and Concepts (REC 475E)	Fall 2004

**University of Minnesota**

Leisure and Human Development (REC 3601W) – Instructor	Spring 2004
Outdoor and Camp Leadership (REC 2151) – Instructor	Fall 2003
Orientation to Leisure and Recreation (REC 1501) – Instructor	Fall 2002/Spring 2003
Whitewater Kayaking (P.E. 1022) – Instructor	Fall 2003/Spring 2004
Wilderness and Adventure Education (REC 5301) – T.A.	Spring 2003
Backpacking (PE 1047) – Instructor	Spring 2003/Fall 2003
Orienteering (PE 1042) – Instructor	Spring 2002
Cycling (PE 1041) – Instructor	Fall 2001
Beginning Swimming (PE 1007) – Instructor	Fall 2001
Recreation Programming (REC 3541W) – T.A.	Fall 2002
Adventures in Teambuilding (REC 5900) – T.A.	Spring 2002
Community Leisure Services for Persons with Disabilities (REC 5271) – T.A.	Fall 2001
Outdoor and Camp Leadership (REC 2151) – T.A.	Fall 2001

**Other Higher Education Teaching Experience**

Winter Wilderness Skills (SP/F 148) – Instructor – Wheaton College, IL	March 2001
Freshman Vanguard Expedition (Gen. Ed.) – Instructor – Wheaton College, IL	August 1996, 1997
Experience and Nature Seminar – Guest Lecturer – Minnesota State University	May 2002/2003
Camp Programming – Guest Lecturer – Brevard College	Fall 1999

**Graduate Student Thesis and Dissertation Committees**

M.S. in Experiential and Outdoor Education – Western Carolina University (2020 – present)  
 -Thesis or Project Chair (18 students)

Ph. D. in Clinical Psychology – Western Carolina University (2022 – present)  
 -Dissertation committee member (1 student)

M.S. in Clinical Psychology – Western Carolina University (2019 – present)  
 -Thesis committee member (1 student)

Ph. D. in Higher Education Leadership – Azuza Pacific University (2013 – July, 2015)  
 -Dissertation committee member (1 student graduated)

M.A. in Leisure Studies - Brock University (2012 - present)  
 -Thesis committee member (2 students graduated)

M.A. in Adventure Education - Prescott College (2011 – present)  
 -Qualifying Paper Reader  
 -Thesis committee member (2 students graduated)

M.S. in Environmental Education – Montreat College (2010 – 2017)  
 -Thesis committee member (9 students graduated)

***Research and Creative Activity***

**Current Research Projects**

Daniel, B., Bobilya, A. J. & Faircloth, W. B. (ongoing). *Significant Life Experience of an Outward Bound Expedition: 50 years Later* – Research project with the North Carolina Outward Bound School: Asheville, NC.

Faircloth, W. B., Seaman, J., Whitney, R. & Bobilya, A. J. (ongoing). *Psychometric Investigation of a Reduced Kellert-Shorb Biophilic Values Indicator: Development of a Brief Measure of Environmental Values*. Research project in partnership with faculty and students at the University of New Hampshire.

Bobilya, A. J. & Faircloth, W. B. (ongoing). *Program Assessment Utilizing the New North Carolina Outward Bound Outcomes Instrument* – Program evaluation project with the North Carolina Outward Bound School: Asheville, NC.

**Professional Activity Funding**

Cherokee Preservation Foundation (2022). \$11, 352.00 awarded

Western Carolina University, Chancellor's Travel Fund (2022). \$1,200.00 awarded

Western Carolina University, Chancellor's Travel Fund (2019). \$1,200.00 awarded

Western Carolina University, Chancellor's Travel Fund (2018). \$1,200.00 awarded

Western Carolina University, Chancellor's Travel Fund (2017). \$1,200.00 awarded

Western Carolina University, Chancellor's Travel Fund (2016). \$1,200.00 awarded

Western Carolina University, Chancellor's Travel Fund (2015). \$927.80 awarded

Western Carolina University, Department of Human Services, Project Value Scholarship Support, \$558.70 awarded

Western Carolina University, Chancellor's Travel Fund (2014). \$581 awarded

Appalachian College Association, (2012). Professional Development Travel Grant, \$500 awarded

Montreat College Faculty Scholarship, (2011), Summer Research Grant, \$3,000 awarded

Appalachian College Association, (2010). Summer Fellowship, \$5, 500 submitted. (denied)

Appalachian College Association, (2009). Professional Development Travel Grant, \$550 awarded

Montreat College Faculty Scholarship, (2007). Summer Research Grant, \$2,500 awarded

Appalachian College Association, (2006). Professional Development Travel Grant, \$385 awarded

Appalachian College Association, (2005). Professional Development Travel Grant, \$250 awarded

