

Sport, Leisure and the Body

Summer 2010

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Notes from the Chair

Greetings division members and Happy Summer! Difficult as it is to believe, July has finally arrived. Before we know it one of the strangest World Cup's will be a memory, the hullaboo over Labron will have ended, the WNBA will have selected its Rookie of the Year, tens of thousands of kids will be wrapping up their sport seasons, and we will be packing our bags for the annual meetings in Atlanta.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find detailed listings for the usual division related happenings including paper sessions, the business meeting, and our annual division

reception. I am also pleased to announce that this year's winner of our graduate student paper competition, Elise Paradis of Stanford University, will present her paper in Session 18 on Friday, August 13, 12:30pm – 2:10pm. Elise's paper, "Bourdieu, Bodies and Boxing: The Multidimensionality of Bodily Capital," was a terrific read. You will not be disappointed if you drop by for Elise's presentation. Speaking of the graduate student paper competition, be sure to extend your thanks to the judges who graciously donated their time to read and evaluate the entries: Giovanna Follo, Jackie Krasas, and Stephanie Williams.

We already have a number of items on the agenda for our division business meeting on Saturday 14 August, 12:30-2:10pm. As noted previously I'd like to come up with a name for our newsletter; it would also be nice to create a masthead. We will also need volunteers to serve on next year's graduate student paper competition, and it is time to generate a slate of candidates to serve as the next division chair.

The business meeting is also the time and place for conceptualizing next year's paper sessions. Divisions are typically awarded two or three sessions at the annual meeting. These "regular" sessions may be "thematic" or unrelated to the meeting's theme (next year's theme will be announced at the annual meeting), co-sponsored with another division, or not. Either way, "regular" sessions may be paper sessions that solicit participants via the regular SSSP call for papers, invited sessions, author meets critic(s) discussions, poster sessions, roundtables, workshops (e.g. publishing strategies, how to get a job as a "sport sociologist" without necessarily coming out as one, etc), invited speakers – or whatever else you can think of! We need not be constrained by the typical 4-5 person presentation panel, so feel free to make suggestions. This year, for example, we were hoping to have a division-sponsored trip to the roller derby. Sadly, there is no bout scheduled during our stay. Oftentimes those who propose a particular session also volunteer to organize it, but this need not be the case. We do, though, need active member participation for our division to thrive. As has become customary, this year all business meetings will be held at the same time and place to make it easier for folks to keep tabs on their various divisions. The joint meeting format also makes it easier to brainstorm co-sponsored sessions. Please come to the business meeting – and bring your session ideas, however half-baked, with you!

One of my duties as division chair is to represent our division at the meeting of the nominating committee. To do so effectively I need your help. Please send me names and

contact info of potential nominees for the elected offices, including President, Vice-President, BOD, and graduate student member of the Board. And yes: it *is* perfectly fine to self nominate, so please don't be shy about it! The SSSP website contains information on the duties associated with various elected positions, as well as that related to appointed committees (such as the C. Wright Mills Award).

Finally, although it might seem like it sometimes, newsletter content is not generated out of thin air. Please send conference announcements, CFPs, addresses for interesting websites, notices about recent films of division interest, and info regarding your recent publications to me and/or our wonderful newsletter editor, Giovanna Follo. Have an idea for an essay or book review? Would you like to profile one of your graduate students? Are you just aching to spout off about something sport-related? (And I don't just mean the World Cup refs.) Write it up and send it in!

That's all for now. See you in Hotlanta.

SPORT, LEISURE & THE BODY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division Business Meeting: Saturday 14 August, 12:30-2:10 pm. *Do you have ideas or suggestions for sessions or the newsletter? Would you like to meet other SSSP members who share your interest in bodies, leisure,*

and sport? The division business meeting is *the* place to be! At the business meeting you can find out more about the division, meet folks, get involved in division activities, shape sessions for the 2011 meetings, nominate people for assorted SSSP committees, and/or volunteer for service (in the division and the society). **GET INVOLVED!!**

Joint Division Reception: Friday 13 August, 6:30-7:30pm. This is another terrific opportunity to meet and catch up with other members of the division, figure out where to go dancing, and much on assorted, complimentary nummies. ☺

Session 24: Bodies and Boundaries in Contemporary Sport

12:30 PM - 2:10 PM, Friday, August 13 in Georgia 10.

