Welcome to the first issue of the Journal of Unconventional Parks, Tourism & Recreation Research (JUPTRR). We hope you share in our excitement about the launch of this new venue for publication of leisure research.

JUPTRR is designed as a resource for educators, professionals, and students in recreation, parks, and tourism. As with all academic journals, manuscripts accepted to JUPTRR provide research that contributes to the body of knowledge in a field. What makes this journal unique is the focus on unconventional methodologies and topics.

Many top-tier journals have limited space for strictly theoretical manuscripts, topics that may be considered “edgy,” or research that focuses on smaller populations. Even when those manuscripts are accepted, it may take months or years before they are published through traditional channels.

While opportunities to publish in academic journals continue to expand, many still find it difficult to publish or, more importantly, have their research read (Stokowski, 1999). As a free online resource, JUPTRR is accessible to anyone with interests in leisure research. In the first issue you will find an exploration of prostitution as leisure, a study measuring wisdom and agencies in the United States, as well as Australia, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, New Zealand, and Taiwan. We are committed to JUPTRR being a well-respected outlet for theoretical or empirical research while providing a venue that is open to unique methodologies or presentations of that research.

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