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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Education	Leadership and Innovation Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Arizona State University, 2021 <i>Dissertation Title: Community-Engaged Interprofessional Education Integrated Analysis of Pedagogical Strategies Pivotal to Interprofessional Socialization. Advisor: Dr. Carrie Sampson</i>
Graduate Certificate	International Health for Healthcare Professionals Arizona State University, 2012
Master of Arts	Health Services Management and Public Administration Webster University, 1995
Bachelor of Science	Recreation Management, Emphasis: Therapeutic Recreation University of Connecticut, 1991
Professional Certification	Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS), 1992-current National Council for Therapeutic Recreation. Certification #17366
Professional Licensure	Licensed Recreational Therapist, 2021. North Carolina Board of Recreational Therapy Licensure. License #4230
Certificate	Advanced Global Advocacy Arizona State University, 2020

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Clinical Associate Professor, Arizona State University

Watts College of Public Programs and Community Solutions

School of Community Resources and Development

Phoenix, Arizona, 2020 – Current

Associate Instructional Professional, Arizona State University

Watts College of Public Programs and Community Solutions

School of Community Resources and Development

Phoenix, Arizona, 2013 – 2019

Assistant Instructional Professional, Arizona State University

College of Public Programs
School of Community Resources and Development
Phoenix, Arizona, 2004 – 2013

Faculty Associate, Arizona State University

College of Public Programs
Department of Recreation Management & Tourism
Tempe, Arizona, Spring 2004

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Educator of the Year Award, 2017

Awarded by the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions

Outstanding Professional Award, 2015

Awarded by the Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association

Outstanding Faculty Award for Service, 2008

Awarded by the School of Community Resources & Development, Arizona State University

Outstanding Faculty Award for Teaching, 2007

Awarded by the School of Community Resources and Development, Arizona State University

TEACHING & MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Responsible for shaping the therapeutic recreation curriculum and its alignment with accreditation and credentialing guidelines. Instructional designer of both immersion and online courses; aligning learning activities and outcomes derived from extensive review of literature and pedagogical practices.

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Designer, Primary Courses

Foundations in Recreational Therapy (immersion and online)
Inclusive Community Development (immersion and online)
Interprofessional Education and Community Health (service-learning)
Leadership and Professional Development in Recreational Therapy (hybrid and synchronous)
Program Design & Administration in Recreational Therapy (immersion)
Recreational Therapy and Play with Children, Youth, and Families (online)
Recreational Therapy Practicum (service-learning)
Recreational Therapy Internship (service-learning)
Therapeutic Recreation and Community Health (immersion and online)
Therapeutic & Inclusive Recreation Programming in Schools Practicum (service-learning)
Volunteer Management (immersion and online)

Instructor, Undergraduate Courses

Assessment & Documentation in Recreational Therapy
Child Life Practicum
Foundations of Recreational Therapy
Inclusive Community Development
Interprofessional Education and Community Health
Interventions in Recreational Therapy
Leadership & Professional Development in Therapeutic Recreation

Program Design & Administration in Recreational Therapy
Program Planning
Recreational Therapy and Play with Children, Youth and Families
Recreational Therapy Internship
Recreational Therapy Practicum
Therapeutic Recreation and Community Health
Volunteer Management

Instructor, Graduate Courses

Advocacy in Therapeutic Recreation
Assessment and Documentation in Recreational Therapy
Interventions in Recreational Therapy
Research and Independent Instruction
Therapeutic Recreation and Community Health

CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Recreational Therapy Interns

- Academic clinical supervisor for all students who earned their Bachelor of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation/Recreational therapy at ASU since the fall of 2004.
- Students complete 560 hours of fieldwork in allied healthcare settings of their choice.
- Responsible for curriculum design in alignment with credentialing guidelines, maintaining credentials, establishing university/community partnerships, training site supervisors, teaching course, and supervising intern through weekly contact and site visits.