Papers:

- a) “‘How was I ‘sposed to know he was a girl?’ The disruptive potential of a female body in men’s sport,” PJ McGann, University of Michigan
- b) “‘Please keep the queers of the court and let the pretty girls play’: The consequences of crossing the gender normal divide in women’s athletics,” Michela Musto, University of Southern California
- c) “‘Your body is your business card!’ Appearance, gender, and status in personal trainer-client relationships,” David J. Hutson, University of Michigan
- d) “Race, Sex, Gender, and Intersexuality Injustice: South Africa’s Response to the Caster Semenya Case,” Cheryl Cooky and

Ranissa Dycus, Purdue and Shari Dworkin, UC-San Francisco

OTHER SESSIONS, EVENTS, AND MEETINGS OF INTEREST:

SSSP Welcoming Reception, Thursday 12 August, 6-7 pm in the garden Courtyard. Open to all members! *The sure-fire way to get your meetings off to good start.*

Session 17: Open Discussion of Resolutions Being Proposed to the Board of Directors

Friday, August 13, 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM in Atlanta 2 & 3.

Organizer & Presider: PJ McGann, University of Michigan

Description: Plan to attend the open forum of discussion where resolutions will be presented for discussion among concerned members. Each proposed resolution will be presented by the sponsoring Division’s Chairperson (or designated representative) and adequate time for discussion will be properly allotted to each. Interested members and all Division Chairs should plan to participate in this session or designate a proxy from their division if unable to attend. Proposed resolutions will be discussed and, if needed, revised. The resolutions will then be presented by Vice-President as a package for approval for action by the attending membership at the SSSP business meeting 14 August. If objections from the floor are raised to any specific resolution, that resolution can, by majority vote of those present, be singled out from the package, and voted on separately. Those present can either support the resolution for approval as proposed or

decide to table the resolution for further discussion at the subsequent annual meeting.

Session 18: Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

Friday, August 13, 12:30pm – 2:10pm.

This year's winner of our graduate student paper competition, Elise Paradis of Stanford University, will present her paper "Bourdieu, Bodies and Boxing: The Multidimensionality of Bodily Capital."

Graduate Student "Happy Hour", Friday 13 August, 10-11pm at Fandangles Restaurant and Martini Bar. *Don't be shy; drop by!*

Reception Honoring Past Presidents, Saturday 14 August, 6:45-7:45pm in the Garden Courtyard. Complimentary appetizers and cash bar. A definite good time open to all SSSP members!

SSSP Awards Banquet, Saturday 14 August, 8-10pm, Capitol North Ballroom. Join your colleagues for food, conversation, and announcement of the 2010 Award winners – including the winner of the SL&B graduate student paper competition. Ticket required.



The New Crazy? Have you tried it.

SL&B SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

The Center for Feminist Research at the University of Southern California announces the release of ***GENDER IN TELEVISED SPORTS: NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS SHOWS, 1989-2009***, a research report authored by **Michael Messner** of the University of Southern California and **Cheryl Cooky** of Purdue University, with an Introduction by Diana Nyad. The study has tracked the quantity and quality of men's and women's sports on TV news and sports highlights shows over a 20-year time frame at five-year intervals. The 2010 report reveals that the amount of coverage of women's sports on three network affiliate news programs and on ESPN's *SportsCenter* nearly evaporated in 2009, falling to its lowest level in any year in the study. The report is available to the public and can be found at:

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/cfr/html/home.htm>

Just out: **Judith Lorber and Lisa Jean Moore. *Gendered Bodies: Feminist Perspectives*, second edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.**

