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- Recreation and the aged
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- Risk management
- Safety & injury prevention in exercise & sport programs

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- African Americans and social leisure
- Therapeutic recreation and treatment of patients

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- Gender and leisure activities
- Sport tourism, issues and behavior

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- Visitor studies of parks and natural areas and economic impact of such areas

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- Consumer behavior within sport and sport tourism contexts
- Image of sport and sport events and their fit with destination and sponsor images
- National and international community's development through sport initiatives

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- Management of non-traditional employees in sport settings
- Service quality related to the performance of non-traditional employees in sport
- Work-family conflict in sport settings

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- Service quality in sport

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- Instructional technology in travel and tourism

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- Consumer behavior within sport and leisure contexts
- Organizational behavior within sport and leisure contexts

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- Planning and developing sustainable tourism destinations
- Tourism crisis management

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- Race and gender issues in sport
- Intercollegiate athletics

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- Safety and injury prevention in sport and recreation
- Case and statutory law analysis in sport and recreation
- Active living and obesity prevention relevant to sport and physical activity

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- Ecotourism and cultural heritage tourism in developing countries
- Tourist behaviors & impacts: socio-cultural, environmental and economic
- Outdoor recreation and tourism management in parks & protected areas

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- The study of organizational theory relative to social responsibility
- Economic structures of sport teams and leagues

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- Fitness and sport facility design and management
- Wellness programs in correctional facilities

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- Study of sport organizational behaviors
- Research design, measurement, and statistics

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