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2007 NASSS meetings to be held in Pittsburgh, PA

Vancouver conference sets attendance record

More than 380 sport scholars attended the 2006 Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, making the 2006 meeting the largest yet. President Steve Walk passed the virtual gavel to President-elect Nancy Spencer, whose conference committee put together an excellent program of scholarly presentations. At 442, the NASSS membership increased 10% in 2006, with many new members currently enrolled in graduate programs.

At the Vancouver conference, Victoria Paraschak of the University of Windsor received a NASSS Distinguished Service Award, having been active in both the organization and sport sociology more generally. Additionally, Michael Giardina received the NASSS book award for his text *Sporting Pedagogies*, while the *Sociology of Sport Journal* award went to Cynthia Fabrizio Pelak. Co-authored articles that received honorable mentions went to Cheryl Cooky and Mary McDonald, Richard Pringle and Pirkko Markula, as well as Michael Silk and Mark Falcoux. The Graduate Minority Scholarship went to Nicola Potopsingh, while Barbara Ravel received the Barbara Brown Student Paper award, with Tosha Tsang receiving an honorable mention.

Joining the NASSS Executive Board this year are President-elect C. Richard King, Member-at-large Brenda Riemer, Graduate student representative Janelle Joseph, and Diversity and Conference Climate chair Othello Harris. Leaving the Board are Past-president Mary McDonald, Member-at-large Toni Bruce, graduate student Michele Donnelly and Diversity and Conference Climate chair Louis Harrison. The NASSS membership extends its thanks to those who have served the organization as members of the Executive Board.

—Bryan Denham, Editor, *NASSS News*

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NASSServ is the unofficial listserv of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport. Membership in NASSServ is limited to members of NASSS and to members of the International Sport Sociology Association (ISSA). To subscribe, either your NASSS or your ISSA dues must be paid for the current year. The list was created to facilitate on-line academic discussions and information exchange by professionals in our field. Uses have included discussions on issues of concern; distribution of requests for help in information gathering for research or personal interest; calls for papers; announcements of positions available, new publications, and grant opportunities; and notices about conferences. In other words, we encourage the posting of any item of interest to subscribers.

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From the President: Nancy Spencer

It has been just over a month since many of us returned from Vancouver where we enjoyed one of the most beautiful sites for our NASSS 2006 Conference. As many of us approach the conclusion of an academic term, I would like to reflect on some of the conference highlights, thank those who contribute to ongoing endeavors of NASSS, and inform you of future events.

Among the many highlights of this year's conference were: the engaging Presidential address on "Painography" given by President Stephan Walk; two provocative Keynote Panels ("Dialogs Across/Between Communities," featuring Handel Wright, Rinaldo Walcott, and Yasmin Jiwani), followed by an informative panel on "White Men in the Sports Newsroom" (featuring Richard Lapchick, Garry Howard, and John Cherwa); the first-ever Alan Ingham Keynote address that was eloquently delivered by David Andrews ("Toward a Physical Cultural Studies"); and the "Saturday Spotlight" that featured rising scholars Halifu Osumare and Marcelo Diversi. A variety of opportunities for socializing were available, including a well-attended post-Presidential reception at Steamworks. Special thanks go to Christine Dallaire for organizing the highly successful event.

Many people contribute to the successful operation of NASSS and I want to say a special word of thanks to some of those individuals whose service has supported NASSS in the past year: members of the Board whose terms ended with NASSS 2006: Past-President Mary McDonald, Member-at-Large Toni Bruce, Graduate Student Representative Michele Donnelly, and Chair of the Diversity and Conference Climate Committee Louis Harrison. Special thanks to members of the Conference Planning Committee for their work in preparing for our conference in Vancouver: Delia Douglas, Mary McDonald, Yuka Nakamura, Andrew Parker, George Sage, Damion Thomas, Rose Chepyator-Thomson, and Steve Walk. Their input was invaluable in the process of preparing this year's program. I also want to give special recognition to Amy Hribar, Maureen Smith, and Cheryl Cooky. Amy plays a key role in communication amongst NASSS members by working tirelessly to maintain the NASSS website. Maureen and Cheryl served during the conference to ensure that rooms were equipped with LCD projectors.

