



# INSTITUTE FOR PARKS



## THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR PARKS (CUIP)

provides research, education, training and outreach to enhance the management of the world's parks and special places. It accomplishes this by:

- Conducting research that supports informed, effective and efficient management decisions.
- Increasing individual and institutional capacity through leadership education and training programs.
- Promoting the importance of parks and protected areas to a rapidly changing, multicultural and global society.

Initiated in 2008, the Institute is a partnership between the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences and the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences. It facilitates collaboration between 35 faculty fellows that represent five Clemson colleges and 10 external scholars to accomplish its goals and programs. Key accomplishments during the past 12 years include:

## RESEARCH

- Sponsored 10 research grants to support new faculty and graduate students.
- Conducted research in 70+ national parks and 28 countries across the globe.
- Awarded \$4.6 million in external grants from 2016-2019 that generated 120+ publications and reports in 2018-2019 on topics that matter to local, state, national and international parks:
  - Visitor and tourism management.
  - Education and interpretation.
  - Leadership and organization.
  - Transboundary governance.
  - Ecological analyses.
  - Population viability and genetics.
  - Climate change and vulnerability analyses.
  - Land-use planning.

## LEADERSHIP

- Launched the Directors' Leadership Academy in 2019 to commemorate past directors of the National Park Service (NPS) and enhance the capacity of new and aspiring leaders of local, state and national parks through two leadership programs:

- Ronald H. Walker (eighth director of NPS) Leadership Development Program for emerging park leaders.
- Gary E. Everhardt (ninth director of NPS) Park Break Program for graduate students from across the country to gain leadership experience and conduct service learning in parks around the globe.

## OUTREACH

- Hosts the annual George B. Hartzog Jr. (seventh director of NPS) Awards and Lecture Series, which recognizes national and international leaders in parks and conservation and is in its 42nd year.
- Started an innovative online repository called the Open Parks Network to protect and provide access to valuable historical resources and connect the global park community.

## NEED FOR SUPPORT

The Institute has a strong record of success, but we need private support to continue to build our programs and establish Clemson as a leader in park management programming and research. We ask you to consider a gift to the Clemson University Institute of Parks and partner with us as we build on this foundation by:

- Contributing to the development of a new Directors' Leadership Academy training program in recognition of a former NPS director or supporting one of its existing programs.
- Sponsoring a scholarship for a student or emerging leader to attend a leadership program.
- Contributing to the leadership of the CUIP through the George B. Hartzog Jr. Endowed Professor in Philosophy, Parks and Environmental Ethics.
- Building CUIP's capacity through an unrestricted gift that will provide meaningful research, education and outreach programs.

Our parks system is a true national treasure. The Clemson University Institute of Parks asks you to join us as we further the goals of parks everywhere through research, education, training and outreach.

For more information on how to help, contact John Pezdek, Director of Development for the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences, at [jpezdek@clemsun.edu](mailto:jpezdek@clemsun.edu) or 315-794-4483.