

2016 NASSS Archivist Report (Preliminary)

Submitted by Nancy E. Spencer

1. **NASSS programs.** Most of the NASSS programs (1980-2007) have been posted on **Scholarworks** at BGSU [see: <http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/nasssprograms/>] There was no conference in 1984, due to the Olympics. Hard copies of the remaining programs (2008-2015) are located in the physical Archives at the Jerome Library at BGSU; these programs have been or are in the process of being scanned and submitted to Scholarworks and will hopefully be posted before the Conference. When the programs were initially scanned, we discussed putting them on the NASSS website, but since we were in transition with our website, one of the librarians at BGSU suggested that we could use Scholarworks, which is part of the Sports Studies Commons. **Question:** Do we also want to post NASSS programs on our website, or just post the link to Scholarworks on the website? I emailed Jen McGovern and she agreed that we should discuss this at our meeting.
2. Outline for **NASSS Archives at BGSU:** https://lib.bgsu.edu/finding_aids/items/show/927 At this site, you can find an Introduction to NASSS, a brief history of our organization, an explanation of the content that is housed in the Archives, and an inventory of materials that are contained in 17 boxes. In looking for some items, I have discovered that some items do not appear in the boxes where they are listed. As a result, I plan to continue going through boxes to see where there are discrepancies.
3. **Documents submitted that do not appearing on outline:** Among the documents that have been contributed to the Archives, some still do not show up on the list of items that have been submitted (e.g., programs from 2008-2015, with the exception of 2012, which is missing). I have asked an archivist why they do not show up and hope to have an answer by NASSS. I typically go to the Archives on Fridays and plan to go to there once more before NASSS. This item does not require discussion, but I will provide an update at our meeting.
4. Are there other items from the Archives that I should scan and/or post on Scholarworks and/or the website? At one time, we had talked about posting keynote speeches from NASSS online. Jane Stangl provided me with a copy of her Presidential Address; I also have copies of keynotes by Dave Andrews and the Keynote Panel that spoke at Vancouver in 2006. Some of the latter have since been published. Do we want to make those available? If so, where? When we discussed putting them on the website we were thinking of having a 'members-only' site. Of course, we would need to obtain permission of those who presented keynotes. We also used to have keynote addresses printed in *SSJ*. (e.g., Margaret Duncan and Mike Messner were the last ones I remember).
5. Which of the reports from committees do we want to have posted on the website? E.g., I noticed that Jeff provided a folder with 2015 and 2016 reports that were available to all of us. I will be submitting those to the Archives. Are they also going to be available on the website? I can access former meeting notes and/or reports that are already in the Archives. Do we want to post them on the website (or in Scholarworks)? We discussed this idea in the past and Kathy Jamieson thought it was a good idea.

6. In the past, NASSS has made an annual gift of \$100 to defray costs of services provided by the Archives. I recommend that we continue to do that. It is not a requirement of those who have materials in the archives, but I believe it would be appropriate.

I look forward to receiving your feedback at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Spencer, NASSS Archivist

SSJ Outstanding Article Award Committee Report

Submitted by: Lisa McDermott

Date: 18 October 2016

SSJ Article Award Committee Members:

Brenda Rossow-Kimball (University of Regina), Joyce Olushola (Arkansas State University), Nicholas Schlereth (University of New Mexico), and Matt Ventresca (Georgia Institute of Technology). The committee had representation from both a graduate student (Schlereth) and a previous SSJ Article Award winner (Ventresca), as set out in the NASSS PPM.

The committee reviewed SSJ's 2015 Volume which consisted of 21 articles. In our first round of evaluation we narrowed that number down to 6 articles. While we initially looked to narrow it down to the top article from each issue, because 2 other articles were essentially ranked the same as the top article from one of the issues, we included those 2 other articles arriving at the final 6 that were reviewed in the second round of the ranking process. The SSJ Outstanding Article Award winner along with two honourable mentions will be announced at the business meeting.