A word of welcome also goes to incoming members of the NASSS Board: President-Elect, C. Richard King, Member-at-large Brenda Riemer, Graduate Student representative Janelle Joseph, and Chair of the Diversity and Conference Climate Committee Othello Harris. In addition, I would like to extend congratulations to those who received awards at the annual meeting of NASSS 2006 as indicated elsewhere in the Newsletter. Plans are underway to post further information about highlights from the NASSS 2006 Conference on the website.

Finally, I am pleased to report that plans for the 2007 NASSS Conference (in Pittsburgh, PA, USA) are already underway as C. Richard King is in the process of forming the planning committee. Other committees are continuing their ongoing work as well. Please feel free to contact me (nspencr@bgsu.edu) or Rich (crking@wsu.edu) if you would like to become more involved with NASSS and/or have questions about the conference in Pittsburgh. We welcome your involvement and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year in 2007.

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Member News

Toni Bruce and her colleague **Richard Pringle** were featured in the largest New Zealand newspaper recently based on research addressing masculinity and sport in New Zealand. Much of the story was based on a research project done by undergraduate students in Sport and Leisure Studies at the University of Waikato, analyzing sports comedy shows.

Jay Coakley will be the opening keynote speaker at the annual convention of US Lacrosse. The convention is January 11-13 in Philadelphia. He will also do workshops on youth sport issues in lacrosse.

John Horne has a new text, *Sports Mega-Events: Social Scientific Analyses of a Global Phenomenon*, co-edited with Wolfram Manzenreiter and published by Blackwell/Sociological Review. Those interested in the text may visit the website www.blackwell-synergy.com/toc/sore/54/s2 for additional details.

Merrill Melnick will be on sabbatical leave as a visiting professor at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus, in Melbourne, Australia from December 27, 2006 to April 29, 2007. Merrill will be working with **Christopher Hallinan**, also a NASSS member, on several research projects.

Ken Muir, associate professor at Appalachian State University, recently completed a six-week Fulbright Senior Specialist award in Christchurch, New Zealand. While in New Zealand, Muir taught and did research at the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology. His research findings in the area of gender identity and women rugby players were presented at the 2006 NASSS meetings in Vancouver.

The second edition of *Sport and Gender in Canada*, edited by **Kevin Young** and **Philip White** (2007) is being published by Oxford University Press.

Society for the Study of Social Problems

2007 Annual Meeting, August 10-12, Roosevelt Hotel, New York, NY

Seeking Minority Scholarship Applicants

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) invites proposals for its 57th Annual Meeting, to be held August 10-12, 2007 at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York, NY. Theme: **RESEARCH MATTERS: CREATING KNOWLEDGE, POLICY, AND JUSTICE**. Papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of your intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions must be sent electronically to session organizers no later than **January 31, 2007**. If your paper does not fit into one of the sessions listed in the Call for Papers, send your submission electronically no later than January 31 to Program Committee Chair: JoAnn Miller, W: 765-494-4699, jlmler@purdue.edu. Questions relating to the program should be directed to her as well. When sending an e-mail, please place SSSP in the subject line. For further information, visit <http://www.sssp1.org>. SSSP is also recruiting applications for the 2007 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Persons accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences are invited to apply for the \$12,000 Racial/Ethnic Minority Scholarship. Applications are due by and must be received no later than **February 1, 2007**. Applicants will be notified of the results by July 16, 2007. All applicants must be a current member of SSSP and a citizen of the United States or permanent resident when applying. For further information and an application, visit <http://www.sssp1.org>. Contact Shirley A. Jackson, Chair with all questions (Department of Sociology, Engleman Hall C011A, Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT 06515; W: 203-392-5676; F: 203-392-7087; jacksons1@southernct.edu).

The Social Construction of Fat

Call for papers for a Special Issue of SSJ

Guest Editor: Margaret Carlisle Duncan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

This special issue calls for manuscripts that focus on a *sociological* treatment of fat and the fat body, including its biomedical construction as obese or overweight—and hence, fundamentally unhealthy; its social construction as morally suspect, self-indulgent, undisciplined, out of control, lazy, greedy, and repellent; and the social meanings that people attribute to the “obesity epidemic.”