**Publications****Refereed Publications**

- McCole, D., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Lindley, B., Holman, T., Shirilla, P., Jacobs, J. & McAvoy, L. (in review). Navigating the professoriate in contemporary academia: A co/autoethnography of seven outdoor educators/university faculty. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*.
- Daniel, B., **Bobilya, A. J.** & Faircloth, W. B. (2022). The life significance of an Outward Bound expedition: 50 years later. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 14(4). 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2022-11601>
- Kinch, R., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Daniel, B. & Duncan, S. (2022). Indigenous storytelling, Cherokee traditional ecological knowledge, and place-based education. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 14(4). 55-70. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2022-11601>
- Schafer, D. M., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Lawhon, B., Schultz, J. & Faircloth, W. B. (2022). Understanding hikers' behavioral intent towards Leave No Trace in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 14(4), 19-35. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2022-11589>
- Schmidt, A. & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2022). Engaging youth as community leaders in outdoor education research, program design, and evaluation. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 14(1), 78-86. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2022-V14-I1-11124>
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Faircloth, W. B., Lindley, B. R., Holman, T. & McAvoy, L. H. (2021). A pre-post analysis of participant learning and growth using a new Outward Bound outcomes instrument. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 13(3), 21-34. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2021-V13-I3-10406>
- Robertson, P., Graves, E., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Murdock, T., Brotherton, D., & Hunter, S. (2020). An exploratory study of the benefits of a three-week cycling expedition for potential first-generation college students. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 12(4), 409-416. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2020-V12-I4-9849>
- Hines, E., Daniel, B. & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2020). Environmental views of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. *Ecopsychology*, 12(2), 118-127. <https://doi.org/10.1089/eco.2019.0051>
- Meltzer, N. W., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Mitten, D., Faircloth, W. B., & Chandler, R. (2020). An investigation of moderators of change and the influence of the instructor on outdoor orientation program participants' biophilic expressions. *Journal of Outdoor and Environmental Education*. 23, 207-224. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42322-020-00051-w>
- McCole, D., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Holman, T. & Lindley, B. (2019). Benefits of summer camp: What do parents value? *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 11(3), 239-247. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JOREL-2019-V11-I3-9672>
- Meltzer, N. W., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Faircloth, W. B., Mitten, D. & Chandler, R. (2018) The effect of an outdoor orientation program on participants biophilic expressions. *Journal of Outdoor and Environmental Education*, 21(2), 187-205. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42322-018-0013-x>
- Bobilya, A. J.**, & Faircloth, W. B. (2017). Exploring course outcomes utilizing a new Outward Bound outcomes instrument. *Research in Outdoor Education*, 15, 114-136.

- Rude, W. J., **Bobilya, A. J.**, & Bell, B. J. (2017). An investigation of the connection between outdoor orientation, campus involvement, sense of community, and thriving. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 9(2), 197-216.
- Faircloth, W. B. & **Bobilya, A. J.**, & Ewert, A. W. (2016). The North Carolina Outward Bound School Course Impression Survey: A psychometric investigation. *Research in Outdoor Education*, 14, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1353/roe.2016.0006>
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Kalisch, K. R., Daniel, B. & Coulson, E. (2015). An investigation of participant's intended and actual transfer of learning following an Outward Bound wilderness experience. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*, 7(2), 93-111.
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Kalisch, K., & Daniel, B. (2014). Participants' perceptions of their Outward Bound final expedition and the relationship to instructor supervisory position. *Journal of Experiential Education*, 37(4), 397-414. doi:10.1177/1053825913510693.
- Daniel, B., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Kalisch, K. R. & McAvoy, L. H. (2014). Autonomous student experiences in outdoor and adventure education programming. *Journal of Experiential Education*, 37(1), 4-17.
- Faircloth, W. B., & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2013). A psychometric investigation of the North Carolina Outward Bound Student Course Impression Scale. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*, 5(2), 115–118.
- Marsh, P. E. & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2013). Examining backcountry adventure as a spiritual experience. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*, 5(1), 74–95.
- Kalisch, K. R., **Bobilya, A. J.** & Daniel, B. (2011). The Outward Bound solo: A study of participants' perceptions. *Journal of Experiential Education*. 34(1), 1-18.
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Kalisch, K., & Daniel, B. (2011). The Outward Bound final expedition: Exploring the effect of instructor positioning on the student experience. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*. 3(2), 80-83.
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Akey, L. & Mitchell, D. (2011). Outcomes of a spiritually focused wilderness orientation program. *Journal of Experiential Education*. 33(4), 301-322.
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Kalisch, K., & Daniel, B. (2011). An investigation of the Outward Bound final expedition. *Journal of Experiential Education*, 33(4), 356-359.
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Holman, T., Lindley, B. McAvoy, L. H. (2010). Developing trends and issues in U.S. outdoor and adventure-based experiential education programming. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*. 2 (3), 301-321.
- Daniel, B., **Bobilya, A. J.**, Kalisch, K. & Lindley, B. (2010). Lessons from the Outward Bound solo: Intended transfer of learning. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership*. 2(1), 37-58.
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Akey, L. & Mitchell, D. (2009). Outcomes of a spiritually-focused wilderness orientation program. *Journal of Experiential Education*, 31(3), 440-443.
- Bobilya, A. J.** & Kalisch, K. R. (2006). The wilderness solo: The Effect of Intentional Design [Abstract]. In Paisley, K., McAvoy, L., Young, A. B., Shooter, W., & Bochniak, J. (Eds.), *Research in outdoor education: Vol. 8* (pp. 145-146) Cortland, NY: Coalition for Education in the Outdoors.



- Bobilya, A. J.,** McAvoy, L.H., & Kalisch, K. R. (2005). The power of the instructor in the solo experience: An empirical study and some non-empirical questions. *Journal of Adventure Education and Outdoor Learning*, 5(1), 35-50.
- Bobilya, A. J.,** Kalisch, K. R., & McAvoy, L. H. (2005). An investigation of the role of the instructor in the solo experience. *Journal of Experiential Education*, 27(3), 318-321.
- Bobilya, A. J.,** Kalisch, K. R., McAvoy, L. H. & Jacobs, J. (2005). A mixed-method investigation of the solo in a wilderness experience program. In Paisley, K., Bunting, C. J., Young, A. B. & Bloom, K. (Eds.), *Research in outdoor education: Vol. 7.* (pp. 1 – 18). Cortland, NY: Coalition for Education in the Outdoors.
- Jacobs, J. A., McAvoy, L. H. & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2005). An Analysis of the effects of summer camp employment on emotional intelligence. In Paisley, K., Bunting, C. J., Young, A. B. & Bloom, K. (Eds.), *Research in outdoor education: Vol. 7.* (pp. 73 – 89). Cortland, NY: Coalition for Education in the Outdoors.
- Blackhurst, A. E., Akey, L. D. & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2003) A qualitative investigation of student outcomes in a residential learning community. *Journal of The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition*, 15(2), 35-59.
- Bobilya, A. J.,** & Akey, L. D. (2002). An evaluation of adventure education components in a residential learning community. *Journal of Experiential Education*, 25(2), 296-304.