Recreational Therapy Practicum Students

- Academic clinical supervisor for all students enrolled in the Recreational Therapy Practicum.
- Students from diverse disciplines (e.g., recreational therapy, exercise science, kinesiology) complete 150 hours of fieldwork.
- Responsible for co-creating curriculum in collaboration with community partner, leading orientation and training, teaching course, and supervising students through weekly contact.

MENTORSHIP

Graduate Thesis & Applied Projects

Joey Casto, Master Thesis Committee Member, *Domain Control as a Strong Predictor of Life Satisfaction with People with Physical Disabilities*, May 2010.
Ashley Ward, Master Thesis Committee Member, *Perceptions of Engagement among Parents and Children in Family Leisure Activities*, May 2008.
Virginia Coco, *Children of Incarcerated Parents*, Spring 2019 – current, and *Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation in Arizona Schools*, Fall 2019 – current.
Nicholas Earl, Applied Project Committee Chair, *Wine Down Wednesday; A program evaluation of Wine Down Wednesday at Cyclebar McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona* December 2017
Sarah Bolander, Applied Project Committee Chair, *Program Design and Evaluation Process for Recreational Therapists at Mayo Clinic Hospital: Animal Assisted Therapy, the Human-Animal Bond,* January 2006.

Barrett Honors Thesis

Martin, Claire. Thesis, chair: *Constraints to Visitation of U.S. National Parks*, Spring 2022.
Hall, Nathan & Guenther, Christian. Thesis, committee member, *The Struggles and Solutions of Administration and Marketing in Adaptive Sports*. Spring 2022.
Mathew, Aria. Thesis, second committee member, *The Effect of Vision Boards on Sports Performance in Adaptive Populations: A Qualitative Study*, Spring 2020.

Lindsay Dusard, thesis, second committee member, *Supporting Resettled Refugee Children's Social and Emotional Development Through Community-Based Programs: What Works and Why it is Necessary*, Spring 2017.

Allyse Johnson, thesis, second reader, *Divine Providence Can Provide, Will Provide, Did Provide: An Examination of Emotional Labor in a Non-Profit Organization*, Fall 2015.

Barrett Honors Enrichment Contracts: (2020-2024):

Bournias, Rachel. Contract: *Leisure and Well-Being Among Undergraduate Students, Spring 2024*

Dolezal, Tina. Contract: *Leisure and Well-Being Among Undergraduate Students, Spring 2024.*

Eaton, Assata. Contract: *Leisure and Well-Being Among Undergraduate Students, Spring 2024.*

Jacko, Jennifer. Contract: *Volunteer Motivations Among College Students, Fall 2022*

Jaslow, Jordan. Contract: *Use of Blood Flow Restriction Training literature review, Fall 2021.*

Martin, Claire. Contract: *Inferno Insider's Guide to Inclusive Events, Fall 2020.*

Bautista Pejay, Jason. Contract: *Phoenix Sister Cities: Survey of Accessibility, Spring 2021.*

Greer, Rebecca. Contract: *Including Child Life into the Classroom: A Curriculum for Teachers on Common Childhood Diagnosis, Spring 2021.*

Saigayatri Darira, Contract: *Student Outreach for Wellness Health (SHOW) Health Education & Promotion Resource. Create an open source Canvas organization site, Spring 2020.*

Doctoral Student Teaching

Fischer, Sarah. Clemson University Doctoral Student. Program Design and Administration in Recreational Therapy, Spring 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistants

Choi, Young Su. Volunteer Management & Foundations in Recreational Therapy, Fall 2022

Parkami, Faranak. Foundations of Recreational Therapy, Fall 2021

Tchida, Celina. Volunteer Management, Fall 2020

Clasen, Daniel. Program Planning and Foundations in Recreational Therapy, Fall 2019

Han, Hyunrang. Volunteer Management, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2021

Kim, Grace. Inclusive Community Development, Fall 2015

Machokoto, Rodney. Volunteer Management, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Peterson, Bjorn. Volunteer Management, Spring 2014

Pryor, Nick. Volunteer Management, Fall 2014

Sung, Erika. Volunteer Management, Fall 2011

Aquino, Jessica. Inclusive Community Development, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2015

Research Assistants

Wilson, Rory. Undergraduate research assistant, Community-engaged learning, 2021–current

Handeland, Evan. Undergraduate research assistant, Community-engaged learning, 2021–2022

Wilson, Kylie. Graduate research assistant, TIRP in Arizona Schools, 2020 – 2021.