Obesity is a salient theme in both popular writing and in scientific research these days. One can hardly pick up a newspaper or journal without seeing some reference to this fearsome “epidemic that’s sweeping the country” which, we are told, affects fully two-thirds of the adult population and increasing numbers of children. Experts offer dire warnings, predicting that in 2050, 100 percent of the American population will be overweight or obese. The grave pronouncements by a string of Surgeons General beginning with C. Everett Koop continuing up to the present, and by the CDC lend official credibility to such warnings. Novels such as Wally Lamb’s *She’s Come Undone*, Margaret Atwood’s *Lady Oracle*, Jennifer Weiner’s *Good in Bed* and, more humorously, *Bridget Jones’s Diary* and *The End of Reason* suggest Western culture’s obsession with body ideals and reveal the difficulty of being fat in a society that reveres thin, hard physiques. With the exception of Gard and Wright’s *The Obesity Epidemic: Science, Morality and Ideology*, few full-dress treatments of fat as a sociological phenomenon and its relationship to physical activity and/or body culture have occurred.

Possible Topics:

All submissions must be scholarly analyses grounded in sociological theory and be connected in some way to sport, exercise, physical activity, leisure and/or body culture. This issue will consider empirical (data-based) papers and new theoretical approaches relating to overweight, obesity, and fat. Possible topics for scholarly sociological analysis include (but are not limited to) the intersection of fat with sexuality, disability, race, ethnicity, class, and age; the globalization of fat; fat as cultural *habitus*; the fat body as transgressive spectacle; fat and the panoptic gaze, the medicalization of fat; social movements such as “fat but fit,” the obesity epidemic as a moral panic; fat activism and sport; fat practices and representations, and other subjects that explicitly address fat as a sociological construction and articulate its relationship to physical activity.

Submissions

Manuscripts must be submitted to http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hk_ssj. All manuscripts must follow the editorial guidelines identified in the *Sociology of Sport Journal's* Instructions for Contributors and will be subject to the usual blinded review process. Authors must indicate in their cover letter that this manuscript is being submitted for the special issue. **Deadline for submission: March 1, 2007.**

For more information, contact Margaret Carlisle Duncan at mduncan@uwm.edu.

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2007 NASSS Book Award Nomination Form

The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport invites nominations for its annual book award. A submission must meet the following criteria:

- * Offers a scholarly analysis of a sport related issue or phenomenon written from a sociological, anthropological, or related perspective.
- * Was first published between January and December 2006.
- * Is not a previous NASSS award selection.

Publication Information (vital to getting books out for review)

Title: _____

Author: _____

Date: _____

Publisher: _____

ISBN: _____

Publisher contact information: _____

Submit Nomination (using a copy of this page) by January 3rd, 2007 to:

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4th World Congress of ISSA in conjunction with the 10th World Congress of ISHPES

July 31– August 5, 2007 in Copenhagen

The International Sociology of Sport Association and the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport invite paper proposals relating to the theme “Sport in a Global World: Past, Present and Future,” and other subjects in sport studies, for a combined sport conference to be held in Copenhagen. Abstracts for presentations must be submitted by **January 31, 2007**; abstract forms can be downloaded at www.ifi.ku.dk/congress2007. Additional questions may be directed by email to congress2007@ifi.ku.dk.

Call for papers

THE 5th ANNUAL SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 3, 2007, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

The School of Kinesiology and Health Studies at Queen's University would like to invite all those interested in socio-cultural studies of sport to a day conference that will be held in the memory of our colleague Dr. Donald Macintosh. The conference program will consist of several sessions of graduate student presentations, a catered lunch, and the annual Donald Macintosh Memorial Lecture which will be given this year by Dr. Katherine Jamieson of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Dr. Jamieson has published numerous articles and book chapters at the intersection of sport sociology, critical race theory, Chicana feminisms, interpretive inquiry, and critical pedagogy. Graduate students who would like to present their work at the conference should send abstracts or proposals for round-table discussions to Samantha King, (kingsj@post.queensu.ca) by **December 15, 2006**. We are looking for presentations of works-in-progress, as well as presentations of completed research. Kingston is accessible by VIA rail or bus. It is a two hour and 45 minute drive from either downtown Toronto or downtown Montreal. It is a two hour drive from Ottawa and a one hour drive from Watertown, New York. Registration fees are \$20 for faculty and \$10 for students. For more information or to add your name to our email list, write to Samantha King at above email address.

