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## EXPERIENCE

### **Oklahoma State University, Department of Natural Resource Ecology & Management, Stillwater, Oklahoma**

**Current Position:** Professor of Forestry and Director of Natural Resource Field Camps

**Dates of Employment:** December 1979 to Present

**Responsibilities:** Teach courses in introductory forestry; natural resource recreation; sustainable development (with an international travel component); ecotourism and wilderness management; natural resource administration and policy, the forestry capstone course, and a forest environmental science course for non-majors. Administer and coordinate two 3-week field camps annually and teach a natural resource field studies course at one camp. Serve as an undergraduate student adviser. Served as undergraduate curriculum coordinator in Forestry from 1993-2006 and in NREM from 2007-2014.

#### **Awards & Recognitions:**

- Forestry Education Award, Ouachita Society of American Foresters, 2015
- Faculty Excellence Award, OSU School of International Studies, 2015
- Outstanding Faculty Member from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, OSU Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, 2013
- Outstanding Faculty Study Abroad Leader, OSU, 2012
- NACTA Southern Regional Outstanding Teaching Award, 2010
- Fellow - Society of American Foresters, 2007
- Nat Walker Award - Ouachita Society of American Foresters, 2007
- OSU Award of Excellence for Advisement, 2006
- OSU International Education Faculty Excellence Award, 2005
- North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Teacher Fellow Award, 2005
- OSU Campus Life, Student Organization Advisor of the Year, 2005
- CASNR Exemplary Faculty Award, 2004
- Carl Alwin Schenck Award for Outstanding Forestry Education, Society of American Foresters, 2004
- University Regents Distinguished Teaching Award, 1997
- Outstanding Forestry Professor, 1995, 2002, 2004, 2005
- Outstanding Advisor Award, College of Agriculture, 1991

#### **University Service:**

- Faculty Advisor for OSU Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters
- School of International Studies, Master's Program Steering Committee
- OSU Academic Integrity Panel - Faculty Representative
- Environmental Studies Certificate Program - Steering Committee
- Faculty Mentor for Wentz Scholars Program
- College Representative on the Truman Scholarship Committee
- Faculty Advisor & Coach of the OSU Women's Lacrosse Club

### **Southeast Community College, University of Kentucky, Cumberland, Kentucky**

**Position:** Instructor and Program Coordinator in Reclamation Technology

**Dates of Employment:** August 1977 to December 1979

**Responsibilities:** Taught courses in botany, geology, forestry, soil science, geology, water management, aerial photography, and cartography. Coordinated and advised students in the Associate Degree program in Reclamation Technology.

## EDUCATION

### **Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma**

*Degree:* Ph.D. in Environmental Science, 1993

*Area of Emphasis:* Wildland Recreation Management

*Dissertation Title:* Characteristics of Visitors and Recreational Use of the Upper Kiamichi River Wilderness

### **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia**

*Degrees:* B.S. in Forestry and Wildlife, 1974

M.S. in Forestry, 1977

## ORGANIZATIONS

**Society of American Foresters** (member since 1977); Chair of Oklahoma Division of the Ouachita SAF (2006; 2015), Chair-Elect & Program Committee Chair (2005, 2014); Chair of Ouachita SAF (2007), Chair-Elect & Program Committee Chair (2006); Ouachita SAF Education Committee Chair (2008-2010) and member (2014-present); and Awards Chair (2010-2014); SAF Fellow (2007)

**International Society of Tropical Foresters** (member since 2002)

**North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture** (member since 2005)

**Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society** (member since 2007)

**Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society** (member since 1973)

## GRANT FUNDING

**U.S. Forest Service, Challenge Cost-Share Grant:** \$7000 to support research to examine wilderness recreational use of the Upper Kiamichi River Wilderness, Ouachita National Forest (1991).

**U.S. Forest Service, Southern Forest Experiment Station, Ecosystem Management Project:** \$33,000 to support research to characterize stakeholders of the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma (1993).

