

**VITAE**  
**Ron Watters**  
**Sports Science and Physical Education, College of Education**  
**Idaho State University**

**ACADEMIC DEGREES**

Bachelor of Science with Honors, Idaho State University, 1972. Major Fields: Pre-Medicine and Education (Physical Sciences & Math).

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professor Emeritus, Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, College of Education, Idaho State University, 2007 to Present.

Owner, Great Rift Company, Publishing and Software Development, 1985 to Present.

Chair, National Outdoor Book Awards, 1996 to Present.

Senior Lecturer, Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, College of Education, Idaho State University, 1998 - 2007.

Director, Idaho State University Outdoor Program, 1982-1998; Associate Director, 1973-1981.

Co-owner, Mountain Folk Equipment, Manufacturing/Retail Outdoor Equipment, 1972-77.

**BOOKS**

*An Anthology of the Outdoor Experience* (ed),\* Idaho State University, 2001.

*Kath and Ron's Guide to Idaho Paddling: Flatwater and Easy Whitewater Trips*, Great Rift Press, 1999.

*Winter Tales and Trails: Skiing, Snowshoeing and Snowboarding in Idaho, The Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park*, Great Rift Press, 1998.

*Never Turn Back: The Life of Whitewater Pioneer Walt Blackadar*, Great Rift Press, 1994.

*The Outdoor Program Handbook*,\* Idaho State University Press, 1986.

*The Whitewater River Book*,\* Pacific Search Press, Seattle, 1982.

*Ski Camping*, Chronicle Books, San Francisco, 1979. Revised as *Ski Camping: A Guide to the Delights of Backcountry Skiing*\* in 1989 by Great Rift Press.

*Ski Trails and Old-Timer's Tales*, Solstice Press, Moscow, 1978.

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\* Books marked with an asterisk have been or are currently being utilized as texts by some university outdoor education degree programs.

## PAPERS

"Standards-based Accountability in Academic Outdoor Education Programs" in *Proceedings of the 2006 Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*.

"Generational Analysis: A New Method of Examining the History of Outdoor Adventure Activities and a Possible Predictor of Long Range Trends" in *Proceedings of the 2005 Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*.

"An Organizational History of the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE)" in *Proceedings of the 2005 Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*.

"The Use of Intuition in the Outdoors" in *Proceedings of the 2004 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*, Proceedings of the 2004 Conference of Outdoor Recreation and Education.

"The Common Adventure Model of Outdoor Programming." in *Pathways: Journal of Outdoor Therapeutic Programming*, Winter/Spring, 2002.

"An Essay: The Culture of Safety." in *Proceedings of the 2002 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation Education*, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, Bloomington, IL.

"Revisiting the Common Adventure Concept: An Annotated Review of the Literature, Misconceptions and Contemporary Perspectives." in *Proceedings of the 1999 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, Boulder.

"The Common Adventure Model of Outdoor Programming: Philosophical Foundations, Definition and the Effect of Filtering." in *Proceedings of the 1999 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, Boulder.

"Proposed Expanded Class I System of Rating Rivers." in *Proceedings of the 1999 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, Boulder.

"Changing Times in Outdoor Education: An Essay," in *Proceedings of the 1997 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*, Boulder, 1998.

"Teaching Avalanche Safety Classes: Instructional Techniques and Field Exercises," in *Proceedings of the 1997 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education*, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, Boulder.

"Navigating from the Classroom to the Outdoors: Teaching Map and Compass," in *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance*, May-June, 1996.

"The Art of Teaching Map and Compass: Instructional Techniques, Curriculum Formats and Practical Field Exercises," in *Proceedings of the 1996 International Conference on Outdoor Recreations and Education*, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, Boulder.

"An IBM Compatible Participant Data Base System for Outdoor Programs," in *Proceedings of the 1992 and 1993 Conferences on Outdoor Recreation*," Idaho State University, 1996.

"Fund Raising: The Options Available to Outdoor Programs," in Jim Gilbert and Eric Bruner (eds.), *Proceedings of the 1990 National Conference on Outdoor Recreation*," Univ. of Mississippi Press, 1990.

*Papers Continued . . .*

"A Model Theory of Outdoor Program Approaches," in Joel Meir, Talmage Morash, George Welton (eds.), *High Adventure Outdoor Pursuits: Organization and Leadership*,\* Publishing Horizons, 1989.

"Benefit Cost Analysis of Non-commercial Outdoor Programs," in John Cedarquist (ed.), *Proceedings of the 1986 Conference on Outdoor Recreation*, Davis, California," University of Utah Press, 1986.

