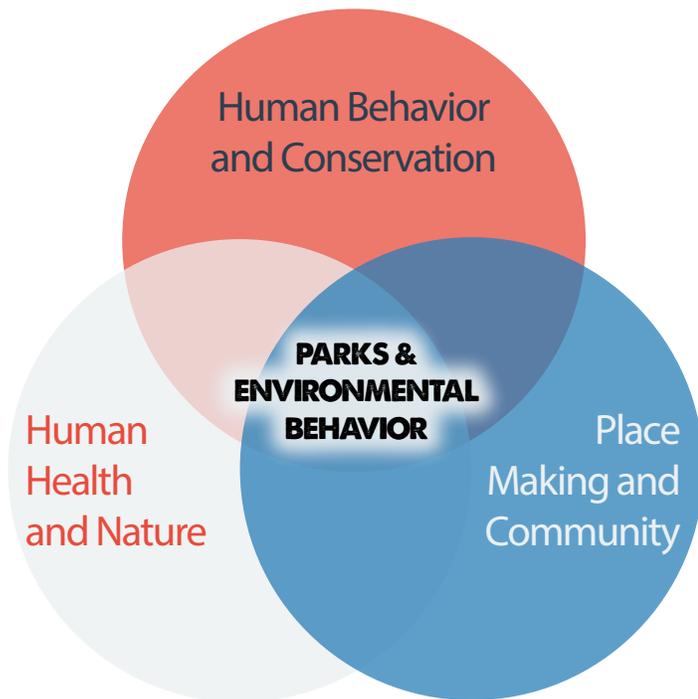




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PARKS & ENVIRONMENTAL BEHAVIOR RESEARCH GROUP



Theme 1 **Human Behavior and Conservation**

Lead Researcher

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Sub-Themes

- Psychological processes (e.g. values, norms, and attitudes) that shape behavior
- Social values for ecosystem services
- Ecological impacts on parks & protected areas

Theme 2 **Human Health and Nature**

Lead Researcher

Dr. Matthew H. E. M. Browning

Sub-Themes

- Nature-based programming
- Technology in nature
- Access to nature
- Objective measures of health and well-being
- Environmental preferences

Theme 3 **Place Making and Community**

Lead Researcher

Dr. William P. Stewart

Sub-Themes

- Community satisfaction through parks and protected areas development
- Sense of place creation around natural landscapes

OUR MISSION

The Parks & Environmental Behavior Research Group is a group of interdisciplinary scholars who are dedicated to understanding recreation and leisure behavior in ways that build sustainable communities, conserve parks and protected areas, and enhance human health and well-being. The impact of our research advances theory while providing agencies and professional organizations with information to promote behaviors that lead to environmental protection, social justice, and quality of life.

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