

SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE BODY

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Notes From the Chair

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It is an exciting time as the SSSP annual meeting approaches. Below, you will find session times and dates for the division meeting and sessions associated with Sport, Leisure, and the Body. Ensure that if you are attending, you have renewed your membership, registered for the conference, and made transportation and hotel arrangements.

If you are attending the meeting, please try to make an effort to attend and support the sessions and the division meeting. The division meeting will deal with issues surrounding our division mission. In addition, we will be addressing the division name. We are seeking clarity and inclusion in the title and then a clear description of what is meant by Sport, Leisure and the Body. I believe these are important issues to ensure that our division continues to flourish in SSSP.

I always welcome you to contribute to the newsletter, make suggestions and be a part of the newsletter.

I hope to see you all at the conference and at the division meeting!

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And let us know what you are working on! Send information on recent books, articles, reports, presentations, etc. to Giovanna Follo at giovanna.follo@wright.edu.

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Call for Newsletter Editor

The SSSP Sport, Leisure, and the Body division is seeking a newsletter editor for the 2018–2019 academic year. Responsibilities include working with the division chair to request and compile information from division members and putting together quarterly newsletters. Please send nominations (self-nominations are fine) to Giovanna Follo at giovanna.follo@wright.edu.

Division Sessions for 2018 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia (August 10–12)

Listed below are the 2018 Annual Meeting Sessions. The section meeting will be held on Friday, August 10th from 12:30–2:30 pm in Liberty Ballroom A.

Date: Friday, August 10

Time: 8:30 AM – 10:10 AM

The Intersection of Socializing Institutions, Health and Sport

Room: Independence D

Sponsors: Educational Problems; Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Giovanna Follo, Wright State University Lake Campus

“Books or the Ballgame: Understanding Student–athletes’ Academic Struggles in a New Way,” Dinur Blum, California State University, Los Angeles

“Social Roles and Physical Health in the Asian American Context,” Shelley Rao, Indiana University Bloomington

“The Development of ‘I ROCK’ Kids Empowerment Program: The First Two Years,” Giovanna Follo, Wright State University Lake Campus and Cecily Chandler, Holy Cross

Date: Friday, August 10

Time: 2:30 PM – 4:10 PM

Mental Health, Sport, and the Body

Room: Salon 5

Sponsors: Society and Mental Health; Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Kaitlin A. Pericak, University of Miami

“Does Stigma Make You Sick? Assessing the Health Consequences of Perceived Stigma over a Three–year Period,” Evan J. Batty and Robyn Brown, University of Kentucky

“The Thrill of Victory, The Agony of Injury,” Kaitlin A. Pericak, University of Miami

“Totemism: Nationalism, the American Flag, and the Take a Knee Movement,” Adonis Timothy William Kernen, University at Buffalo, SUNY

“What Does Being Healthy ‘Look Like’? Body Shaming: Peering into the Expectations and Cultural Identity of Outward Appearance on Health in Impoverished America,” Natalee Briscoe, University of Alabama

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:10 PM

Body Liberation

Room: Freedom F

Sponsor: Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Giovanna Follo, Wright State University Lake Campus

“Body Empowerment Leads to Body Liberation,” Giovanna Follo, Wright State University Lake Campus

“Co-opting Body Positivity: The Erasure of the Authentic Yoga Body,” Amara Miller, University of California, Davis

“The Stigmatized Body – Exploring Embodied Perceptions of Race, Gender and Weight,” Amanda Levitt, Wayne State University

Date: Saturday, August 11

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:10 PM

Methodological Approaches to Studying Sport and/or the Body

Room: Freedom F

Sponsor: Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Jeffrey O. Sacha, University of California, Davis

“Is Reflexivity Enough? The White Researcher in Race-based Sport Research,” Joshua D. Vadeboncoeur and Trevor Bopp, University of Florida