Guenther, Christian, Undergraduate research assistant, TIRP in Arizona Schools, 2019-2021.

Madriaga, Vanessa. Undergraduate research assistant, TIRP in Arizona Schools, 2020-2021.

Fezler, Jordan. Undergraduate research assistant, TIRP in Arizona Schools, 2020.

Villanueva, Ricardo. Undergraduate research assistant, TIRP in Arizona Schools, Spring 2021.

Cianci, Kristen. Graduate research assistant, TIRP in Arizona Schools, 2019 – 2020.

Coco, Virginia. Graduate research assistant, TIRP in Arizona Schools, 2019 – 2020.

COLLABORATIVE CREATIVE PROJECTS

VA Phoenix Health Care Recreational Therapy Practicum. 2021 – current.

- Co-created service-learning curriculum with recreational therapists at the VA
- Established diverse outpatient care experiences: adapted sports, art, journaling, leisure education, pottery, Tai Chi, mindful movement, and stress management.

Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation in Arizona Schools (TIRP). 2019 – 2021.

- Principle Investigator with a funded grant. Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. **\$305,000. Ramella, K. (PI)**, Ross, A. (Co-PI), Barnard, W. (CI), Ketelhut, J. (CI), and Amato, J. (CI).
- Produced [A Guide to Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Programming](#)
- Ongoing community education with publications and presentations to raise awareness and educate schools, administrators, community providers and families about strategies and principles of Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Programming.

ASU Community Collaborative at the Westward Ho, 2015 – current.

- Served on the planning team to initiate ASU's partnership with the Westward Ho
- Ongoing collaboration with an interprofessional team of faculty at ASU to facilitate social and recreational services by engaging students from a variety of academic classes and programs.

Student Health Outreach for Wellness (SHOW), 2017 – 2023.

- Board member with the tri-university, interprofessional, student run initiative that facilitates the health of vulnerable populations in our community through excellence and innovation in interprofessional education, service, practice, and research.
- Designed and teach the Interprofessional Education and Community Health course.
- Facilitated the academic-community partnerships with over fifteen community organizations.

Program Design and Administration in Recreational Therapy, 2004 – current.

- Facilitate academic-community partner collaboration for fourth-year student capstone course
- Design written plan of operation for therapeutic recreation programs at organizations such as; Care Meridian, South Mountain Community Center, First Place, and Civitan Foundation.

Help Heal Veterans (HHV), 2016 – current.

- Initiated and coordinate academic-community partnership with Help Heal Veterans.
- HHV donates craft kits to ASU for students to use in the delivery of therapeutic recreation services and develop professional skills while supporting community programs.

TerrainHopper, 2019 – current.

- Coordinated the donated equipment and established policy for use as an off-road mobility device for ASU students to access outdoor learning activities. www.terrainhopperusa.com

Maricopa Re-entry Center (MRC). 2017- 2020.

- Engage interprofessional students with to provide holistic programming to improve well-being and reduce recidivism.
- Advocated for a partnership between Watts and MRC to fund a field instructor to strategically involve learners while maintaining comprehensive programming for MRC.

Camden Health Hotspotting, 2018 – 2019.

- Directed an interprofessional student Hotspotting collaborative team made up of six students and six faculty from ASU and UA.
- Student team worked with a patient in Phoenix using the [Hotspotting](#) model for six months with the guidance of faculty, and reported their learning outcomes at two regional symposiums.
- The experience contributed to the creation of HCR/CRD 472: Interprofessional Education and Complex Health, using the [COACH framework](#).