#### **Book Chapters**

- Bobilya, A. J.,** Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. R. (2015). Autonomous Student Experiences: Are They Too Risky for Today's Outdoor Adventure Program? In Black, R. & Bricker, K. (Eds.), *Adventure Programming and Travel for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (pp. 353-357). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.
- Bobilya, A. J.,** Holman, T., Lindley, B. & McAvoy, L. H. (2015). Changing Landscapes: Trends in North American Adventure Programming. In Black, R. & Bricker, K. (Eds.), *Adventure Programming and Travel for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (pp. 11-17). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.
- Daniel, B. & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2012). Guarding Safety Without Compromising Learning: The Value of Unaccompanied Components. In Martin, B. & Wagstaff, M. (Eds.), *Controversial Issues in Adventure Programming* (pp. 220-226). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.
- Bobilya, A. J.** & Daniel, B. (2011). The Life of Eleanor Duckworth. In Smith, T. & Knapp, C. E. (Eds.), *Sourcebook for experiential education: Key thinkers and their contributions* (pp. 73-79). New York, NY: Routledge/Taylor & Francis.
- Bobilya, A. J.** & Daniel, B. (2007). The basics of backcountry camping. In Goldenberg, M. & Martin, B. (Eds.), *Outdoor Adventures: Hiking & Backpacking* (pp. 179-210). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.
- Bobilya, A. J.** (2005) Wilderness, solitude and monastic traditions. In Knapp, C. E. & Smith, T. (Eds.), *Exploring the Power of Solo, Silence, and Solitude* (pp. 61-74). Boulder, CO: Association for Experiential Education.
- Bobilya, A. J.,** McAvoy, L. H. & Kalisch, K. R. (2005) Lessons from the field: Participants' perceptions of a multi-day wilderness solo. In Knapp, C. E. & Smith, T. (Eds.), *Exploring the Power of Solo, Silence, and Solitude* (pp. 103 – 120). Boulder, CO: Association for Experiential Education.

### **Other Publications**

- Daniel, B., **Bobilya, A. J.**, & Kalisch, K. R. (2018, June, 4). Spending time alone in nature is good for your mental and emotional health. *The Conversation*. Retrieved from <https://theconversation.com/spending-time-alone-in-nature-is-good-for-your-mental-and-emotional-health-92652>
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. R., & Lindley, B. (2009). *Lessons from the Outward Bound Solo: Intended transfer of learning*. Conference Proceedings of the 2009 National Conference on Outdoor Leadership sponsored by the Wilderness Education Association. Bradford Woods, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J.**, Kalisch, K. R., Daniel, B., & Lindley, B. (2009). *Benefits and strategies for facilitating solitary reflection on W.E.A. courses*. Conference Proceedings of the 2009 National Conference on Outdoor Leadership sponsored by the Wilderness Education Association. Bradford Woods, IN.
- Holman, T., **Bobilya, A. J.**, & McAvoy, L. (Spring/Summer, 2008). Trends and issues in outdoor adventure programming: Perspectives from practitioners and scholars. *Taproot*, 18(1), 17-24.
- Bobilya, A. J.** (contributor) (2007). *Outdoor Experiential Leadership: Scenarios Describing Incidents, Dilemmas and Opportunities*. In Smith, T. & Allison, P. (Eds.). Tulsa, OK: Learning Unlimited.
- Daniel, B., **Bobilya, A. J.** & Kalisch, K. (2006). The life significance of the wilderness solo and strategies for intentional solo design: A summary of two studies. *The Journal of the Wilderness Education Association*. 18(3), 11-18.
- Maxson, J. & **Bobilya, A. J.** (2005, July) Inclusive adventure programming: A brief background and an introduction to suggested strategies. *Horizon: Newsletter of the Association for Experiential Education*.
- Bobilya, A. J.** (2004). *An investigation of the solo in a wilderness experience program*. (Doctoral dissertation, University of Minnesota, 2004) *Digital Dissertations*, AAT 3129201.
- Bobilya, A. J.** (2001, Spring). Solitude: An essential element of Christian community. *The Leader*, 6.

### **Presentations**

#### **Refereed Presentations**

- Talley, K. A., Bobilya, A. J., Stonehouse, P. & Horschman, J. *Being comfortable with the uncomfortable: Adolescent girl's experiences of an extended outdoor adventure program*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Daniel, B., Bobilya, A. J. & Faircloth, W. B. *The life significance of Outward Bound course components: 50 years later*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Faircloth, W. B., Bobilya, A. J. & Daniel, B., Cox-King, A. & Talaber, J. *Social and emotional learning through community-based outdoor and adventure programming*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Daniel, B., Bobilya, A. J. & Faircloth, W. B. (2022, February). *The life significance of an Outward Bound expedition: 50 years later*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.

