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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Kinesiology), Pennsylvania State University, 2024

Dissertation: "Humming the Opponent's Anthem: Sporting Citizenships of Convenience and the Nuances of Nationality at the FIFA World Cup"

Committee: Jaime Schultz (advisor), Mark Dyreson, Michelle Sikes, Francisco Javier López Frías, Jacob Lee

M.A. (History), University of Oregon, 2017

Thesis: "'If They Can Die for Italy, They Can Play for Italy!': Immigration, Italo-Argentine Identity, and the 1934 Italian World Cup Team"

Committee: Carlos Aguirre (advisor), Robert Haskett, John McCole

B.A. (History), University of Oregon, 2015, summa cum laude, departmental honors

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Kinesiology Visiting Teaching Professor	2024-present
Pennsylvania State University, Department of Kinesiology Graduate Employee/Instructor of Record	2019-2024
University of Oregon, Department of History Graduate Employee	2015-2017

COURSES TAUGHT AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Kinesiology KINES 100: Cultural & Behavioral Foundations of Kinesiology (Philosophy section)
Pennsylvania State University, Department of Kinesiology KINES 341: Historical, Cultural, & Social Dynamics of Sport

Pennsylvania State University, Department of Kinesiology
KINES 345: Meaning, Ethics, and Movement

Pennsylvania State Greater Allegheny, Department of Communications
COMM 412: Sports, Media, & Society

PUBLIC HISTORY/RELATED EXPERIENCE

National Soccer Hall of Fame Player Selection Committee	2020-present
National Soccer Hall of Fame Player Screening Committee	2020-present
Penn State University Eberly Family Special Collections Library Candace and Patrick E. Malloy Graduate Assistant	2020-2021
Society for American Soccer History Secretary of the Executive Board	2019-present
Independent researcher	2016-present
University of Oregon Clark Honors College Publishing consultant	2015-2017
University of Oregon Special Collections and University Archives Student research assistant	2014-2017

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

“The Sun Rises on Coney Island: Japanese Competitive Eaters, Sportification, and the Nathan’s Hot Dog Eating Contest as Global Spectacle.” *Journal of Sport History* 50, no. 3 (2024): 377-394.

“Soccer in the Heart of Cascadia: Portland, Astoria, and the Growth of the Sport from 1890 to the Advent of World War I.” In *Soccer Frontiers: The Global Game in the United States, 1863–1913*, edited by Chris Bolsmann and George Kioussis, Chapter 9. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2021.

“Wintertime Mercenaries: Contextualizing Foreign-Born Athletes at the Winter Olympics, 1924-2018.” *Journal of Olympic Studies* 2, no. 2 (2021): 63-83.

- “Olympic Lions: A History of Penn State Athletes at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.” *Penn State Eberly Family Special Collections Library*. [Digital exhibit]. June 2021. <https://sites.psu.edu/olympiclions/>
- “Sport as an Intersectional Locus for Protest.” Co-authored with Patrick H. Salkeld. *Yearbook of Women’s History* 38 (2019): 171-178.
- “The Birth of the Springboks: The Impact of the 1903 and 1906-07 Rugby Tours on the Development of Unified White Cultural Identity in South Africa.” In *Sports in Africa: Past and Present*, edited by Saheed Aderinto and Michael Gennaro, Chapter 10. New York: Routledge, 2019.
- “The D10S Phenomenon: Diego Maradona and Modern Latin American Catholicism.” *Sport in American History*. Published April 27, 2017.
- “Early Afro-Brazilian Soccer Stars and the Myth of Racial Democracy.” *Sport in American History*. Published March 23, 2017.
- “Collaboration versus Confrontation: Comparing the Successes and Failures of Major League Soccer and the American Soccer League.” *Sport in American History*. Published March 9, 2017.
- “Karl Onthank (1890-1967).” *Oregon Encyclopedia*. Published January 5, 2017.
- “Anything but Ringers: Early American Soccer Hotbeds and the 1930 U.S. World Cup Team.” *Soccer & Society* 19, no. 7 (2018): 986-1006. Published online December 2016.
- “From Foreign Curiosity to National Obsession: Soccer, Immigration, and Politics in Argentina from Mitre to Yrigoyen.” Undergraduate honors thesis, University of Oregon, June 2015.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- “The Evolving Gurgitator: Transformations in Training, Tactics, and Body Types at the Nathan’s Hot Dog Eating Contest.” In *Setting the Table: Essays at the Intersection of Sport and Food*, edited by Maria J. Veri. Under review 5 February 2024.
- “Two Flashpoints in Time: BYU Football as a Catalyst for the Bowl Championship Series Era.” 2020 NASSH Graduate Student Essay Award winner. *Journal of Sport History*. Under review 12 June 2023.