“Techno-physical Feminism: Surveillance, Anti-rape Technology and Shifting Risk Paradigms,” Renee M. Shelby, Georgia Institute of Technology, *Winner of the Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division’s Student Paper Competition*

“Tenuous Cosmopolitan Canopies: Youth Soccer and Race in the United States,” Alex Manning, University of Minnesota, *Honorable Mention of the Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division’s Student Paper Competition*

“Sometimes You Have to Bleed for Your Data: The Body as a Way to Mitigate Social Distance in Field Research,” Jeffrey O. Sacha, University of California, Davis

Date: Sunday, August 12

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:10 PM

Sexuality and Bodies I: Frontiers of Gender In/Justice

Room: Independence B

Sponsors: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Sport, Leisure, and the Body

Organizer: Madeleine Pape, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Presider & Discussant: Renee M. Shelby, Georgia Institute of Technology

“#MeToo: Social Media as a Space to Combat Rape Culture,” Katelyn Rose Malae, University of California, Irvine

“How Neurobiological Variation Matters (for) Gender and Sexuality: Theoretical Implications of Interviews with Autistic Adults,” Jessica Penwell Barnett, Wright State University

“Resistance, Mobilization and Social Imaginaries: Naming and Ending Sexual Violence,” Alex Otieno and Taylor Costello, Arcadia University

“Swallowing the Red Pill: Masculinities and Capitalism in the Manosphere,” Shawn Van Valkenburgh, University of California, Santa Barbara

Date: Sunday, August 12

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:10 PM

Sexuality and Bodies II: Masculinities

Room: Independence B

Sponsors: Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities; Sport, Leisure, and the Body

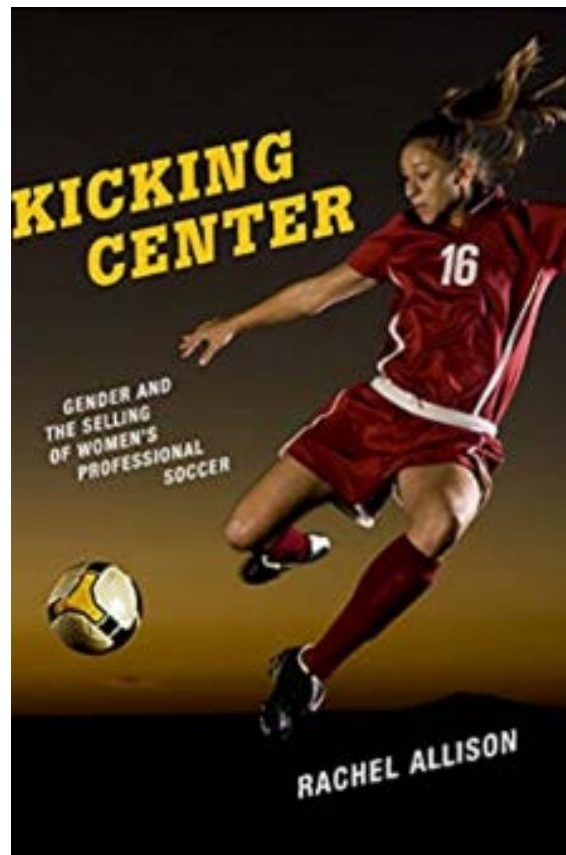
Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Madeleine Pape, University of Wisconsin–Madison

“Does Religion Nest Family Honor in Female Virginity?” Rafia J. Mallick, University of Oklahoma

“Heterosexual Masculinity and Porn Culture: A Profile of Porn ‘Super Fans’ Attending the AVN Adult Entertainment Expo,” Crystal A. Jackson, John Jay College, CUNY, Barbara G. Brents, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Paul J. Maginn, University of Western Australia

“Masculinities in the Labelling and Marketing of Alcoholic Beverages with Aphrodisiacs Claims in Southwest Nigeria,” Abiodun Oluwaseun Oyebode, Federal Polytechnic Offa, Nigeria and Ojo Melvin Agunbiade, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

New Book



Kicking Center

Gender and the Selling of Women's Professional Soccer

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<https://www.rutgersuniversitypress.org/kicking-center/9780813586779>

Girls and young women participate in soccer at record levels and the Women's National Team regularly draws media, corporate, and popular attention. Yet despite increased representation and visibility, gender disparities in opportunity, compensation, training resources, and media airtime persist in soccer, and two professional leagues for women have failed since 2000.