- Kinch, R., Bobilya, A. J., Duncan, S., Daniel, B. & Brannon, J. (2022, February). *Indigenous storytelling, Cherokee traditional ecological knowledge, and place-based education*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- McCole, D., Bobilya, A. J., Lindley, B., Holman, T., Shirilla, P., Jacobs, J. & McAvoy, L. (2022, February). *Navigating the professoriate in contemporary academia: A co/autoethnography of seven outdoor educators/university faculty*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Schafer, D. M., Bobilya, A. J., Lawhon, B., Schultz, J. & Faircloth, W. B. (2022, February). *Understanding hikers' behavioral intent towards Leave No Trace in Great Smoky Mountains National Park*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC.
- Faircloth, W. B., Daniel, B., Bobilya, A. J., Cox-King, A. & Talaber, J. (2021, November). *Impact of community-based outdoor and adventure programming on participant social and emotional learning*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International (virtual) Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER).
- Faircloth, W. B., Seaman, J., Whitney, R. & Bobilya, A. J. (2021, November). *Psychometric investigation of a reduced Kellert-Shorb Biophilic Values Indicator: Development of a brief measure of environmental values*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International (virtual) Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER).
- Carlson, R., Bobilya, A. J. & Daniel, B. (2021, November). *The Wilderness Education Association credentialing program: An overview of the benefits and process*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International (virtual) Conference.
- Bobilya, A. J., Faircloth, W. B. & Daniel, B. (2021, February). *The psychology of risk and 21<sup>st</sup> century wilderness program participants*. Session presented at the International Conference on Outdoor Leadership.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B., & Faircloth, W. B. (2020, February). *The psychology of risk and 21<sup>st</sup> century wilderness program participants*. Session presented at the International Conference on Outdoor Leadership, Three Lakes, Wisconsin.
- Bobilya, A. J., Holman, T. H., Lindley, B., Bell, B., Stremba, B., & Mitten, D. (2018, November). *10th annual trends and issues in outdoor education programs panel discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Orlando, Florida.
- Hobbs, W., Martin, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2018, October). *Publishing isn't just for academics*. Session presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference, Snowbird, Utah.
- Daniel, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2018, October). *Exploring perspectives on optimal challenge and risk*. Session presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference, Snowbird, Utah.
- Meltzer, N., Faircloth, A. J., & Faircloth, W.B. (2018, January). *Effects of Participation in a Semester Boarding School on Student's Biophilic Expressions*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, Martinsville, IN.

- McCole, D., Bobilya, A. J., Lindley, B. & Holman, T. (2018, January). *An Investigation of Parents' Perceptions of the Value of a Summer Camp Experience*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, Martinsville, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Middleton, G. (2017, October). *Nurturing the Spirit in Our Staff and Participants: Spirituality and Experiential Education*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- Bobilya, A. J., Holman, T. H., Lindley, B., Shirilla, P., Coulson, E. (2017, October). *9th annual trends and issues in outdoor education programs panel discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- Daniel, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2017, October). *21st Century Program Participants: Can We Achieve the Same Outcomes with Different Levels of Risk?* Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- Faircloth, W. B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2016, October). *There's two ways to count your change: An exploratory investigation of retrospective pre and true pre*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Minneapolis, MN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Middleton, G. (2016, October). *Nurturing the Spirit in Our Staff and Participants: Spirituality and Experiential Education*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Holman, T. H., Lindley, B., Allison, P., Hunt, J., Shirilla, P., Coulson, E., Speelman, L., Frazer, L. (2016, October). *8th annual trends and issues in outdoor education programs panel discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Daniel, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2016, October). *21st Century Program Participants: Can We Achieve the Same Outcomes with Different Levels of Risk?* Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Lindley, B. R., Faircloth, W. B. & Holman, T. (2015, November). *A Qualitative Analysis of Participant Learning and Growth Using a New Outward Bound Outcomes Instrument*. Paper presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education Research Symposium, Atlanta, GA.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. R., Daniel, B. & Middleton, G. (2015, November). *Nurturing the Spirit in Our Staff and Participants: Spirituality and Outdoor Adventure Programming*. Session presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. R. & Bobilya, A. J. (2015, November). *Should wilderness program staff always accompany their participants? Three views*. Session presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Lindley, B. R. & Holman, T. R. & Bobilya, A. J. (2014, October). *7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trends and Issues in Outdoor Experiential Education Programs*. Session presented at 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Conference of the Association of Experiential Education, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

- Faircloth, W. B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2014, October). *Collaborative teaching and research: Integrating field-based research and coursework to promote cross-disciplinary learning*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Chattanooga, TN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. R. & Daniel, B. (2014, October). *Nurturing the Spirit in Our Staff and Participants: Spirituality and Experiential Education*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Chattanooga, TN.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. R. & Bobilya, A. J. (2014, October). *Should wilderness program staff always accompany their participants? Three views*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Chattanooga, TN.
- Meltzer, N., Faircloth, W. B., Bobilya, A. J., & Mitten, D. (2014, October). *An investigation of the influence of the instructor on participants' biophilic expressions*. Poster presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Chattanooga, TN.
- Faircloth, W. B., Bobilya, A. J. & Montgomery, W. H. (2014, October). *A confirmatory assessment of a new Outward Bound outcomes instrument*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Chattanooga, TN.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. R. & Bobilya, A. J. (2014, October). *Should wilderness program staff always accompany their group? Three views*. Session presented at the Wilderness Risk Managers Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Meltzer, N., Faircloth, W. B., Bobilya, A. J., & Mitten, D. (2014, January). *Moderators of change in biophilia following an outdoor orientation program*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, Martinsville, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Faircloth, W. B. & Montgomery, W. H. (2013, November). *Exploring course outcomes utilizing a new Outward Bound outcomes instrument*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Denver, CO.
- Meltzer, N., Bobilya, A. J., Mitten, D. & Faircloth, W. B. (2013, November). *An investigation of the effect of an outdoor orientation program on participants' biophilic expressions*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Denver, CO.
- Holman, T., Bobilya, A. J., Lindley, B., Gookin, J., Estep, B., Beale, B., Hirsch, J., Carlson, J., Frazer, L. (2013, November). *6th annual trends and issues in outdoor education programs panel discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Denver, CO.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. R. & Daniel, B. (2013, November). *Nurturing the authentic self in our staff and participants: Spirituality and experiential education*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Denver, CO.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. R. & Bobilya, A. J. (2013, November). *Should wilderness program staff always accompany their participants? Three views*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Denver, CO.