Treasurer's Report

NASSS 2016

Tampa, FL

Current amount in Checking: \$83, 565

Current amount in C.D.: \$29,913

Our funds come from Membership & Conference Registration

Membership	2015	2016	Difference
Professional	184	218	+34
Student	123	153	+30
Retired	11	10	-1
Total	323	381	+58
Conference Registration			
Professional	171	236	+65
Student	114	146	+32
One day	8	18	+10
Exhibitors	4	2	-2
Total	297	402	+105

2016

Estimated Expenses Not Yet Paid	Amount	Running Total
Hotel	\$65,000	\$65,000
AV	\$9224	\$74,224
Awards	\$231	\$74,455
Student Awards	\$3000	\$77,455
Speakers	\$5100	\$82,555
Programs	0 (thank you Kent State!)	\$82,555
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$83,055

Banking Summary

1/1/2016 through
10/24/2016

Category	1/1/2016- 10/24/2016
INCOME	
2016 Membership And Conference	18,080.35
Conference 2016	740
Conference Registration 2015	5,575.58
Donation	500
Interest Inc	44
Membership 2016	16,569.02
Sponsorship	1,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	42,708.95
EXPENSES	
2015 Conference	508.63
2015 Conference AV	3,168.14
2015 Conference Keynote	972.22
2017 Conference Deposit	5,000.00
Assumed Name Renewal	10
Conference Coordinator Site Visit	910.1
Conference Expense 2016	125
Conference Insurance	370.64
CPA For 2015 990 Form	215
Journal Payment 2015	3,152.50
Journal Payment 2016	7,867.50
State Incorporation	1,752.04

Website	160.41
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,212.18
OVERALL TOTAL	18,496.77

Barbara Brown Student Paper Awards Report

NASSS Executive Board Meeting

Tampa Bay, FL

Submitted by Shannon Jette

The composition of this year's committee was: William Bridel (University of Calgary – returning member), Roxane Coche (University of Memphis), Stan Thangaraj (City College of New York), Steven Oritz (Oregon State University), and myself (University of Maryland). In total, we received eight submissions, of which one was for the MA award and the remaining seven for the doctoral award. The committee was very collegial, and responded to emails and deadlines in a timely manner. Several committee members made suggestions for how to improve the "Instructions to Students" to ensure better consistency across the papers. The need to attend to the "Instructions to Students" was made apparent when a student inquired about the eligibility of a paper that was under review and, upon reviewing the instructions on the NASSS website, we found instructions in two separate places that were not consistent (the submission was ultimately allowed because the instructions provided did not prohibit 'under review' papers, but based upon further email discussion with Executive Committee members it was decided that, going forward, papers 'under review' should be ineligible). The suggested revisions – based on committee suggestions and my review of the award instructions in the PPM - have been passed along to Jen McGovern to change on the website. A final issue to arise related to the fact that one of my graduate students (Katelyn Esmonde) submitted a paper to the doctoral award category. In order to maintain the integrity of the award process, I blinded all the papers before sending them to the committee members for review. Although I reviewed all of the papers, I only provided qualitative comments and did not score the papers. As such, my opinion of the papers did not factor into the award decision process.

MA Award: There was only one MA submission but all committee members agreed that it was deserving of the award. This year's MA category winner is Vrinda Marwah from University of Texas at Austin (Supervisor: Dr Sharmila Rudrappa) for her very well-written paper "Racialized Labor in Sport: A Review of Sherpas and Himalayan Mountaineering."

PhD Award: The quality of the seven submissions varied, with three papers clearly of higher quality than the remaining four. The winner was determined by calculating the total points for each paper as well as conducting a weighted ranking of the papers. This year's Doctoral category winner will be announced at the NASSS meeting in Tampa Bay.

Board of Director's Meeting

November 2, 2016

Tampa Bay, Florida, USA

Submitted by Algerian Hart, DCCC Chair, Submitted October 17, 2016

Committee Members: Erica Zonder, Steve Bien-Aime, Emmett Gill, Lisa Alexander, Charles Crowley, and Courtney Flowers.

Year in Review

1. By way of email exchange and conference calls the DCCC explored options for a "Writers Workshop". The goal of the workshop is to help hone and enhance the scholarship writing of young and/or minority scholars for publication and related activities that support their matriculation across the tenure process.
2. Re-visiting the mission statement of the Gary Sailes-Graduate Diversity Scholarship Award to; 1) better define the intent of the award. 2) create avenues that highlight the scholarly research expectation and or/prowess of the applicants. The committee wanted NASSS membership and prospective applicants, in particular, to know that the award is competitive. Noting that the applicants produce and share their research which is significant in merit and depth, ultimately contributing to Sport Sociology and NASSS. At the Novmeber 5, 2016 DCCC meeting Mary McDonald, and Cheryl Cooky, each shared their insights, leadership, and support for the DCCC with the history and relevance of the DCCC mission/vision. Having past and present leadership engaging with our committee was timely, in addition to leaving a profound impact on our 13 graduate student guests in attendance.
3. A NASSS Spotlight Session for the Post DCCC Award Winners.
-It would be a session designed to highlight and address the emerging research agendas of past award recipients while nurturing the organizations continued support of diverse grounded scholarship.
4. New Member Liason/Mentorhsip "Activity"
-Previously proposed by Chris Cutri and Cheryl Cooky designed to facilitate and foster inclusiveness among members. Chris and Cheryl have engaged with the DCCC chair and proposed options were discussed at the annual DCCC meeting on Thursday November 5, 2015 and the conversation will continue at the November 3, 2016 annual meeting.
5. SSJ Editorial Board Make-Up
-Continue the dialogue concerning diverse scholarship, diverse representation on the SSJ board, and topical areas published that support diversity. This was previously addressed at the 2014 board meeting in Portland, OR and is an agenda item on the 2015 DCCC meeting agenda.