The Drake Group

Call for Papers Deadline Extended

The Drake Group will hold its 2007 meetings March 29-31, 2007 in Cleveland. The deadline for paper submissions has been extended to **December 15, 2006**. For more information, please contact Richard Southall at southall@memphis.edu. Also see the Drake website at <http://www.thedrakegroup.org/conference.html>.

TIDES News Release

Dr. Richard Lapchick, Director of The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES), has announced that the internationally acclaimed Racial and Gender Report Card will have a new home on the World Wide Web. The Institute, based at the University of Central Florida, recently unveiled <http://www.tidesport.org>, a new website which will be the main resource for access to information compiled by the Institute.

The website will give direct access to many of the most influential studies in sport including annual studies of student-athlete graduation rates, racial attitudes in sports, and the Racial and Gender Report Card. A collection of the columns written by Lapchick over the last five years for ESPN.com and the Sports Business Journal are also available. Eventually studies by other scholars will be included in a "Research Corner" section. Lapchick said, "It is our goal that Tidesport.org will be the go-to site for journalists, scholars and fans interested in serious social issues in sport. No other site will have as much information on racial and gender issues in sport." In addition to the Report Card, Tidesport.org will be where other studies by The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport are first published as they monitor graduation rates and other issues impacting sport.

Call for Papers

Special Issue of *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research*

Gender and Sex Diversity in Sport Organizations

While issues pertaining to gender and sex diversity are prominent in all organizations, they are especially pronounced in the sport context. Though changes brought on by case law and federal legislation have allowed for greater access to sport by women and girls over the past 30 years, sport organizations are often places that still reproduce traditional gender roles and male privilege. This phenomenon is not surprising given that sport was created by men, for men, and continues to be monopolized by men at many levels. For example, consider that women are severely under-represented as administrators and coaches of both men and women's college teams, funding for high school and college women's teams lags considerably behind that of men's, and that opportunities to play and work for professional sport organizations are scant and often accompanied by far fewer monetary rewards for women as compared to men. From a group standpoint, recent research suggests that sex differences in members of dyads in sport organizations (e.g., coach and player, or supervisor and subordinate) can have a meaningful impact on subsequent work experiences. Finally, the composition of a group, whether a coaching staff or administrative unit, has been shown to reliably influence the processes and outcomes of that group. Thus, issues related to sex and gender play a significant role in the everyday functioning of sport organizations.

The purpose of this special issue, therefore, is to examine gender and sex diversity in sport organizations. Contributors may be interested in examining, among others, issues pertaining to sex discrimination, gender ideologies, sexual orientation, legal issues pertaining to men and women, homologous reproduction, female marginalization, male hegemony, and discrimination. Contributors may also wish to investigate gender issues as they relate to decision making and power, inter-group dynamics, organizational culture, and the structure of sport organizations.

From a different perspective, contributors may wish to focus on groups. Topics might include sex diversity within work groups, the experiences of persons in mixed-sex dyads, or how being dissimilar from others in the group influences subsequent outcomes, to name a few. Others may wish to investigate organizational strategies used to attract and retain women in the workplace or the influence of diversity management strategies on employees' work experiences. In short, contributors are encouraged to investigate the pressing issues confronting men and women in sport organizations today.

Manuscripts should follow the guidelines in the *Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.) and should be prepared in accordance with the "Instructions for Authors" found in published editions of *Sex Roles*. To ensure the suitability of the manuscript in the special issue, authors are encouraged to submit an abstract to the guest editors prior to submitting the complete manuscript. Manuscripts should be submitted, preferably in electronic form, to the guest editors by **March 16, 2007**.

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CHICAGO SEMINAR ON SPORT AND CULTURE

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2007 SCHEDULE

March 2

“Having the Necessities:” The Extraordinary DuSable High School Swimming Team of Chicago, 1935-1952.”

Robert Pruter
Government Documents Librarian
Lewis University Library

Author of *Chicago Soul* Urbana: Univ. of Illinois Press, 1991.

April 6

“Ivy Leaguers and Iron Rangers Battle the Big Red Machine: Violence, Masculinity and Anti-Communism in Cold War Ice Hockey.”