- Faircloth, W. B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2013, February). *A Psychometric Investigation of the North Carolina Outward Bound Student Course Impression Scale*. Paper presented at the Wilderness Education Association: Outdoor Leadership Research Symposium (OLRS), Black Mountain, NC.
- Holman, T., Bobilya, A. J., Lindley, B., Mitten, D., Bell, B., Russell, K., Hunt, J. & Hirsch, J. (2012, November). *5th annual trends and issues in outdoor education programs panel discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Madison, WI.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. & Bobilya, A. J. (2012, November). *Should wilderness program staff always accompany their participants? Three views*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Madison, WI.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. & Daniel, B. (2012, January). *Intended transfer of learning: An investigation of the Outward Bound wilderness experience*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium, Martinsville, IN.
- Kalisch, K., Daniel, B., & Bobilya, A. J. (2011, December). *Increasing Outdoor Ministry Effectiveness with Solitary Reflection*. Session presented at the Christian Camp and Conference Association Conference. Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C.
- Bobilya, A. J., Roberts, J., Beale, B., Mitten, D., Miner, T., Beames, S., Stremba, B. & Kalisch, K. (2011, November). *4th annual trends and issues in outdoor education programs panel discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. & Bobilya, A. (2011, November). *Guarding safety versus compromising learning: A look at the value of unaccompanied components*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. & Bobilya, A. (2011, November). *Where are the instructors? Benefits of unaccompanied wilderness program components*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. & Daniel, B. (2011, February). *The Outward Bound Final Expedition: Exploring the Effect of Instructor Positioning on the Student Experience*. Paper presented at the Wilderness Education Association: Outdoor Leadership Research Symposium (OLRS), Estes Park, CO.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Kalisch, K. (2011, February). *Benefits and Strategies of Unaccompanied Student Wilderness Program Components*. Session presented at the International Conference on Outdoor Leadership, Estes Park, CO.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K., & Daniel, B. (2010, November). *An investigation of the Outward Bound final expedition*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Las Vegas, NV.
- Bobilya, A. J., Lindley, B., Baynes, S., Wulff, M., Kalisch, K., Stremba, B., O'Connell, T., Beale, B., Roberts, J., & Roberts, N. (2010, November). *3rd annual trends and issues in outdoor education programs panel discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

- Kalisch, K., Bobilya, A. J. & Daniel, B. (2009, October). *Solitary reflection and wilderness programming: Benefits and strategies*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- Daniel, B., Kalisch, K., & Bobilya, A. J. (2009, October). *The final expedition: What happens when we leave students alone?* Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- Bobilya, A. J., Holman, T., Beale, B., Brennan, D., Dresser, S., Stremba, B. & Kalisch, K. (2009, October). *2nd Annual Trends and Issues in Outdoor Education Programs Panel Discussion*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K., & Sperry, D. (2009, October). *Where are the instructors? Benefits of unaccompanied wilderness program components*. Session presented at the Wilderness Risk Managers Conference, Raleigh, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B., & Kalisch, K. R. (2009, February). *Benefits and Strategies for Facilitating Solitary Reflection on W.E.A. Courses*. Session presented at the National Conference on Outdoor Leadership, Bloomington, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B., Kalisch, K. R. & Lindley, B. (2009, February). *Lessons from the Outward Bound Solo: Intended Transfer of Learning*. Paper presented at the Wilderness Education Association: Outdoor Leadership Research Symposium (OLRS), Bloomington, IN.
- Holman, T., Lindley, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2008, November). *Trends and Issues in Outdoor Education Programs*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Vancouver, WA.
- Stremba, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2008, November). *Combining Adventure with Academics in College Immersion Semesters*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Vancouver, WA.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Akey, L. & Mitchell, D. (2008, November). *Outcomes of a Spiritually-Focused Wilderness Orientation Program*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Vancouver, WA.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Akey, L. & Mitchell, D. (2008, November). *Enhancing Student Connections - Students' Perceptions of a Spiritually-Focused Wilderness Orientation Program*. Session presented at the National Conference on Students in Transition, Columbia, SC.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Schrum, S. (2008, October) *Involving College Students in the Challenge Course Design and Installation Process*. Session presented at the Western North Carolina Adventure Education Conference, Black Mountain, NC.
- Lung, M., Bobilya, A. J., Burton, M. & Kindt, K. (2008, March). *What is AEE, where is it headed and how can I be involved?* Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Southeast Regional Conference, Cedar Mountain, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Holroyd Lien, A., Brennan, D., Haitz, T., Hein, L., Duke, M., McAvoy, L. (2008, March). *Current trends and issues in outdoor/adventure education*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Southeast Regional Conference, Cedar Mountain, NC.