BOOK AND FILM REVIEWS

Dear Rider, directed by Fernando Villena (2021). *Journal of Sport History*, in publication.

From Football to Soccer: The Early History of the Beautiful Game in the United States, by Brian D. Bunk (2021). *Journal of Sport History* 49, no. 1 (2022): 70-71.

Soccertown USA, directed by Robert Penzel (2018). *Journal of Sport History* 47, no. 3 (2020): 280-281.

A History of the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team, by Clemente A. Lisi (2017). *Sport in American History* (April 22, 2018).

Appalachian State Silences the Big House, by David J. Marmins and Steven K. Feit (2017). *Sport in American History* (December 10, 2017).

The Self-Propelled Voyager: How the Cycle Revolutionized Travel, by Duncan R. Jamieson (2015). *Sport in American History* (July 22, 2017).

Flamenco and Bullfighting: Movement, Passion and Risk in Two Spanish Traditions, by Adair Landborn (2015). *Sport in American History* (March 26, 2017).

Association Football: A Study in Figurational Sociology, by Graham Curry and Eric Dunning (2015). *Sport in American History* (November 27, 2016).

The World Through Soccer: The Cultural Impact of a Global Sport, by Tamir Bar-On (2015). *Sport in American History* (22 October 2016).

The Shared Origins of Football, Rugby, and Soccer, by Christopher Rowley (2015). *Sport in American History* (02 October 2016).

Distant Corners: American Soccer's History of Missed Opportunities and Lost Causes, by David Wangerin (2014). *Sport in American History* (17 September 2016).

Californio Portraits: Baja California's Vanishing Culture, by Harry W. Crosby (2015). *Southern California Quarterly* 98, no. 2 (2016): 232-234.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"The Evolution of Scoring Systems and How We Understand Greatness in Sport."
Presented at the 52nd annual North American Society for Sport History
Conference, 28 May 2023, Denver, CO.

"The Evolving Gurgitator: The Rise of Bureaucracy, the Demands on Athletes, and the
Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest as Global Spectacle." Presented at the

Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society's Knowing Food Conference, 3 June 2023, Boston, MA.

"Sporting Citizenships of Convenience: A New Framework for Contextualizing Nationality in International Competitions." Presented at the 51st annual North American Society for Sport History Conference, 28 May 2023, Washington, DC.

"The Sun Rises on Coney Island: Japanese Competitive Eaters, Sportification, and the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest as Global Spectacle." Presented at the 50th Anniversary North American Society for Sport History Conference, 28 May 2022, Chicago, IL.

"Two Flashpoints in Time: BYU Football as a Catalyst for the Bowl Championship Series Era." 2020 NASSH Graduate Student Essay Award presentation. Presented virtually at the 48th annual North American Society for Sport History Conference, 31 May 2021.

"More than a Men's Phenomenon: Foreign-Born Women at the FIFA World Cup and Summer Olympic Soccer Tournament." Presented virtually at the 48th annual North American Society for Sport History Conference, 31 May 2021.

"Border Crossings: American-Born Mexicans at the Women's World Cup and Olympic Soccer Tournament." Presented virtually at the 2nd annual Society for American Soccer History symposium, 11 June 2020.