Completely updated, with new chapters including “Aligning bodies, identities and expressions: transgender bodies”; “Sports: the playing grounds of gender”; and “Social bodies in an interconnected world.” New reprint selections include “R” *Genes Us?* -- Anne Fausto-Sterling; *No Time for Bullies: Baboons Retool Their Culture* -- Natalie Angier; *Incorporating Mothers into the Evolutionary Process* -- Sarah Blaffer Hrdy; *Breastfeeding* -- Linda M. Blum and Jennifer J. Esala; *Me and My Breasts* -- Muriel L. Sims; *Size Matters* -- Stephen S. Hall; *How African-American and White Men Experience Cancer Screening Exams Involving the Rectum* --Julie A. Winterich, et al; *Before and After: Class and Body Transformation* - Julia Serano; *Just One of the Guys* -- Kristen Schilt; *Expectant Bodies: The Pregnant Man* -- Paisley Currah ; *Where’s the Rulebook for Sex Verification?* -- Alice Dreger; *Playing with the Boys: Why Separate is Not Equal in Sports* -- Eileen McDonagh and Laura Papano; *Venus on Wheels* -- Gelya Frank; *Brides of Palestine/Angels of Death: The Case of the Palestinian Female Suicide Bombers* -- Dorit Naaman; *Reexamining Femicide* -- Nadera Shalhoub- Kevorkian. Ordering and adoption information can be found at: <http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Sociology/?view=usa&ci=9780199732456>

Hutson, David J. 2010. “Standing OUT/Fitting IN: Identity, Appearance, and Authenticity in Gay and Lesbian Communities.” *Symbolic Interaction* 33(2), 213-233.

Abstract: Sexuality scholars have noted the historical connection between appearance and gay or lesbian identity. However, as the social landscape for lesbian women and gay men has shifted over the past forty years, little research has documented how such changes influence gay and lesbian individuals' appearance choices as they form, manage, and maintain their identities. To explore the impact of this "post-closet" (Seidman 2002) era on the identities and appearances of lesbians and gays, in-depth interviews were conducted with twenty individuals, aged eighteen to thirty. Findings suggest that although most people use appearance to attain a sense of authenticity after "coming out," achieving a feeling of authenticity in gay and lesbian spaces presents unique challenges as individuals come under scrutiny by the community.

II. CAUGHT IN THE WEB

R. Vivian Acosta, Ph.D. and Linda Jean Carpenter, Ph.D., J.D., Professors Emerita of Brooklyn College have posted a 33 year update of the **national longitudinal study of women in intercollegiate sport, 1977-2010**. The site also includes downloadable info about Title IX. <http://acostacarpenter.org/>

How does your favorite soccer ball rate? The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF), wondered: where do all those soccer balls come from and do soccer ball companies have strong policies against child labor and other labor rights abuses? The ILRF released a user friendly tool at <http://www.Free2Work.org> so that consumers can see how soccer ball companies such as Nike, Adidas and Puma compare on labor rights. Companies are graded A through F based on a set of

questions developed by ILRF and the Not For Sale Campaign. Companies were also given a chance to provide their input. Following up on the recent report released by ILRF detailing the working conditions of soccer ball stitchers, ILRF is ready to continue to push for real change and we want you to join us. Companies that have recently been graded include Nike, Adidas, Puma, Brine, Molten, and Select Sport. You can also send an email to FIFA encouraging them to lead by example as a critical player in the soccer ball industry.