"Historical Aspects of Outdoor and Wilderness Recreation Programs in the United Statesk," in John Miles and Ron Watters (eds.), *Proceedings of the 1984 Conference on Outdoor Recreation*, Idaho State University Press, 1984.

"Cost Benefit Analysis of Recreation Programs for the Disabled," Research Paper as a part of Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services grant, 1991.

"The Long Snowshoe: Early Skiing in Idaho," in *Idaho Yesterday: The Quarterly Journal of the Idaho Historical Society*, 1979. Research funded by an Idaho State University Faculty Research grant.

"River and Trail Restrictions: A New Approach to Recreation in Idaho," in Jim Fazio (ed.), *Proceedings of the Idaho Trails Symposium, Forest, Wildlife and Range Experiment Station*, Moscow, Idaho, 1977.

"Should Outdoor Leaders be Certified," in *Bulletin of the Association of College Unions International*, June, 1983.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

"The Wrong Side of the Thin Edge," in Robert E. Rinehart and Synthia Sydnor (eds.), *To the Extreme: Alternative Sports Inside and Out*, State University of New York Press, Albany, New York, 2003.

"Management and Administration of Outdoor Programs," in John Miles and Simon Priest (eds.), *Adventure Education*, Venture Publishing, 1999.

"A Model Theory of Outdoor Program Approaches," in Joel Meir, Talmage Morash, George Welton (eds.), *High Adventure Outdoor Pursuits: Organization and Leadership*,\* Publishing Horizons, 1989.

## **REVIEWS AND ARTICLES**

National Outdoor Book Award Reviews: One hundred and sixty-five (165) reviews prepared for each of the ten category winners of the National Outdoor Book Awards: 1997-2014

Idaho Library Association: Five (5) reviews of recreation books of interest to Idaho libraries prepared for the *Idaho Librarian*.

*Cross-country Skier Magazine*: Forty-three (43) feature articles published from 1999 to the present. General topic areas include history of skiing, profiles of historic figures, narratives, skiing technique and instructional subjects.

Articles: Articles on outdoor recreation for general readership have been published in the following: *High Country News, Northwest Edition, American Whitewater, Back Country, Backpacker, Couloir, Cross-country Skier Magazine, Open Space, River Runner, Ski X-C, Sierra, The Idaho Citizen, Idaho Magazine, Idaho Trailhead, Idaho State Journal, North Idaho Access, Currents, Sports Guide*.

## **EDITORIALSHIPS**

*Cross-country Skier Magazine*: Senior Contributing Editor, 2003 to present.

*Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education: International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education Handbook (2002)*

*Proceedings of the 1996 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation Education.*

*Proceedings of the 1995 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education, Cornell University.*

*Proceedings of the 1992 and 1993 International Conferences on Outdoor Recreation.*

*Proceedings of the 1991 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation.*

*Proceedings of the 1984 National Conference on Outdoor Recreation: A Landmark Conference in Outdoor Recreation.*

*River Runner Magazine*: Contributing Editor.

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

Presented at the National Conferences on Outdoor Recreation 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990 (5 presentations); International Conferences on Outdoor Recreation and Education 1991 – 2005 (18 presentations); Annual Conference of the Association of Outdoor Recreation 2006 (1 presentation).

## **TEACHING LOAD**

Fall:

PE 2283 Map and Compass (1 credit)

PE 4445 Survey of Outdoor Education Literature (3 credits)

Spring:

PE 2286 Avalanche and Winter Sports Safety (1 credit)

PE 4445 Methods of Teaching Outdoor Activities and Practicum (4 credits)

Summer:

PE 4491 Backcountry Map & Compass (1 credits)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education. Served on the founding Board of Directors (1993-95), and served a subsequent term as Association Treasurer (2000 – 2003).

American Alpine Club (2007 – Present)

## **GRANTSMANSHIP**

"Natural Pathways to Success: An Integrated Multi-day Backcountry Horsepacking and Riding Program," Department of Education: \$300,000 - Pending.

"An Integrated Challenge Activity Program through Community and Business Partnerships," Department of Education: \$291,981 - Funded (2004-07).

"Advancing Disabled Recreational Opportunities Through Regional Leadership Workshops," Department of Education: \$302,900 - Funded (1990-92).

"A Cooperative Approach to Integrated Recreational Services for the Disabled," Department of Education: \$246,183 - Funded (1987-89).

"Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group," Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration: \$92,455 - Funded (1985).

"Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group," Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration: \$79,100 - Funded (1984).

"Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group," Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration: \$76,691 - Funded (1983).