Southwest Behavioral Health, Spring 2016.

- Guided six students to facilitate a structured eight-week pilot leisure education program with clients at the Community Resilience Center in Phoenix, Arizona. A report of program outcomes: *Leisure & Wellness Pilot Program at an Outpatient Behavioral health Clinic – Collaboration between Arizona State University and Southwest Behavioral & Health Services.*

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

School

Lead, Undergraduate Curriculum, 2021 – current
Member, Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum Committee, 2010 – current
Member, Diversity & Student Success Committee, 2020 – current
Chair, Scholarship and Awards Committee, 2023- current
Co-Advisor, Association of Recreational Therapy at ASU, 2023-current
Member, Faculty Associate Committee, 2021 - current
Member, ABOR Program Review Planning Committee, 2023 – current
Advisor, Association of Recreational Therapy at ASU, 2004 - 2023
Member, Personnel Committee, Career Track Representative, 2022 - 2023
Member, Search Committee, Lecturer, 2021 – 2022
Chair, Faculty Associate Committee, 2020 - 2021
Member, SCR D Council on Accreditation Committee, 2020-2021
Member, Search Committee, Clinical Assistant Professor, 2019 – 2020
Member, SCR D Marketing Committee, 2019 - 2020
Advisor, Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Student Club, 2004-2020 (renamed in 2020)
Member, SCR D Marketing and Alumni Relations, 2005 – 2019
Member, Search Committee, Clinical Assistant Professor, spring 2017
Member, Search Committee, Nonprofit Leadership and Management, spring 2016
Member, Undergraduate Standards and Appeals, 2015 - 2016
Member, Search Committee, Nonprofit Leadership and Management, 2015
Member, Search Committee, Clinical Assistant Professor, 2011
Co-Advisor, Nonprofit Leadership and Management Student Club, 2008-2010
Member, Search Committee, Nonprofit Leadership and Management, fall 2008

College

Member, Watts College fixed term faculty bylaws ad-hoc committee, 2019
Member, Search Committee, School Director, fall 2017
Member, College of Public Programs Undergraduate Research Committee, 2013
Member, Communications Task Force, College of Public Programs, 2004-2006

University

Advisor, Faculty Honors Advisor (FHA), Barrett Honors College, 2023 - current
Co-Chair, Arizona Nexus, 2022 – current
Advisor, Bible Study Club, 2021- 2023
Director, Community-Engaged Learning, Student Health Outreach for Wellness, 2019– 2023
Member, Interprofessional Education & Collaborative Practice Guiding Coalition, 2021-2022
Advisor, Women’s Gymnastics Club at Arizona State University, 2020 – 2022
Member, Arizona Nexus, 2019-2021
Member, Committee for Campus Inclusion, 2015 – 2018

Community

Member, Scholarship Committee, National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification, 2024
Member, Interprofessional Education and Practice Task Force, American Therapeutic Recreation Association, 2023 - current
Member, Hardship Committee, National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification, 2018 - 2024
Chair Hardship Committee, National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification, 2021- 2022

Liaison, Higher Education. Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association, 2007-current
 Member, Legislative Committee, Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation, 2006-current
 Reviewer, Beyond Flexner Alliance, 2022 conference abstracts, fall 2021.
 Member, Programming Committee, Daring Adventures, 2016 – 2021
 Co-Chair, Higher Education Committee, American Therapeutic Recreation Association,
 2016–2019
 Facilitator, University of Arizona Health Sciences, Center for Transformative Interprofessional
 Healthcare, 2017- 2020.
 Reviewer, Therapeutic Recreation Journal, April 2018, April 2007 & August 2004
 Member, Board of Directors, National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification,
 2013 – 2016 *Nationally elected among all credentialed professionals*
 Chair, Program Committee, 2012 American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual
 Conference, Phoenix, AZ
 Chair, Standards Review Committee, NCTRC, 2012
 Member, Standards Review Committee, NCTRC, 2010-2012
 Past-President, Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association, 2006-2007
 President, Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association, 2005-2006
Nominated ASTRA for Chapter Affiliate of the Year and won award, August 2006
Partnered with APRA for ASTRA fall Conference, August 2006
Organized mid-year conference in Phoenix, Arizona, April 2006
Planned annual conference in Tucson, Arizona, August 2005
 President- Elect, Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association, 2004-2005
Hosted ASTRA Conference at Arizona State University, April 2005
Organized Annual ASTRA Conference in Tucson, August 2005