The NCAA Student-Athlete Experience Data Archive contains information related to graduation rates, academic factors, and the experiences of student-athletes: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NC/AA/>

Women's Sports Foundation [Visited Apr'10] The mission of the Women's Sports Foundation (WSF), which was founded by Billie Jean King in 1974, is to "advance the lives of girls and women through sport and physical activity." The foundation's Web site provides access to research reports, news, and grant and scholarship information. The Issues and Research section includes documents dating from 1985 to 2008 on topics such as youth sports in the US, the status of female youth health, and minorities in sports. Many of these studies were funded and produced by the WSF, but the foundation also welcomes submitted research. This section includes many sources on Title IX--for example, sample lesson plans and PowerPoint slides for use by coaches, college professors, and middle- and high-school teachers. A News and Events section is up-to-date with news items on women's sports; the site adds an average of six items every week. The Grants and

Scholarships section not only lists WSF grants and applications, but also provides links to other scholarships for female athletes and other grant-giving institutions. And the Tips and Tools section offers detailed, practical advice for parents, athletes, coaches, and athletic leagues. Because of its mix of scholarly, financial, and practical information, this site will be of use to many. Summing Up: Recommended. All users. -- **S. Jent, University of Louisville as reviewed in July 2010 CHOICE.** : <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/>

The Olympic Report Card study co-authored by Maureen Smith and Alison Wrynn:

<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Issues-And-Research.aspx>

<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Issues-And-Research/Research-And-Policy-Institute/Research-Reports/Archive.aspx>

<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Issues-And-Research/Know-Your-Rights/Olympic-Sports.aspx> -- a link in the right sidebar

Football for Peace International. F4P is an activity-based community relations and reconciliation initiative. Sports coaches, community leaders and volunteers work alongside each other bringing differing communities together through football and aspects of outdoor education. The project began in 2001 bringing together two communities and 100 Jewish and Arab children. Today the programme involves 24 mixed communities with over 1000 children.

F4P also operates in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, facilitating a cross border project. Run by local teachers and coaches trained in the F4P methodology, this project uses football to bring together children from both sides of the border regardless of background and religion. In all projects, young people enjoy learning and playing football together in non-threatening settings. The activities and coaching methodology devised by the initiative promotes intimate interaction, allowing longer-term relationships and cross-community understanding to flourish. <http://www.football4peace.eu/>

A request from Wade Rathke regarding the Upcoming Commonwealth Games, which will be held in India for the first time October 2010: “This is a short request for you to do something simple that makes a difference: sign a petition! We are asking you to stand with our members in Delhi who are being hammered by the preparations for the Commonwealth Games ... We are asking you to join us in opposition to the Indian Government's displacement of thousands of slum dwellers in East Delhi and their attacks on the livelihoods of tens of thousands of informal workers from rag pickers to bicycle rickshaw pullers all in the name of burnishing the image of Delhi as a world class city and attempting to sweep the poor off the streets and byways to make them invisible to athletes and guests at the Games.

We are asking representatives of the Commonwealth Games Federation to assure that we receive justice as well as the sponsoring committee from various countries sending teams to compete from area that were formerly part of the British Empire. We are sending these petitions to anyone who will listen, including the Queen, in a plea for justice before tens of thousands lose homes and jobs because of the Games. Join us by signing the petition at

<http://www.commonwealthgamescampaign.org>”

Note: the website also has background info about the campaign and a list of the Commonwealth countries.



Role reversal bodies.

III. OPPORTUNITIES and CFPs

Call for abstracts: Body Enhancements and (il)legal drugs in sport and exercise – human and social science perspectives. Submissions due 15 August 2010. The aim of the conference is to share information and knowledge about body enhancement and doping in different countries and different contexts such as elite sports, recreational activities and fitness exercises. At the same time, the event will provide the opportunity for networking and promoting international

cooperation in the field of doping research from a human and social science perspective. Renowned scholars with various backgrounds and perspectives will deliver keynotes. In addition, colleagues working in this field are invited to present papers in thematic sessions. Authors notified by 1 September. There is no conference fee, but registration is required by 1 October 2010.

Website:

<http://www.ifi.ku.dk/english/communication/dopingconference2010/>

GENDER AND EQUESTRIAN SPORTS.