"The Genesis of the BCS: BYU and the 1984 National Championship." Presented virtually at the 22nd annual Western Social Science Association Conference, April 2020.

"Raimundo Orsi as a Case Study for Contextualizing Nationality among Foreign-Born Athletes in International Competition." Scheduled to present at the 4th annual International Football History Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, 06 June 2020. (Canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

"Wintertime Mercenaries: Foreign-Born Athletes at the Winter Olympics, 1924-2018." Robert K. Barney Graduate Essay Prize presentation. Scheduled to present at the 3rd annual Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research Conference in Fullerton, California, 28 March 2020. (Canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

“Contested Loyalties: Representing Multiple Nations in International Soccer Competition.” Presented at the 47th annual NASSH Convention, May 25, 2019, Boise, Idaho.

“Soccer in the Heart of Cascadia: Portland, Astoria, and the Cascading Fortunes of the Sport from 1890 to the Advent of World War I.” Presented at the 61st annual Western Social Sciences Association Conference, April 25, 2017, San Diego, California.

“The First World Cup: Oral History Research and 1930 USMNT Mythbusting.” Presented with James Brown at the 1st annual SASH American Soccer History Symposium, October 20-21, 2018, Frisco, Texas.

“Overcompensating for Color: Evaluating Early Afro-Brazilian Soccer Stars and the Myth of Racial Democracy in the Amateur Era.” Presented at the 46th annual NASSH Convention, May 25-28, 2018, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

“Home on the Other Side: Investigating Early National Identity Formation in Italy’s Argentine Diaspora in the Context of the 1934 World Cup Team.” Presented at the 45th annual NASSH Convention, May 26-29, 2017, Fullerton, California.

“Anything but Ringers: Historical Sketches of the Soccer Hotbeds That Produced the 1930 U.S. World Cup Team.” Presented at the 44th annual NASSH Convention, May 27-30, 2016, Atlanta, Georgia.

“From Foreign Curiosity to National Obsession: Soccer, Immigration, and Politics in Argentina from Mitre to Yrigoyen.” Presented at the 1st annual LALISA Congress, April 9, 2016, Portland, Oregon.

CONFERENCE ROUNDTABLES AND OTHER PARTICIPATION

“Getting from Conference Presentation to Journal Publication.” Roundtable panel with Aishwarya Ramachandran, Samantha White, Rob Lake, and Maureen Smith at the 50th Anniversary North American Society for Sport History Conference, 28 May 2022, Chicago, IL.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Graduate Student Essay Award, North American Society for Sport History	2020
Robert K. Barney Prize, Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research	2020

Roberta Park Award, North American Society for Sport History	2016 – 2017 2021 – 2024
Summa cum laude, University of Oregon	2015
Graduation Speaker, Department of History, University of Oregon	2015
Phi Beta Kappa	2015
Honors with Distinction, Department of History, University of Oregon	2015
Library Undergraduate Research Award, University of Oregon	2015
Paul Dull Scholarship, University of Oregon	2014
Dean’s List, University of Oregon	2013 – 2015
Dean’s List, Portland State University	2012 – 2013

GUEST LECTURES/OUTREACH

s“Deconstructing the Melting Pot: How the United States is Represented in Women's Soccer Beyond the US Women’s National Team.” Invited virtual presentation for the Society for American Soccer History, 5 April 2024.

"Inventing a Sport." For "Writing for Games," CWM 610, Full Sail University, 17 February 2022.

"Sports as Institutions." For "U.S. Institutions," STS135, Penn State Intensive English Communication Program, November 30, 2021.

"Student Protests on the UO Campus: Demonstrations of the Late 1960s." For "Politically Creative," FLR 199, University of Oregon, 8 October 2015.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Football Collective

Football Scholars Forum

National Soccer Hall of Fame

North American Society for Sport History (NASSH)

Society for American Soccer History (SASH)