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (underlined names represent students)

Pedagogical Strategies and Practices

- Ramella, K.** (December, 2023) *Community-Engaged Interprofessional Education Promoting Leisure, Health, and Well-Being*. 17th World Leisure Congress.
- Bright, H., **Ramella, K.**, & Montgomery, S. (September 12, 2023). *Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice: Bridging the Gap for Educators and Practitioners*. 2023 American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference.
- Wilson, R., **Ramella, K** (April 13, 2023) *Exploring Undergraduate Student Choice with a Community-Engaged Learning Activity in a Volunteer Management Course*. World Social Science Association 65th Annual Conference.
- Ramella, K.**, Felix, K. & Harrell, L. (March 23 – 26, 2023). *SHOW 3-Course Series: Activating Community Engaged Practice through Innovative Interprofessional Education*. American Educational Research Association Experiential Education and Community Engagement: Scholarship and Practice. 2023 Experiential Commons Scholar Summit: Re-Connecting Threads of Engagement.
- Ramella, K.**, Felix, K. & Harrell, L. (September 13, 2022). *Strategic Solutions to Building Academic-Community Partnerships that Optimize Student Learning Outcomes*. Nexus Summit 2022.
- Harrell, L., Saewert, K., **Ramella, K.**, & Felix, K. (September 27, 2021). *SHOW Experiential Learning 3-Course Series: Activating Community-Engaged Interprofessional Practice Through Innovative Interprofessional Education*. Workshop. National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education Nexus Summit 2021.
- Ramella, K.**, Harrell, L., & Felix, K. (April 17, 2021). *Advancing Community-Engaged Interprofessional*

- Education through Action Research*. Presentation. Interprofessional Care for the 21st Century 2021. Jefferson Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education.
- Ramella, K.** (May 2, 2020). *Action Research Applied: Transforming Learning for Tomorrow's Health Professionals*. Presentation. MLFTC Doctoral Research Conference, Arizona.
- Beaudrie-Nunn, A., Cameron, C., Day, K., Denny, L., LaVelle, B., Loh, S., Piper, A., **Ramella, K.**, & Walsh, K. (November 16, 2019). *Hotter than an Arizona Summer: Leveraging Authentic Relationships in Interprofessional Student. Hotspotting*. Presentation at the Regional Arizona Nexus Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Anderson, L., Ashton, C., Craig, P., Crawford, T., Hawkins, B., Hutchins, D., **Ramella, K.**, and Richard, A., (September 14, 2018). *Examining the Educational Requirements for Entry-Level Practice for RT/TR: The Process and Recommendations of the ATRA Higher Education Task Force*. Paper presented at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Ramella, K.**, Bright, H., & Wilder, A. (September 15, 2018). *Interprofessional Education in Recreational Therapy Curriculum – A Tale of Three Universities*. Presentation at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Ramella, K.**, and Gregory, D. (September 15, 2018). *Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice in Recreational Therapy*. Presentation at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Ramella, K.** (August 25, 2017). *Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice in Recreational Therapy*. Presentation at the Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Clarke-Telfer, J., & **Ramella, K.** (December 6, 2013). *Creative Use of Community Engaged Scholarship*. Presentation at the 4th Annual Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Ramella, K.** (Spring, 2013) *Sustaining our Profession through Continuous Learning: Recertification in Recreational Therapy*. Presentation at the Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Clarke-Telfer, J., Hidalgo, S., and **Ramella, K.** (April 16, 2013). *Impactful Service Learning*. Presentation at the Association for Volunteer Administration of Central Arizona Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Ramella, K.** & Dietrich, B. (May 1, 2013). *Developing Competency Based Internship*. Presentation at the Therapeutic Recreation in Motion Conference, St. Augustine, Florida.
- Ramella, K.** & Dietrich, B. (October 15, 2012) *Developing Competency Based Internships*. Presentation at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Dietrich, B. & **Ramella, K.** (October 13, 2012). *Learning and Practicing Therapeutic Recreation Techniques...While Having Fun*. Presentation at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Ramella, K.** (February 9, 2012). *Design and Plan Student Practicum Experiences*. Workshop facilitated with Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Ramella, K.** & Dietrich, B. (October 15, 2011). *Developing Competency Based Internships*. Presentation at Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Prescott, Arizona.
- Bush, L., & **Ramella, K.** (December 3, 2010). *Collaboratively Designing the Future of Volunteer Management Curriculum*. Presentation at the Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service-Learning, Coolidge, Arizona.
- Ramella, K.** (April 30, 2009) *A PIE of Life – Refresh your Perspective of Standards for Practice*. Keynote address at Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.