New Board Members

In November 2016, one DCCC committee member term of service will expire: Steve Bien-Aime (LSU). Two new committee members will conclude their first year of service: Emmett Gill (University of Texas at San Antonio) and Erica Zonder (Adrian College).

DCCC Awards (The Gary Sailes Diversity Scholarship Award)

Two awards will be made at the 2015 NASSS conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. One Masters award and one Doctoral award.

Application specifics for the 2015 GS-DSA:

- 1) Ten (8) applications received (6 Doctoral/2 Masters)
- 2) All evaluations were submitted on time
- 3) All scores were tallied and names of the winners were transmitted to the NASSS Secretary.
- 4) The Research proposed and being conducted was/is insightful, diverse and stimulating.

Award Winners & Runner-Ups will be announced at NASSS meeting in Tampa Bay.

**HK SSJ Early Career Researcher Award 2016
Committee Report**

The 2016 committee was composed of myself as Chair, Jane Stangl as past-president by rule, and Janice Forsyth and Ted Butryn as senior scholars on the editorial board. The committee considered the six nominations and evaluated each nomination in accordance with the process set forth in the PPM. The committee held straw votes, open discussion, and final public vote. The winner was unanimously chosen. The winner will be announced at the business meeting. HK will make the plaque and provide it to me prior to the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Giardina, PhD
Chair, HK SSJ ECR Committee

NASSS 2016

Program Committee Report

Committee: **Theresa Walton-Fisette**, Chair, *Kent State University*; **Elizabeth Cavalier**, *Georgia Gwinnett College*; **Amanda Curtis**, *Lake Erie College*; **Brian Gearity**, *University of Denver*; **Algerian Hart**, *Western Illinois University*; **Matthew Hawzen**, *Florida State University*; **David Karen**, *Bryn Mawr College*; **Joshua I. Newman**, *Florida State University*; **R. Dale Sheptak, Jr.**, *Lake Erie College*; **Maureen Smith**, *California State University, Sacramento*; & **Nancy Spencer**, *Bowling Green University*

1. Creating a theme. After consulting with Nancy Spencer, our archivist, for past themes, I settled on 'Publicly Engaged Sociology of Sport' to reflect my interest in social justice, and to continue to encourage scholarly engagement in public life.
2. Constructing a committee. Several people volunteered to serve: Elizabeth Cavalier, Amanda Curtis, David Karen and Dale Sheptak. I invited Nancy Spencer as a former president and Joshua Newman as the incoming president-elect. I invited Matthew Hawzen as a graduate student and as someone closer geographically to the conference site. I invited Algerian Hart as the Chair of the DCCC. And, lastly, I invited Brian Gearity as the key person to take over the ads and sponsorship for the program. Thank you to a very hardworking committee.
3. Soliciting support from Kent State. I met with my dean and school director separately. They indicated support for the cost of printing the program, for a graduate student worker in the summer, promotional material at the conference, including sunglasses, bags, lip balm and folders. Altogether this totaled about \$5,000 in support.
4. Keynote speakers
 - a. Invitations to potential keynote speakers went out in November, 2015.
 - i. I invited Kimberly Schimmel, a former student of Alan Ingham, to give the Alan Ingham Memorial Lecture. She accepted in December.
 - ii. I invited Harry Edwards to give the main keynote lecture. He works for the San Francisco 49ers and couldn't commit until the NFL schedule came out in April.
 - b. Given the theme of Publicly Engaged Sociology of Sport, I decided to have one speaker who would help NASSS members to engage with the public in various ways. I got bids from three different speakers in this area, settling on Kevin Anselmo of Experiential Communications after speaking with several of his references. I also wanted to have this in place in case Dr. Edwards was not able to commit to the keynote address.
 - c. I invited people to introduce the main keynote and the presidential address (in consultation with President, Cheryl Cooky for the later). Kim Schimmel asked me to introduce her for the Ingham lecture.
5. Call for Sessions