Abstracts due 30 August 2010. Edited by Dra. Miriam Adelman – Universidade Federal do Parana (Brazil) – miriammad2008@gmail.com and Dr. Jorge Knijnik - University of Western Sydney (Australia) – j.knijnik@uws.edu.au. The modern world of sport, initially “officially” constructed as one of the many arenas of male public sphere activity, was nonetheless also borne of women’s struggles for access to and participation within it. (Lorber, 1994; Hargreaves, 1994) In recent decades, academic studies have sought to capture the complex social relations that constitute sporting practices and institutions, which has meant, among other things, recognizing their profoundly gendered (and therefore, in this sense and others, political) character (Birrell and Cole, 1994; Maguire and Jarvie, 1994; Messner and Connell, 2007). In this edited volume, we propose to explore one particular terrain of sporting practices and involvement – that which emerges around the existing array of equestrian activities and sports. Although testimonies and evidence of women’s expertise as horsewomen can now be found in ample cross-cultural and historical record and literary narrative and equestrian sports may represent one of the most ‘egalitarian’ of all sporting fields in terms of gender (although less so along

other axes of social stratification, such as class and race), the social sciences have yet to produce studies using their own particular analytical resources to probe the gender issues that play themselves out in this arguably unique and fascinating terrain. The volume we are editing is open to studies from the various disciplines of the social sciences and humanities (anthropology, sociology, cultural studies, history and literary theory) that can enable us to better understand this field as part of a world in flux, with a specific focus on gender issues – as they intersect with questions of class, race, sexuality and culture – in diverse fields of equestrian sport: from high level international dressage and jumping, polo and the turf, to the rodeo world of the Americas and popular forms of equestrian sport and culture wherever they are part of history and social life. Articles focusing on constructions of embodied “femininities” and “masculinities” through equestrian activities; “engendered” (women’s and men’s) identities/subjectivities as equestrians; girls’ and boys’ learning and sporting trajectories in the equestrian world; gender relations in equestrian competition; class, race, gender and professional relations in the equestrian world, media images of male and female equestrian athletes and professionals (mainstream media,

horse industry publications, etc.) and the possibilities that equestrian activities may hold for moving toward a “post-gender” world are some of the issues that come to mind here. We hope to include contributions from a wide range of cultural contexts and for these purposes, welcome scholars from all over the globe to share their research, in order to produce a volume that reflects the local, global and comparative dimensions of this particular field of social and cultural practice.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS: Please send an abstract of approximately 1,000 words to both editors (as Microsoft Word attachment) describing the theories, methods and if is the case, the data that you intend to use. Authors will be notified of acceptance in two weeks time, and then will have until 30th March 2011 to submit their full paper. As we intend to have a wider audience for this book, authors will be asked to write in accessible English, and prepare their manuscript following the American Psychological Association guidelines (APA, 6th Edition). Papers should have no more than 8,000 words without references; no abstract is required for the full manuscript).

Call for Abstracts: “Social Justice in Intercollegiate Sport: A Critical Examination of Racialized, Gendered and Disabled Bodies.” January 12-13, 2011, San Antonio, Texas. Proposals due 1 October 2010. The Fourth Annual Scholarly Colloquium on Intercollegiate Athletics in Conjunction with the NCAA Annual Convention. The conference will feature keynote speakers, two formal reactions to each keynote, and sessions of refereed papers. Keynote speakers include: Harry Edwards [Professor Emeritus of Sociology, UC Berkeley], Susan Cahn [Professor of History, SUNY Buffalo], Ted Fay, [Professor of Sport Management, Center for Sport in Society, SUNY-Cortland], Allen Sack [Professor, Institute for Sports Management, University of New Haven]. Other invited speakers include: Pat Griffin [Professor Emerita in Social Justice Education, UMass Amherst], Louis Harrison [Professor, College of Education, UTexas Austin], Albert Mosley [Professor of Philosophy, Smith College], Ellen Staurowsky [Professor of Sport Management & Media, Ithaca College], Terry Todd [Lecturer, College of Education,

UTexas Austin], David Wiggins [Professor & Director, School of Recreation, Health & Tourism, George Mason University].