- Bagwell, D., Bobilya, A. J. & Woodward, J. (2008, March). *What if we let students design and install a comprehensive challenge course facility?* Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Southeast Regional Conference, Cedar Mountain, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Kalisch, K. (2008, January). *An Investigation of the Outward Bound Solo*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors Ninth Biennial Research Symposium, Martinsville, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B., & Kalisch, K. (November, 2007). *The Life Significance of the Wilderness Solo and Intentional Program Design*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Holman, T.; Hemmer, G.; Kafsky, J.; Bobilya, A. J; McAvoy, L.; Lindley, B.; Thompson, T.; Jacobs, J.; Padgett, M. (November, 2007). *Trends and Issues in Outdoor Education Programs*. Session presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education National Conference, Asheville, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Sullards, S. & Bagwell, D. (November, 2007). *Using Challenge Course Design and Installation for College Student Education*. Session presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education National Conference, Asheville, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Kalisch, K. (November, 2007). *The Wilderness Solo: Its Life Significance and Strategies for Intentional Program Design*. Session presented at the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education National Conference, Asheville, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Sutton, K. (October, 2007). *Intentionally Programming for Spiritual Growth through an Extended Wilderness Orientation Program*. Session presented at the Outdoor Orientation Program Symposium held in conjunction with the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education National Conference, Asheville, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Kalisch, K. (February, 2007). *Exploring the Life Significance of the Wilderness Solo and Intentional Solo Program Design Strategies*. Session presented at the Wilderness Education Association National Conference on Outdoor Leadership, Estes Park, CO.
- Frank, L. & Bobilya, A. J. *An Exploration of Changing Demographics and Their Effect on the Practice of Experiential Education Worldwide*. (November, 2006). Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, St. Paul, MN.
- Daniel, B, Kalisch, K. R. & Bobilya, A. J. (2006, November). *The Life Significance and Intentional Program Design of a Wilderness Solo*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, St. Paul, MN.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Daniel, B. (2006, March). *Wilderness Solo: Its Life Significance and Strategies for Intentional Program Design*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Southeast Regional Conference, Hendersonville, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. & Kalisch, K. R. (2006, February). *The Life Significance of the Wilderness Solo and Strategies for Intentional Solo Design*. Session presented at the Wilderness Education Association National Conference on Outdoor Leadership, Martinsville, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Kalisch, K. R. (2006, January). *The Wilderness Solo: The Effect of Intentional Design*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors Eighth Biennial Research Symposium, Martinsville, IN.



- Bobilya, A. J. (2005, November). *Region Leadership: Experience It!* Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Kalisch, K. R. (2005, November). *Wilderness Solitude (Solo): Maximizing Your Participant's Experience*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Kalisch, K. R. (2005, October). *The Wilderness Solo: Improving Your Program Design*. Session presented at the Christian Wilderness Leaders Coalition Conference, Montreat, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Redente, A. M. (2005, April). *The Intentional Use of Wilderness Solitude (Solo): Lessons from the Field*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Heartland Region Conference, Potosi, MO.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. R. & McAvoy, L. H. (2005, April). *A Mixed-Method Investigation of the Wilderness Solo and FLOW*. Poster presented at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Convention Research Consortium, Chicago, IL.
- Bobilya, A. J. (2005, February). *The Intentional Use of Wilderness Solitude (Solo): Lessons for Program Managers and Instructors*. Session presented at the Wilderness Education Association National Conference, Estes Park, CO.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. R. & McAvoy, L. H. (2004, November). *An Investigation of the Role of the Instructor in the Solo Experience*. Paper presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference: Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER), Norfolk, VA.
- Lindley, B., McCole, D. & Bobilya, A. J. (2004, November). *Intentional Program Design: Maximizing Your Participant's Experience*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Norfolk, VA.
- Bobilya, A. J. (2004, October). *An Investigation of the Wilderness Solo: Lessons for Program Managers and Instructors*. Session presented at the Christian Wilderness Leaders Coalition Conference, Freetown, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Lindley, B. & McCole, D. (2004, March). *Intentional Program Design: Creating the Best Program for Your Group*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Heartland Region Conference, Brookston, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J., Kalisch, K. R. & McAvoy, L. H. (2004, January). *An Investigation of the Solo in a Wilderness Experience Program*. Paper presented at the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors Seventh Biennial Research Symposium, Martinsville, IN.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Kalisch, K. R. (2003, November). *The Wilderness Solo: Understanding the Unknown*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- Bobilya, A. J. (2003, March). *Adventure Education and Learning Communities: Linking Classroom Learning With Everyday Life*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Heartland Region Conference, Lawton, MI.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Akey, L. D. (2002, November). *Adventure Education and Learning Communities: Linking Classroom Learning with Everyday Life*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, St. Paul, MN.

Bobilya, A. J. (2002, March). *Solitude and Silence in the Wilderness and the Sacred – Lessons for Us All*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Heartland Region Conference, Hudson, WI.

Bobilya, A. J. & Goldenberg, M. A. (2002, March). *Exciting New Ways to Create Community Using a Full-Value Contract*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Heartland Region Conference, Hudson, WI.

Bobilya, A. J. (2001, March). *Learning Communities – Linking Classroom Learning with Everyday Living*. Session presented at the Association for Experiential Education Heartland Region Conference, Martinsville, IN.

#### **Invited Presentations/Workshops/Trainings**

Bobilya, A. J. (2021, March). *Going outside: An exploration of the benefits of time in nature*. Guest lecture presented at the Open University of the Netherlands.

Bocarro, J., Adair, E., Duncan, S., Dorwart, C., Patterson, T., McDonald, C., Watts, C., Schuler, G., Bobilya, A. J., Grappendorf, H., Schmidt, A. & Therrell, A. (2020, December). *All about graduate degrees: Finding the right program for you*. Panel member for session at the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference.

Daniel, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2020, February). *Wilderness Education Association Certified Outdoor Educator Clinic*. Training (2.5 days) provided in Three Lakes, WI.

Daniel, B. & Bobilya, A. J. (2019, April). *Wilderness Education Association Certified Outdoor Educator Clinic*. Training (2.5 days) provided in Black Mountain, NC.

Bobilya, A. J. (2016, April). *Let Our Students Go: Autonomous Student Experiences in Outdoor Education*. Keynote Address presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Outdoor Education Conference, Castlebar, Ireland.

Bobilya, A. J. & Faircloth, W. B. (2015, April). *Research update: A Confirmatory Assessment of the North Carolina Outward Bound School Course Impression Survey*. Report presented at The North Carolina Outward Bound School Administrative Office, Asheville, NC.