In *Kicking Center*, Rachel Allison investigates a women's soccer league seeking to break into the male-dominated center of U.S. professional sport. Through an examination of the challenges and opportunities identified by those working for and with this league, she demonstrates how gender inequality is both constructed and contested in professional sport. Allison details the complex constructions of race, class, gender, and sexuality in the selling and marketing of women's soccer in a half-changed sports landscape characterized by both progress and backlash, and where professional sports are still understood to be men's territory.

Submit to *Engaging Sports*!

About

Engaging Sports (<https://thesocietypages.org/engagingsports/>)

provides sociologically-informed analysis to help readers think about sports in a way that goes beyond the scores, highlights, and statistics. The site is intended for sport participants, fans, coaches, administrators, students, media members, and anyone else interested in better understanding sports in society. *Engaging Sports* is a collaborative effort led by scholars affiliated with the [North American Society for the Sociology of Sport \(NASSS\)](#). Broadly, the mission of NASSS is to promote, stimulate, and encourage the sociological study of play, games, sport, and physical culture. *Engaging Sports* provides a forum for people affiliated with NASSS to engage the broader public with their work.

Submission Guidelines

Anyone who is a current member of the [North American Society for the Sociology of Sport](#) (or has been a member within the past year) is welcome to submit a contribution to *Engaging Sports*. The general purpose of the site is to provide content that helps readers interpret and understand current events and issues occurring in the context of sport and physical culture. Contributions should include analysis that is clearly grounded in and informed by scholarship

in the sociology of sport, presented in a way that “translates” that scholarship for a public audience.

It may be helpful for authors to think of a hook to a current/recent event, upcoming date, or anniversary of a notable event when writing contributions for the site. Overall, authors should think of the piece as an opportunity to translate sociology of sport content for a public audience in such a way that helps readers better understand current issues in sport and physical culture. When writing a contribution for *Engaging Sports*, authors should consider the following points:

- Contributions should be approximately 700 to 1000 words in length. This length should allow authors to provide substantive content that is easy for a member of the general public to read and digest in a few minutes.
- Contributions should be written using language and a writing style that is easily accessible for a member of the general public. When writing, it may be helpful to envision a first-year university student with no background in social science as a potential reader.
- When you refer to theory or research findings, do so in a narrative style in which you clearly explain the theory/research rather than using traditional academic citations. If you are referring to a specific piece of scholarship, you may include hyperlinked text that the reader can click on to view the original article being referenced.
- Writers are encouraged to identify one or two photos that can be posted along with the article (along with appropriate captions and photo attribution).
- For examples of how to “translate” academic scholarship for public consumption, prospective writers are encouraged to view posts appearing on sites such as the [Contexts blog](#), [the Conversation](#), and the [Gender & Society blog](#).
- At the end of the text, all authors should include a biographical note that lists their current position, briefly describes their academic interests/expertise, and provides a link to their institutional bio page (if applicable). Authors can also provide links to their social media accounts (e.g., Twitter) if they wish.

- To submit a contribution, please send your submission (with any hyperlinks inserted) as a Microsoft Word file to **EngagingSports@gmail.com**. Please also attach any photos (or include hyperlinks to the photos), along with appropriate captions and photo attribution, that you wish to use with the submission. All submissions will be reviewed by a site editor and a reviewer(s) with expertise in an area related to the submission prior to publication.

NASSS 2018 Annual Meeting

The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport will meet in Vancouver, BC, Canada, October 31– November 3, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency. For more information, see www.nasss.org.