Ramella, K. (August 26, 2008). *Developing and Marketing Therapeutic Recreation Internship*. Presentation at the 58th Annual Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Field of Practice - Therapeutic Recreation

- Ramella, K.** (December, 2023) *Promoting Health through Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Programming in Schools*. 17th World Leisure Congress.
- Ramella, K.,** Ross., & Perlman, D. (November 7, 2022). *Promoting School Health through Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Programming*. Oral Presentation. APHA Annual Meeting and Expo.
- Ramella, K.,** & Sefton, J. (October 22, 2022). *The Benefits of Inclusion*. Workshop. 30th Annual Schools Out, Make It Count Conference.
- Wilson, K., Ross, A. & **Ramella., K.** (April 27, 2022). *Using Online Recess Boost Social and Emotional Health*. Paper presentation. SHAPE America Nation Convention & Expo.
- Amato, J, & **Ramella, K.** (November 10, 2021). *Advocating for inclusive play and recreation in schools using A Guide to Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Programming (TIRP)*. Virtual synchronous presentation at National Inclusion Project Learn, Adapt, Include Power of Play 2021.
- Ross, A. & **Ramella, K.** (April 16, 2021). Teacher and staff perceptions of inclusive recreation: A mixed method overview in Arizona schools. Synchronous poster presentation at 2021 SHAPE America Virtual National Convention & Expo.
- Ramella, K.** Bright, H., and Gregory, D. (September 16, 2019). *Recreational Therapists: Change Leaders Advancing Interprofessional Education and Practice*” Presentation at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Reno, Nevada.
- Ramella, K.** (August 20, 2019). *Community-Engaged Interprofessional Education. Recreational Therapy: Pivotal to learning in community health environments?* Poster presented at Nexus Summit, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Coco, V. & **Ramella, K.** (April 15, 2019). *Connecting around the campfire: Designing an outdoor therapeutic program for Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP)*. Presentation at the Children of Incarcerated Parent's National Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Coco, V. & **Ramella, K.** (March 15, 2019). *Connecting around the campfire: An interprofessional community discussion on how to improve outdoor therapeutic programing for Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP)*. Workshop facilitated at the SPARKS Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Dietrich, B and **Ramella, K.** (August 12, 2015). *Veteran Engagement: Facilitating Connections to Social and Recreational Activities*. Presentation at the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Annual Conference, Tucson, Arizona.
- Ramella, K.** *Inspire, Motivate & Engage Volunteers – Optimizing the greatest asset to your therapeutic recreation program*. Presentation at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, September 29, 2015. Albuquerque, New Mexico. Presentation at the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Annual Conference, August 12, 2015, Tucson, Arizona. Presentation at the Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association conference, May 1, 2015, Phoenix, AZ.
- Ramella, K.** (August 13, 2014). *Using Play to Promote Inclusion*. Presentation at the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Annual Conference, Chandler, Arizona.
- Tennis, B, & **Ramella, K.** (April, 30 2009) A Leisure Education Protocol: Making Leisure Choices Using Enabling Switches. Paper presentation at Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Tennis, B. & **Ramella, K.** (October 1, 2008). *Using Enabling Switches to Impact Participant Outcomes*. Research poster presentation at American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Reno, Nevada.