Bobilya, A. J. & Faircloth, W. B. (2014, March). *Research update: The new North Carolina Outward Bound School Course Impression Survey*. Report presented at The North Carolina Outward Bound School Administrative Office, Asheville, NC.

Maher, P., Beames, S., Thomas, G., Mullins, P., Bobilya, A. J., & Simpson, S. (2013, November). *A conversation on publishing in experiential education*. Panel member for session at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Denver, CO.

Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. D. Faircloth, W. B. & Kalisch, K. R. (2013, June). *Research update: An investigation of students' course impression surveys*. Session presented at The North Carolina Outward Bound School All-Staff Training, Cedar Rock Basecamp, NC.

Maher, P., Beames, S., Thomas, G., Mullins, P., Bobilya, A. J., Simpson, S., Tucker, A. & Breunig, M. (2012, November). *A conversation on publishing in experiential education*. Panel member for session at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Madison, WI.

Martin, B. & Wagstaff, M. (2011, November). *Speed debating controversial issues in adventure programming*. Panel member at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference, Jacksonville, FL.

- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. D. & Kalisch, K. R. (2010, June). *Field Research Summary*. Report presented at The North Carolina Outward Bound School All-Staff Training, Cedar Rock Basecamp, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Rayment, L. (2009, September). *Adventure Therapy and Experiential Education: Benefits, Strategies and Resources*. Session presented at the Break by the Lake Conference for Student Services Personnel. Lake Logan Episcopal Retreat Center, Canton, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. D. & Kalisch, K. R. (2009, May). *Field Research Summary*. Session presented at The North Carolina Outward Bound School All Staff Training, Cedar Rock Basecamp, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B., & Kalisch, K. R. (2008, October). *Benefits and Programming Strategies for the Wilderness Solo*. Session presented at the Western North Carolina Adventure Education Conference, Black Mountain, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J., Daniel, B. D. & Kalisch, K. R. (2008, May). *The NCOBS Student Solo Experience*. Session presented at The North Carolina Outward Bound School All Staff Training, Cedar Rock Basecamp, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J. & Bagwell, D. (2007, October) *Involving College Students in the Challenge Course Design and Installation Process*. Session presented at the Western North Carolina Adventure Education Conference, Brevard, NC.
- Bobilya, A. J. (2006, February). *The Wilderness Solo: Increasing the Effectiveness of Intentional Wilderness Solitude*. Session presented at the Preparing Educators for Adventures with Kids (PEAK) Conference, YMCA Camp Greenville, Cedar Mountain, NC.

### ***Internal Service***

#### **Western Carolina University**

##### **Department of Human Services**

- Search Committee Member, Department Head (2022)
- Department Collegial Review Committee (2016 – 2022)
- Coordinator for PRM and WCU Continuing Education partnership with Landmark Learning (2014 – present)
- Wilderness Education Association organizational member representative for PRM program (2014 – present)
- Develop and coordinate PRM 427 summer travel courses (2015 – present)
- Coordinator of International exchange program with GMIT in Ireland (2014 – present)
- Department Collegial Review Document Revision Committee (2019 – 2020)
- Coordinate PRM program weekly faculty meetings (2015 - 2020)
- Coordinator for PRM and Southwestern Community College articulation agreement (2014 – 2020)
- Co-faculty advisor for PRM student club (2014 - 2016)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cullowhee Canoe Slalom Fundraiser Committee Member (2015)

##### **College of Education and Allied Professions**

- Coordinator, Team Development Course (2016 – present)
- CEAP Collegial Review Committee (2020 – present)
- CEAP Assessment Committee (2017 – 2020)
- CEAP Strategic Plan Committee (2018 – 2019)
- CEAP Collegial Review Committee (2016 - 2018)
- CEAP Curriculum Review Committee (2015 – 2018)
- Dean's Faculty Advisory Council (2014 - 2018)

##### **University**

- Western Outdoor Council (2014 - current)
- Chair, Search Committee, Experiential and Outdoor Education & Parks and Recreation Management, Tenure-Track Faculty Search, (2020)

- Search Committee Member, Parks and Recreation Management, Fixed-term Faculty Search (2020)
- Search Committee Member, Center for Career and Professional Development (2019, 2020)
- Chair, Search Committee, Parks and Recreation Management, Tenure-Track Faculty Search (2019)
- Search Committee Member, Human Resources Tenure-Track Faculty Search (2018)
- Chair, Search Committee, Parks and Recreation Management, Tenure-Track Faculty Search (2017)
- Search Committee Member, Parks and Recreation Management, Fixed-term Faculty Search (2016)
- Search Committee Member, Base Camp Cullowhee, Assistant Director (2014)

### **Montreat College**

- Outdoor Education Faculty Search Committee Member (2014)
- Faculty Executive Committee – Member (2007- 2014; co-chair 2013-2014)
- Institutional Risk Management Committee (2013 – 2014)
- Institutional Review Board Committee (2012 – 2014)
- Service Learning Committee (2011 – 2014)
- Faculty Scholarship Committee (2009-2014; chair 2013-2014)
- Faculty Grievance Committee (2009 – 2014)
- Internship Committee Member (2007 – 2014)
- Immersion Semester Certification in Wilderness Leadership Program Coordinator (2006 - 2014)
- Wilderness Education Association Accreditation Representative (2005 – 2014)
- New Student Orientation Planning Committee Member (2005 – 2009)
- Wilderness Journey for First Year Students Program Coordinator (2006 – 2009)
- SACS Review: Educational Resources Committee (2007 – 2009)
- Outdoor Education Department Faculty Member Search Committee (2008)
- Team and Leadership Center Director Search Committee Member (2007)
- History Department Search Committee Member (2006/07)
- Outdoor Education Challenge Course Design and Construction Project Coordinator
- Learning Resources Committee Member (2005 – 2008; Chair – 2006)
- Backcountry Director Search Committee Member (Fall 2005)
- Hurricane Relief Trip (Ocean Springs, MS) Coordinator (Fall 2005)

