

# SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE BODY

Society for the Study of Social Problems

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

**Alicia Smith-Tran, Ph.D.**

Texas Christian University

Greetings, Division Members:

Now that summer has arrived I hope you are all finding a moment to exhale, rest, and reflect. I am heartened and cautiously optimistic that we are seeing glimpses of “normal” life returning.

As my term as division chair comes to a close, I want to thank you all for your membership in the division and your contributions to the efforts of our scholarly and activist community. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting on Zoom, and hope that I can meet more of you in-person at future meetings. We are in excellent hands with Dr. Luis Nuño, who will take the reins as our division’s new leader in August at the annual meeting! I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the division in this capacity.

With gratitude,

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# NOTES FROM THE INCOMING CHAIR

**Luis Nuño, Ph.D.**

California State University, Los Angeles



As the incoming chair of the Division of Sport, Leisure, and the Body, I want to thank the outgoing chair, Alicia Smith-Tran, for the work she has done for our Division. Thank you, Alicia, for creating an inclusive division that welcomes diverse perspectives on the intersection of sports, social justice, and public scholarship. As incoming division chair, it is my goal to build on this spirit. I am interested in the many arenas where sport, leisure, and the body cuts through social life. I've spent the past decade serving as a volunteer coach for baseball, softball, soccer, and football teams in local youth leagues. During these seasons I gained direct experience with the integrative function of community collaboration in sport and leisure molding healthy, happy bodies. Yet, I have also seen how these same spaces of play, learning, and comfort transform into places of exploitation, discrimination, and division across the social landscape. My current research explores the social forces shaping and shaped by the activist athlete in American society today. I look forward to serving and growing our division, as well as learning from colleagues as we build a vibrant division.

Peace and solidarity,

**Luis F. Nuño**

# SSSP ANNUAL MEETING

SSSP will hold a virtual annual meeting from August 4-7, 2021. [Click here to view the preliminary program schedule](#). Our division will be sponsoring two scheduled sessions listed below:

**Session 017:** The Body in Global Perspective

**Sponsor:** Sport, Leisure, and the Body

**Organizer & Presider:** Alicia Smith-Tran, Texas Christian University

Wednesday, August 4, 11:30am (Eastern Time)

**Description:** Research on the body is wide-ranging, including issues that touch on health and medicine, religion, surveillance, and their intersections with topics such as race, gender, and sexuality. While the study of 'the body' can be broadly construed, the papers in this session work in conjunction to paint a global picture that highlights shared themes, bridging several bodies of research together.

**Papers:**

“Not ‘Fair’ Anymore: Exploring Public Opinions about Globe Cosmetic Corporations’ Responses to the #BLM Movement,”

Hsin-Yu Chen, Penn State University and Nina G. Jablonski, The Pennsylvania State University

“Flowers, White Women, and Hegemony: How Cosmetic Surgeons Market Vulvas and Sex,” Samantha Castonguay, Washington State University and R.F. Plante, Ithaca College

“Patient Problems: Adverse Event Reports on FDA-approved Female Sterilization Devices,” Valerie Leiter and Maude Elovitz, Simmons University

“My Body, Your Choice? Fetal Protection Policies and Race-specific Abortion Rates,” Chancey Herbolsheimer, Vanderbilt University

“Policing Queer and Trans Bodies: Formal and Informal Control over Marginalized Populations,” Meg Osborn, The Graduate Center, CUNY and John Jay College of Criminal Justice

# SSSP ANNUAL MEETING

**Session 081:** Mind, Body, and Fitness

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

**Organizer & Discussant:** Virginia Kuulei Berndt, University of Delaware

**President:** Alicia Smith-Tran, Texas Christian University

Friday, August 6, 1:30pm (Eastern Time)

**Description:** The body is the medium through which individuals experience the social world and thus links together the individual with the structural, the biological with the social, and the physical with the mental and emotional. Social structures and corresponding expectations along the lines of gender, race, socioeconomic status, disability, and age have the potential to transform bodies and affect mental health. This session includes work from a range of disciplinary and methodological approaches, broadly exploring how the physical body and mental health intersect, within and outside the context of “fitness.”

**Papers:**

“Body Pedagogics among Barbell Coaches and Yoga Teachers,” Kelly Underman, Drexel University

“Childbirth Representations in Fictional Media,” Isabella A. Chiareli and Ann M. Beutel, University of Oklahoma

“Modern Man’s Predicament: How the Reorganizing of Temporal Rhythms has Influenced Contemporary Consumption Practices in North America,” Helen Kosc, The University of Oxford

“Who Hurts More? Cultural Dimensions of Pain and Suffering,” Anna Gabur, University of Notre Dame

# MEMBER NEWS:

**Virginia (Ginger) Berndt, Ph.D.**

Texas A&M International University



## Body-related publication from 2020:

- **Berndt, Virginia Kuulei** and Ann V. Bell. 2020. “‘This is What the Truth is’: Provider-patient interactions serving as barriers to contraception.” *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness, and Medicine* (Online First). DOI – <https://doi.org/10.1177/1363459320969775>.
  - In this article, we draw on frameworks of embodied knowledge and biomedicalization to examine how women's and providers' respective knowledge bases collide in provider-patient interactions in a way that ultimately yields barriers to contraception.

## Other publications from 2020-2021:

- **Berndt, Virginia Kuulei** and Ann V. Bell. 2021. “Contextualizing Barriers to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception in Delaware.” *Contraception* 103(6): 439-443. DOI – <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2021.02.007>.
- **Berndt, Virginia Kuulei** and Kelly F. Austin. 2021. “Drought and Disproportionate Disease: An Investigation of Gendered Vulnerabilities to HIV/AIDS in Less-Developed Nations.” *Population and Environment* 42(3): 379-405. DOI – <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11111-020-00367-1>.
- Austin, Kelly, Mark D. Noble, and **Virginia Kuulei Berndt**. 2021. “Drying Climates and Gendered Suffering: Links Between Drought, Food Insecurity, and Women’s HIV in Less-Developed Countries.” *Social Indicators Research* 154(1): 313-334. DOI – <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-020-02562-x>.
- **Berndt, Virginia Kuulei**. 2020. “Contextualizing Contraceptive Access in Disaster Settings: A Comparison of State-Level Contraceptive Refill Policies, Title X Clinic Availability, and Emergency Refill Laws in California, Texas, South Dakota, and New York.” *Sociological Viewpoints* 34(1): 115-133. DOI – [https://doi.org/10.26908/3412020\\_015](https://doi.org/10.26908/3412020_015).

## Professional Update:

- I recently earned my Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Delaware, and I will begin my position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Texas A&M International University this Fall.



## MEMBER NEWS:

**Trenton Haltom,**  
University of Nebraska

Starting August 2021, Trenton Haltom will begin his position as a Qualitative Methodologist for the Center of Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness, and Safety at Baylor College of Medicine and Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

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