"A Proposal to Study Cross-country Skiing: Its History and Contemporary Problems." Idaho State University Faculty Research Committee: \$984 - Funded (1978).

## **UNIVERSITY FUND RAISING**

Created and raised monies for five endowment funds managed by the Idaho State University Foundation (Outdoor Program Endowment, C.W. HOG Endowment, Marilyn Smith Endowment, Bill Francis Memorial Endowment, Jerry Dixon Expeditionary Endowment). Current total assets: \$285,000.

Directed fund raising programs for the following university affiliated organizations: Outdoor Relief Fund, Outdoor Program/C.W. HOG Advisory Committee and the C.W. HOG Foundation. Total funds raised: \$200,000.

Independent research by Brigham Young University has ranked the Idaho State University Outdoor Program as number one in fund raising among university outdoor recreation programs. Total funds raised while employed at Idaho State University: \$1,554,000.

## **SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**

Designed and developed the software program: "AnyBook: The Small Publisher's Business Kit." Received the "Editor Choice Award" by *PC Magazine*. Available in seven editions. Most recent upgrade: version 14.45 (2015). Includes a 1,600-page, fully illustrated help system.

Designed and developed the program: "AnyOrder: Mail Order Business Kit." Most recent upgrade: version 14.01 (2015). Includes over 1,000 pages of help documentation.

Developed and programmed: AnyPO: Purchase Order Software. Most recent upgrade: version 14.54 (2015). Includes a 500-page help manual. Has been awarded several 5-star ratings from software reviewers.

*Software Development Continued . . .*

Developed the shareware program "AnyCard Professional II: Credit Card Processing Software for Small Businesses. Most recent upgrade: Version 5.5 (2012).

Designed and programmed software for the scoring of recreational and athletic racing events. Entitled RACEAID, the program is provided free to schools, clubs and non-profit organizations. Includes a 117-page printed manual. Versions developed include:

Hewlett-Packard Computers, Version 1 (1985), Version 2 (1987).

Apple Computers, Versions 1,2 (1986), Version 3 (1987).

Windows Computers, Versions 2,3 (1987), Version 4.5 (1992).

Developed two software programs for non-profit outdoor recreational programs, including "The Outdoor Program Data Base System" and "eLibrary: Resource Library Cataloging System." The programs are distributed free to non-profit organizations.

## **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

Designed and developed the National Outdoor Book Award website: [www.NOBA-web.org](http://www.NOBA-web.org). Continue to serve as webmaster, 1997 to present.

Designed, developed and wrote all content for the "Guide to Outdoor Literature" website: [www.ronwatters.com/BkMain.htm](http://www.ronwatters.com/BkMain.htm). Continue to serve as webmaster, 2005 to present.

## **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member of the Screening Committee for the inaugural group of inductees for the International Whitewater Hall of Fame. Continue to serve as voting member, 2005 to present.

Founder and chairperson of the National Outdoor Book Awards, 1996 to present.

Treasurer, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, 2000 to 2003.

Founding Board of Directors, Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education, 1993 to 1995.

Member of the Steering Committee for the 1992 International Conference on Outdoor Recreation, Calgary, Canada, 1991-1992.

Programming Chairperson for the International Conference on Outdoor Recreation, 1991, Moscow, Idaho.

Member of the Steering Committee for the 1986 National Outdoor Recreation Conference, Davis, California.

Founding member and Programming Chairperson for the first National Outdoor Recreation Conference, 1984, Bozeman, Montana.

Board of Directors, American Whitewater Affiliation, 1982-86.

## **AWARDS**

Distinguished Bengal Partner Award in recognition of exceptional service to the Idaho State University College of Education, 2014.

The Leadership Award for National Contributions in the Field of Outdoor Education, 1993.

Idaho State University Professional Achievement Award, Idaho State University Alumni Association, 1992.

Recipient of the Idaho Conservation League's "25 Years of Idaho Wilderness Award" recognizing work in protecting Idaho's outdoor resources, 1990.

Recipient of the KID-Television Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Idaho Community, 1982.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND NON-UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

Outdoor Education Validator for the "Congressional Award." An award program instituted by the U.S. Congress to recognize youth for extraordinary achievement and service to their local community, 1993 to 2003.

Founding Board of Directors, Challenge Idaho. A Sun Valley based organization which provides grants to organizations assisting disabled people in Idaho, 1992 to 1999.

Vice-chairperson, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management Citizen's Advisory Committee, 1980-87.

Board of Directors, River of No Return Wilderness Council, 1973-80. The Council's work resulted in The Central Idaho Wilderness Act of 1980 which created the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, the largest congressionally designated wilderness in the 48 contiguous states.