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS (underlined names represent students)

Book Chapter

Ramella, K & Ross, A. (2022). *Community Partnerships and Interprofessional Practice: Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Programming in Schools. Interprofessional Collaboration in Parks, Recreation, and Human Services: Theory and Cases*. In Hironaka-Juteau & Lankford, S. (Eds.) *Interprofessional Collaboration in Parks, Recreation, and Human Services. Theory and Cases*. (pp. 103 – 116 of Chapter 10). Sagamore-Venture LLC.

Invited Paper

Zahl, M., Greenwood, J., **Ramella, K.**, Sullivan, A., & Wilder, A. (2016). Interprofessional Education and Experiences within Therapeutic Recreation Education. *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 50(4). DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.18666/TRJ-2016-V50-I4-7687>

Refereed Articles

Kelly J. Ramella, Allison Poulos & Dana Perlman (2023) Enhancing School Connectedness Through Recreation-Based Learning: Practical Strategies Guided by Theory and Practice, *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance*, 94:7, 40-44, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/07303084.2023.2237562>

Poulos, A., Wilson, K., & **Ramella, K.** (2023). Promoting children’s health and well-being through structured recreation during online recess. *Health Education Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/her/cyac041>

Wilson, K., **Ramella, K.**, & Poulos, A. (2022). Building School Connectedness Through Structured Recreation During School: A Concurrent Mixed-Methods Study. *The Journal of School Health*, 92(10), 1013–1021. <https://doi.org/10.1111/josh.13222>

Ramella, K., Tennis, B. and Yoshioka, C. (2009). Making Leisure Choices Using Enabling Switch in *Therapeutic Recreation*, 17: 73-82.

Newsletters and Blogs

Ramella, K., & Amato, J. (2022) School-Based Programming. Access ATRA. 38(2). American Therapeutic Recreation Association.

Ramella, K (2020). 3 Quick Icebreakers for the Virtual Interprofessional Classroom. Center for Advancing Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research. [Link](#).

Ramella, K. (2017). Embracing and Advancing Interprofessional Education & Collaborative Practice in Recreational Therapy, 33(1), 7-9. American Therapeutic Recreation Association.

Reports

Ramella, K., Amato, J., & Ross, A. (2021, August). A Guide to Therapeutic and Inclusive Recreation Programming in Arizona Schools. Arizona State University. <https://www.platformtoplay.com/research>

Ramella, K., Ross, A., & Wilson, K. (June, 2021). Therapeutic and inclusive recreation programming (TIRP) in an Arizona elementary school. [Report prepared for Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council]. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona State University.

Ramella, K. & Ross, A. (June, 2020). Therapeutic and inclusive recreation programming (TIRP) in Arizona schools. A report prepared for: Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona State University.

Carter, Hawkins, Anderson, Ashton, Craig, Crawford, Shine, Hutchins, Richard, Sullivan, Stavola

Daly, **Ramella**, and Ross. (2018). ATRA Higher Education Task Force Final Report. American Therapeutic Recreation Association.

Ramella, K. (2018). Telephone Pioneer Park Accessibility Report.

Ramella, K., Alvarez, G., Kirkley, D., Parks, J., Riley, E., Rubis, K., and Terry, A., (2016) Leisure & Wellness Pilot Program at an Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic Collaboration between Arizona State University and Southwest Behavioral & Health Services.