Papers for the refereed papers session should deal closely with issues related to the conference theme of “Social Justice in Intercollegiate Sport.” They may relate to sport in general or to intercollegiate athletics specifically, as long as they are clearly connected to the conference theme of “Social Justice in Intercollegiate Sports.” Papers may highlight scholarship from the sciences, social sciences, economics, humanities, or any number of professional fields that are either directly or indirectly related to intercollegiate athletics. To be considered for the refereed paper sessions, authors must submit a 500-600 word abstract of the proposed paper via e-mail to David Wiggins, dwiggin1@gmu.edu, and copy the abstract submission to Ketra Armstrong, karmstr2@csulb.edu. Individuals will be notified of the results of the review process in early November 2010.

Philosophy at Play Conference. University of Gloucestershire, UK, 12th and 13th April 2011. Abstracts of 300-500 words due 11 October 2010. This will be an inter-disciplinary conference focusing on philosophical aspects of play. Many philosophers have had something to say about play, and their ideas are as diverse and contradictory as play itself. Variations operate across time (ancient, modern and postmodern), place (‘Eastern’ and ‘Western’ philosophies and points in between) and discipline (epistemology, ethics, metaphysics and so on). Yet rarely are the names or work of key thinkers evident in policy or practitioner discussions about play. This conference aims to build disciplinary and paradigmatic bridges between scholars of philosophy and scholars of play, particularly children’s play. Notifications of acceptance / rejection will be sent by 30th

November 2010. The full programme will be announced in January 2011. Please email abstracts to philosophyatplay@glos.ac.uk. For further information email eryall@glos.ac.uk.

Sport and the Winds of Change: Past, Present, Futures. Havana, CUBA, July 12-15, 2011. Contact: Prof. John Sugden (J.Sugden@bton.ac.uk). Sociology of Sport, University of Brighton, Work: 01273643729 / Mobile:07762785280

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IV. CONFERENCES

British Society of Sports History Annual Conference. 10-11 September 2010. London. www.sporthistory.org

The Second Congress of the Latin American Association for Sociocultural Studies in Sport (ALESDE) September 16 - 18, 2010 in Maracay - Venezuela. It will be hosted by Universidad Simón Rodríguez (Simón Rodríguez University). Please be aware that the previous venue was Concepción - Chile but, due to the earthquake in Chile, the Executive Board with the support of Simón Rodríguez University in Venezuela were able to make arrangement and to host it in 2010 in another country. It is indeed very important for ALESDE to maintain its continuity and celebrate this biannual academic meeting. The responsible person from Simón Rodríguez University is Oscar Hernández <oscarhernandezjud@hotmail.com> to whom we kindly extend our appreciation for his support to ALESDE. Please feel free to contact either: Miguel Cornejo <mcornejo@udec.cl>; Wanderley Marchi <marchijr@ufpr.br>; Rosa López de D'Amico <damicolopez@cantv.net>; Barbara Schausteck de Almedia <barbara.edf@ufpr.br>. **Website:** <http://www.alesde.ufpr.br>>www.alesde.ufpr.br

People in motion - bridging the local and global, the 8th EASS conference at Umeå University, Wednesday 18 to Sunday 22 May 2011. Sport is a cultural expression in societies all over the world. Seen as an international language, sport bridges the local and global. Sport is by the engagement of the body, the equipment and the place a local phenomenon. At the same time the social significance of sport is global. Thus studies on sport and people in motion are important with local as well as global perspectives. These issues are the main themes of the 8th eass conference in Umeå 2011. Conference web-site www.eass2011.se

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(WE NEED YOU TO) SUBMIT!

A quality newsletter is a collective endeavor. Please send CFPs, information about recent publications, reviews of films, books and articles and other information of interest to Section Chair PJ McGann, pjmcgann@umich.edu or Newsletter editor, Giovanna Follo, gfollo@emporia.edu. Depending on the amount of materials, we may send out a biweekly or monthly announcement email. **Deadline for Fall Newsletter is September 15, 2010.**

Have you ever been confused by sport?