**U.S. Forest Service, Challenge Cost-Share Grant:** \$4000 to support research to examine recreational use impact and monitoring at the Upper Kiamichi River Wilderness, Ouachita National Forest (1995).

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Challenge Cost-Share Grant:** \$40,165 to support development and implementation of an international forestry and natural resources university-level course including a Latin American study abroad component (1998).

## SCHOLARSHIP

### **Journal Publications:**

**Williams, R., T. Kuzmic and B. Orr.** 2013. The student-citizen and study abroad. Journal of Forestry 111(4): 300-302.

**Lewis, D. K., T. Kuzmic and E. L. Miller.** 1999. Integration of Ethics into a Forestry Curriculum. NACTA Journal 43(2): 33-36.

**Caneday, L. and T. Kuzmic.** 1997. Managing diverse stakeholder interests. Parks & Recreation 32(9): 118-126.

**Kuzmic, T.** 1992. Islands of wilderness in a sea of civilization. Parks & Recreation 27: 34-40; 71.

### **Symposium Presentations:**

**Henneberry, D., Kuzmic, T., Spicer, L. and Tongco, A.** 2010. College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources study abroad programs at OSU-- a focus on expanding student involvement. Governor's Global Education Conference, February 9, 2010. Stillwater, OK.

**Kuzmic, T. and Hammett, A. L.** 2003. Improving options for international education --- a panel presentation. In: Proceedings of the National Convention of the Society of American Foresters, October 5-9, 2002. Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Bethesda, MD: Society of American Foresters.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2003. Linkages between people and the land --- the Oklahoma State University course & study-trip to Honduras. In: Proceedings of the National Convention of the Society of American Foresters, October 5-9, 2002. Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Bethesda, MD: Society of American Foresters.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2000. Exploring natural and cultural resource linkages on a global scale --- an experiential learning approach. In: Proceedings of the Third Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources, March 25-28, 2000. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2000. A strategy for developing, planning and conducting international travel study courses in natural resources. In: Proceedings of the Third Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources, March 25-28, 2000. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**Kuzmic, T., Gering, L. R., and E. L. Miller.** 1996. Oklahoma State University's roving forestry summer camp. In: Proceedings of the First Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources, State College, PA., p. 78-84

#### **Poster Presentations:**

**Kuzmic, T.** 2014. Crafting natural resource-based study abroad experiences grounded in the tenets of sustainable ecotourism. Poster presentation at Society of American Foresters National Convention, October 2014, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2013. Enhancing the field camp experience to meet present-day university constraints. Poster presentation at Society of American Foresters National Convention, October 2013, North Charleston, South Carolina.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2013. Experiencing equatorial ecosystems and culture in Ecuador. Poster presentation at Society of American Foresters National Convention, October 2013, North Charleston, South Carolina.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2010. Connecting students with the global community. Poster presentation at Society of American Foresters National Convention, October 2010, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2010. Integrating collaboration, communication and celebration into short-term study abroad experiences. Poster presentation at North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Annual Conference, June 2010. State College, Pennsylvania.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2009. Assessment of short-term study abroad experiences. Poster presentation at North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Annual Conference, June, 2009. Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**Kuzmic, T.** 2005. Linkages between people and the land in the developing world --- an experiential learning approach. Poster presentation at North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Annual Conference, June, 2005. Wooster, Ohio.

**Kuzmic, T. and Auel, G.** 2002. Integrated learning in an international forestry and natural resources course. Poster presentation at Annual Conference of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs: Association of International Educators (NAFSA), June, 2002. San Antonio, Texas.

**Kuzmic, T., Miller, E. and Hallgren, S.** 1999. Exploring natural and cultural resource linkages on a global scale --- an experiential learning approach. In: Proceedings of the National Convention of the Society of American Foresters, September 10-15, Portland, Oregon. Bethesda, MD: Society of American Foresters.