MEDIA RELATED INFORMATION

ASU News, July 21, 2023. Recreational therapists from ASU, VA help veteran experiencing blindness learn archery. [Link](#)

ASU News, March 7, 2022. Students apply classroom training to engage, serve downtown Phoenix neighbors. Through ASU Community Collaborative, Westward Ho residents enjoy health-related, social activities ‘at the speed of trust.’ [Link](#)

FOX 10 Phoenix News, November 9, 2021. ASU recreational therapy students providing adaptive sport for veterans. [Link](#)

ASU News, October 19, 2021. ASU students help veterans through adaptive sports. [Link](#)

Arizona Development Disabilities Planning Council, 2020. Grant Project Spotlight: Therapeutic Inclusive Recreation. Year One: 2019 – 2020. [Link](#)

ASU Now: Access, Excellence, Impact, October, 2019. Tod Lemay’s gift of a TerrainHopper will enable disabled students to enjoy all adventures. [Link](#)

University of Arizona Newsroom, 2018. Program to Improve Care for Super-Utilizers. [Link](#)

Phoenix New Times, November 2017. Vietnam Vet Finds New Life in an Unexpected Place: Crafts. [Link](#)

AZFamily.com powered by channel 3 and 5, July 2017. ASU researchers help veterans heal through arts and crafts. [Link](#)

Help Heal Veterans News, 2016. New Partnership Between Arizona State University Recreational Therapy and Help Heal Veterans Will Expand Therapy Options for Injured Military. [Link](#)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Public Health Association

Arizona State Therapeutic Recreation Association

American Educational Research Association

American Therapeutic Recreation Association

National Recreation and Park Association

SHAPE America

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (select recent activities)

- **Developing Inclusive Learning Environments: Micro-Learnshop™.** Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, Fall 2023
- **Quality Internship Supervisor Training.** American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Fall 2022
- **Southwest Faculty Mentor Development.** College of Health Solutions, ASU. Spring 2022
- **Evidence-Based Practice.** Temple University Conference. Spring 2021 & 2022

OTHER ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Special Projects Director, Interfaith Community Care (aka Benevilla)

Sun City, Arizona, 2003-2004

- Responsible for grant writing and program development projects as assigned.

Program Director, Interfaith Community Care (aka Benevilla)

Sun City, Arizona, 1998-2003

- Responsible for directing community-based therapeutic programs, events, and training, for older adults, adults with disabilities, children and families.
- Supervised over 15 employees in the delivery of quality care management, adult day services, home care, volunteer services, and information and referral.
- Managed volunteer services to include recruitment, training and retention for a program with over 350 volunteers.

Program Coordinator, Onslow County Behavioral Healthcare Services

Jacksonville, North Carolina, 1994-1997

- Coordinated Onslow County's Community Services program; providing comprehensive supportive and therapeutic services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Managed 20 direct care employees and administered 40 contract providers in the delivery of habilitation services in the delivery of individualized, long-term support services: community inclusion, parent training, high-risk intervention, client behavioral intervention, respite care and supervised living.

Recreational Therapist, Johns Hopkins Hospital

Baltimore, Maryland, 1991-1993

- Responsible for the delivery of Recreational Therapy services on the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry units; individualized assessment, interdisciplinary planning, therapeutic program implementation and evaluation of outcomes.

Recreational Therapy Intern, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital

Boston, Massachusetts, Summer 1991

- Recreational Therapy services with Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Volunteer, **Heifer International**, Honduras, January 2012, 2014 & 2023. Facilitating health clinics with Hondurans; dental care and health education including alternative treatments to pain.
- Volunteer, **National Veteran Wheelchair Games**, July 2022
- Grade Level Advisor, **National Charity League**, Phoenix Chapter. 2019-2020
- Vice President of Philanthropy, **National Charity League**, Phoenix Chapter. 2016 - 2018
- Teacher, **Sunday school, Orangewood Presbyterian Church**, 2002-2016
- Leader, **Girl Scouts, Arizona Cactus-Pine Council**, 2008-2015
- Volunteer, **Orangewood Presbyterian Church**, Rocky Point, Mexico. Build homes with Amor Ministries.