John Soares

Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of History, University of Notre Dame

Author of (in progress) *Cold War, Hot Ice: International Ice Hockey During the Cold War*

May 4

“Blazing Balls and Smashing Batsmen: Baseball, Race and the US Army, 1870-1920”

Stanley Arnold
Northern Illinois University

Sessions meet at 3:30-5 PM and are free. The Newberry is located at 60 W. Walton St., between Clark and Dearborn streets. Discounted parking is available at garages at 100 W. Chestnut, 100 E. Walton, and 1025 N. Clark with ticket validation at the front desk. Contact: Steve Riess: 773 442 5631 or riess@neiu.edu.

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Call for Editor, NASSS News

By Bryan Denham

As I enter my sixth year editing *NASSS News*, I am assisting the organization in locating someone to take over the newsletter. *NASSS News* is produced three times per year, in April, August and December, and it is an important publication for several reasons. The newsletter assists in building a sense of community within the organization, serves as a historical record of goings on in NASSS and sport sociology more generally, and keeps members abreast of professional opportunities. Editing the newsletter has been an excellent opportunity for me to communicate with members of the Society and to serve as an ex-officio member of the NASSS Executive Board. I highly recommend it as a form of professional service.

Those interested in applying for the newsletter editorship (to begin in late 2007, early 2008) should contact NASSS President Nancy Spencer [nspencr@bgnet.bgsu.edu].

Conference Call for Abstracts

Children and Sport: Philosophical Dimensions

May 31–June 2, 2007

Hosted by the School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences

The University of Western Ontario

London, Ontario, Canada

Conference Information

Philosophical discussion of children's participation in sport is markedly under-represented in scholarly and popular studies of children and sport, yet important and distinct philosophical issues, especially of an ethical nature, are reflected in children's involvement in sport. For example, what role does sport play in the overall development and happiness of children as children and as they move toward adulthood? How, if at all, does competitive sport contribute to childhood moral development or to good citizenship? What responsibilities do we have to provide opportunities for sport to children? What rights do children have to determine the nature of their participation in sport? Is participation in elite sport ever good for children? What counts as exploitation of children in sport? How are the boundaries between childhood and adulthood marked in sport? What are the distinctive roles of the coach in children's sport? How should commitments to sexual equality be reflected in children's sport? Are there distinct ethical issues regarding the use of performance enhancing therapies in child athletes? The conference aims to open philosophical dialogue on these and other topics related to children and sport.

We invite participation on any topic that addresses philosophical dimensions of children's participation in sport. Philosophical contributions addressing children's participation in physical activity, recreation, exercise and dance will also be considered. Articles submitted in full by **April 30** will be considered for publication in a special fall 2007 issue of the *Journal of Philosophy of Sport*.

Please submit abstracts (300 – 400 words) electronically to both:

Dr. Gabriela Tymowski, gabi@unb.ca

Dr. John S. Russell, jsrussell@shaw.ca

Abstract Deadline: February 28, 2007

Notification of Acceptance: March 15, 2007

For information:

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Faculty Position

Brock University

Associate or Full Professor, Sport Management

Posting #: F 39/2006

Posted: October 2, 2006

Employment Status: Probationary Tenure Track

Start: July, 2007

Faculty: Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

Department: Sport Management

Responsibilities

The Department of Sport Management wishes to appoint an associate or full professor (tenure-track position), effective July 1, 2007.

Qualifications

The Department of Sport Management invites applications from outstanding scholars with active research programs, demonstrated records of excellence in both teaching and research, and successful experience supervising graduate students. Individuals with expertise in any area of sport management will be considered.

A letter of application, a curriculum vitae, the names of three referees, and evidence of teaching effectiveness should be submitted to:

Dr. Lucie Thibault, Chair

Department of Sport Management

Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

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905.688.5550 ext. 1-3112

Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 2007** or until a suitable candidate is found. This position is subject to final budgetary approval. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Brock University is committed to a positive action policy aimed at reducing gender imbalance in faculty; qualified women and men candidates are equally encouraged to apply.

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North American Society for the Sociology of Sport

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Mission Statement

The North American Society for the Sociology of Sport is organized exclusively for educational purposes to promote, stimulate, and encourage the sociological study of play, games, and sport, to support and cooperate with local, national and international organizations having the same purposes, and to organize and arrange meetings and issue publications concerning the purpose of the Society. The Society shall recognize and represent all sociological paradigms for the study of play, games, and sport and will promote scholarly activity and exchange among these alternative paradigms and perspectives.

Future NASSS Conferences

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USA

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