- a. The Call for Sessions went out on January 29th. Thanks to the committee for the careful review of this call – particularly the wording of the different types of sessions, to hopefully eliminate confusion, since this was a new element.
- b. Jennifer McGovern, our Web Committee Chair, was able to create an online submission system, which worked well. I suggested possible edits to the system to in-coming President-Elect, Joshua Newman and to Jen McGovern. This mostly had to do with being able to organize all of the sessions once they are submitted.
- c. Members of the Committee shared the call with as many affiliated listservs and academic associations as possible. The chair shared it with the NASSS listserv, the NASSS Facebook page, tweeted it with the NASSS twitter account, and shared it with the American Sociology Association and the International Sport Sociology Association.
- d. The deadline for submissions was April 1, 2016.
- e. The call for submissions allowed for the possibility of different types of sessions to be submitted (paper presentations, panels, roundtables, pre-constituted paper or panel sessions). All of these types of submissions were utilized by session organizers (1 pre-constituted roundtable, 9 open roundtables, 37 open paper sessions, 2 pre-constituted paper sessions, 7 pre-constituted panel sessions, & 5 open panel sessions).

6. Call for Abstracts

- a. The Call for Abstracts went out on April 15th.
- b. Members of the Committee shared the call with as many affiliated listservs and academic associations as possible. The chair shared it with the NASSS listserv, the NASSS Facebook page, tweeted it with the NASSS twitter account, and shared it with the American Sociology Association and the International Sport Sociology Association.
- c. Again, Jennifer McGovern was able to construct our online submission system on our website and it worked well. Again, there were a few suggestions for improvements, but overall the system worked smoothly and it was easy to download the submissions into an excel file.
- d. Abstracts were due July 1st.
- e. There were roughly 372 total submissions, with nearly 100 of those submitted to the 'open' session. We did have a handful of late submissions, which I accepted.

7. Completed Sessions and Abstract acceptance

- a. Session organizers notified those submitting to their sessions of acceptance or rejection and submitted their completed sessions to me via email by July 15th.
- b. I sent out abstract acceptance letters to all submissions to the open section, rejecting only those that were not socio-cultural (about 3 total). I also accepted all abstracts that did not get included because they were not a good fit to the sessions to which they were submitted.
- c. There were a few instances where the email notification of an abstract submission did not go to the session organizer. Once I discovered these on the excel of all of the submissions, I notified the session organizers. Most session organizers accepted these submissions. In the instances where they did not, I included them in the 'open' submissions.
- d. In looking through the open submissions, I first tried to match them with sessions that did not get 4 papers, to fill out sessions and to place open submissions. In some instances, this meant that the focus of the sessions changed a bit.

8. Creating the Program

- a. Amanda Curtis and Dale Sheptak were able to join me in Kent July 20th to get an initial draft of the program together. My grad assistant and I made index cards for each session, listing all presenters and organizers. We also created index cards for every open submission so that those could be organized into sessions. We had created a program board with all space. (Thanks to Nancy Spencer for this organizing idea. An actual scheduling program might be more practical with this number of submissions!) Because of the number of submissions, we had to extend the sessions into the ballroom space. I had hoped to have the roundtable session stand alone, but there had to be 5 sessions also during that time to accommodate all of the submissions. I asked organizers to have sessions of no less than 4 and no more than 5. Because of late withdrawals, we have a few sessions of 3 papers. The program committee created 18 sessions from the open submissions and papers that did not make it into organized sessions. We organized all of the session by general topic to try to avoid conflicts between subjects and we tried to make sure there weren't conflicts for presenters and presiders.
- b. Meanwhile Matt Hawzen and David Karen were able to go through all of the submitted abstracts to find presenters who had more than one presentation as first author. Because of our submission process to session organizers, this check has to be done by the Program Committee. I contacted each of these presenters to find resolution.
- c. After creating the program, each session and person had to be manually entered into the Sched Program App (thanks to my grad assistant, John Markulis, for doing most of this work!). I also added all emails, to have a way to communicate with everyone on the program. Related to this, I would suggest that we ask for emails of all presenters in the Abstract Submission form, to make this process easier in the future (if we continue to use a Program App).
- d. The program app was helpful for finding the remaining conflicts, so the program continued to be rearranged for the next few weeks.
- e. I kept a record of the entire program in excel, which is the program into which the abstract submission system downloads. This was helpful for double checking that everything that got submitted was included in the program. I was able to cross check all information in excel, the printed program, Sched and the abstract document.
- f. The last issue was finding presiders for all open sessions and for sessions where the session organizers indicated they would not be able to attend the conference. I had a short list of people who asked to be presiders and outside of that I asked regular NASSS members from within the session (particularly on papers with more than one author) to be the presider of the session in which their papers were placed.
- g. A draft of the printed program and the link for the Sched App went out on the list serve and was posted to our website on September 1st. John added all of the abstracts for each session as well.
- h. I also created a document for the abstracts, which was sent out on September 8th, along with an updated version of the program, with corrections that were submitted.
- i. Thank you to Nancy Spencer, David Karen, Brian Gearity, Amanda Curtis, Dale Sheptak and Matt Hawzen of the Program Committee with help editing abstracts and naming the sessions created by me, Dale and Amanda. It definitely helps to have a team!
- j. Brian Gearity ran the ads and sponsorship portion of creating the program – contacting past advertisers, following through to get ads and payments and he also got sponsorship