### **Southern Illinois University Carbondale**

- Department of Health Education and Recreation – Awards Committee (August 2004 – May 2005)
- Student Recreation Society – Faculty Advisor (January 2005 – May 2005)
- Canoe and Kayak Club – Faculty Advisor (2004 – May 2005)
- Department of Health Education and Recreation Faculty Search Committee (Spring 2005)

### **University of Minnesota**

- Student Recreation Society – Co-founder and advisor (2002 – 2004)

### ***External Service (presented chronologically)***

#### **Kurt Hahn Consortium for Values and Experiential Learning at Pennsylvania State University**

- Affiliate faculty member (2017 – present)

#### **Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership (JOREL)**

- Guest Editor – Special Issue on the Coalition for Education in the Outdoors Biennial Research Symposium (2021 – 2022)
- Guest Editor - Special Issue on Community Impacts of Outdoor Recreation, Education and Leadership (2 issues) (2020-2022)
- Associate Editor (2019 – present)
- Regular Reviewer (2009 – present)
- Editor-in-Chief (2010 – 2018)

**Journal of Experiential Education (JEE)**

- Editorial Board Member (2016 – present)
- Regular Reviewer (2005 – present)

**Association for Experiential Education**

- Annual International Conference Selected Papers and Abstracts Reviewer (2004-present)
- Symposium on Experiential Education Research (SEER) Co-Chair (2017 – 2019)
- International Association Board of Directors Member (2005 – 2012)
- Heartland Region Council Member (2002 – 2005)
- Heartland Region Treasurer (2002, 2004, 2005)
- Treasurer for the Council of Regional Chairs representing the Association's eight regions (2003 – 2005)
- Heartland Region Council Chair (2003 – 2004)
- Heartland Region Conference Planning Committee Member (2003, 2004, 2005)
- Southeast Region Conference Planning Committee Member (1996, 2015)

**Coalition for Education in the Outdoors Biannual Research Symposium**

- Research Committee Member (2017 – present)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Research Symposium Co-Host
- Reviewer (2014 – present)

**Wilderness Education Association**

- Conference Co-Sponsor and Host Committee Member, International Conference on Outdoor Leadership (2020)
- Co-authored Certified Outdoor Educator curriculum and developed 2.5-day training
- Co-facilitated Certified Outdoor Educator 2.5-day training (2019, 2020, 2022)

**Journal of Leisure Research (JLR)**

- Reviewer (2019 – present)

**American Camp Association (ACA)**

- National Conference Research Symposium Regular Reviewer (2005 - 2011)

**River's Way, TN**

- Risk Management Committee Member (2008 – 2010)

**One World Adventures, AL**

- Board of Directors Member (2008 – 2013)

**Friendship Ventures – Annandale, Minnesota (2001 – 2003)**

- Volunteer recreation facilitator for persons with disabilities during weekend respite program

**National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society – Minnesota State University (2000 – 2001)**

- Served as advisor for undergraduate student leaders within the honor society and coordinated annual events

**Cedar Mountain Volunteer Fire Department – Cedar Mountain, North Carolina (1997 – 2000)**

- Served as a volunteer fireman and responded when needed to assist in emergency situations

**Southern Transylvania County EMS – Cedar Mountain, North Carolina (1997 – 2000)**

- Assisted on local emergency response as a certified Emergency Medical Technician

**Greater Greenville YMCA – Greenville, South Carolina (1998-2000)**

- Camping and Youth Development Committee member

**Professional Affiliations**

**American Camp Association** – member since 2011

**American Canoe Association** – member since 1994

**Association for Experiential Education** - member since 1994

- Heartland Regional Conference attendee & presenter (2001 - 2005)
- Annual International Conference attendee & presenter (1997, 2002 - present)
- Southeast Regional Conference attendee & presenter (1995 - present)

**Coalition for Education in the Outdoors**

- Bi-annual research symposium attendee & presenter (2002 - present)
- Research Advisory Group (2017 – present)

**Leave No Trace** – member since 2004

**National Recreation and Park Association** – member 2001-2005

-National Congress attendee (2002, 2003)

**North Carolina Association for Environmental Educators** (2019 – present)

**The Academy of Leisure Sciences (TALS)** – member since 2019

**YMCA Campfire Conference** – attendee (1998, 1999)

**YMCA Christian Leadership Conference** – attendee (1998)

**Wilderness Education Association** – member since 2004

-National Conference attendee & presenter (2005 – present)

### *Awards and Honors*

**Association for Experiential Education**

-Servant Leader Award for the International Association – 2013

-Rebecca L. Carver Award for the Southeast Region - 2011

**Montreat College Academic Dean's Faculty Award**

-May 2008 – Montreat, North Carolina

**Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation** – Minneapolis, Minnesota

-Scholarship Recipient – Fall 2002

**Western Carolina University**

-College of Education and Allied Professions Dean's Research Award (2017)

-College of Education and Allied Professions Legislative Teaching Award (2017)

**Wilderness Education Association**

-Outdoor Educator of the Year (2018)

### *Achievements and Certifications*

**Wilderness Education Association** – Certified Outdoor Educator – 2004 - present

**Wilderness Medical Institute of NOLS** - Wilderness First Responder – expires 2/2024

**American Heart Association** – CPR for the Professional Rescuer - expires 2/2024

**Leave No Trace Master Educator** – (completed 2017)

**Leave No Trace – Trainer** (completed 2005)

**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians** - Emergency Medical Technician – 1994 - 2001

**Wilderness Medical Institute** – Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician – 1994 - 2001

**Boy Scouts of America** - Eagle Scout – Awarded April 1987