

Mickey Fearn - Bio



Mickey Fearn has been a public servant, parks, recreation, and conservation professional for over 50 years.

He has served as a Professor of Practice in the North Carolina State University's School of Natural Resources since 2013.

From 2009 to 2013 he served as the National Park Service's Deputy Director for Communications and Community Assistance from 2008 until 20013. **His responsibilities included Community Engagement and Outreach, Communications, Public Affairs, Strategic Planning, Youth Programs, International Affairs, Partnerships, Legislative and Congressional Affairs, Policy, State and Local Assistance Programs.**

Before his tenure at the National Park Service, Mickey worked in Seattle where he held positions as:

- Director of Innovation for which he managed the creative energy of Seattle's 10,000 employee workforce, created and facilitated a city-wide idea management system, and created and led Seattle Facilitative Leadership Institute
- **Executive Director of the Neighborhood Leadership Program for which he established a citizen's university to improve public process and relationships between Seattle residents and their elected officials. In addition, he led Seattle's transformation to inclusionary public engagement.**
- Manager of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative for which he created the architecture, and led the Mayor's initiative to end racism and create equity in the City of Seattle
- Director of Communication and Citizen Engagement in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

In addition, Mickey led the creation of the architecture to end youth violence in the City of Seattle, and developed programs connecting young people with nature.

Mickey served as a Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioner for 12 years. Prior to his work in Seattle, Mickey worked for the Governor of California, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation, as Community Outreach Specialist. He served the Mayor of Oakland California as the Coordinator of Special Projects, Community Outreach and Community Organization.

Mickey's has served on the Boards of Directors of Groundwork USA, the City Parks Alliance, the Core Network, Northbay Environmental Learning Center, SHIFT, the Board of Advisors for the University of Vermont Rubenstein School of Natural Resources, and on the State Park Leadership School Board of Regents.

Mickey earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation and Park Administration from California State University, Sacramento and his Master of Science Degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from the University of Oregon.