from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Altogether, this totaled \$1,900 for all ads and sponsorship. These were the final elements added to the program.

9. Final numbers: 555 presenters with 434 total presentations (including individuals presenting in each panel and roundtable) and 86 presiders in 123 sessions. Plus, the Alan Ingham Memorial Lecture, the main keynote address, the Presidential Address and a media training seminar. By day it broke down to: Thursday, 116 presentations in 33 sessions; Friday, 161 presentations in 46 sessions; and Saturday, 157 presentations in 44 sessions.

Outstanding Book Award Committee Report

Rachel Allison, October 17, 2016

Book Award Committee members:

Sarah Fields, Alan Klein, Munene Mwaniki, Cassandra Wells

10 books were nominated this year:

Breeze, Maddie. *Seriousness and Women's Roller Derby: Gender, Organization, and Ambivalence*.

Giuliano, Jennifer. *Indian Spectacle: College Mascots and the Anxiety of Modern America*.

Henne, Kathryn E. *Testing for Athlete Citizenship: Regulating Doping and Sex in Sport*.

Hennricks, Thomas. *Play and the Human Condition*.

Holstein, James, Richard Jones, and George Koonce. *Is There Life After Football? Surviving the NFL*.

Liberti, Rita, and Maureen Smith. *(Re)Presenting Wilma Rudolph*.

Pringle, Richard, and Robert Reinhart. *Sport and the Social Significance of Pleasure*.

Ring, Jennifer. *A Game of Their Own: Voices of Contemporary Women in Baseball*.

Thangaraj, Stanley. *Desi Hoop Dreams: Pickup Basketball and the Making of Asian American Masculinity*.

Vacarro, Christian, and Melissa Swauger. *Unleashing Manhood in the Cage: Masculinity and Mixed Martial Arts*.

Committee members provided qualitative comments and quantitative assessments of each book by September 1st. At this point the committee agreed to further consider 4 of the nominated books. Committee members provided additional comments on these books and ranked them. Three of four committee members ranked a book number one and there was general similarity of responses. Based on this additional feedback and overall consensus of opinion, I suggested a winner of the award. This selection was accepted by all committee members.

NASSS Web Committee Report
Submitted by Jen McGovern
October 20, 2009

1. General Summary

This year has continued to be a transitional year for the web committee. Robert Pitter stepped down from chairing the committee and I agreed to serve as an interim chair. Due to the interim nature of the position, the web committee was somewhat in flux. I agreed to maintain the website and serve as member liaison by responding to the NASSS general email account while Robert and Maureen Smith split the RegOnline duties. Other than this, I mostly worked alone on the committee. Moving forward, I have agreed to chair the Web Committee, though the committee responsibilities may change in the future and I hope to have a small committee.

In consultation with President Cooky and a working group of key NASSS stakeholders, our organization decided to renew their contract with the web host iConcept with the agreement that iConcept would help with a complete redesign/overhaul of the site. The new contract was established in June 2016. The website redesign is on the agenda for November's board meeting so that various stakeholders can discuss their visions for the new site. We are still working out the details with iConcept, but one of our primary goals is to update the look of the site as well as to ensure cross functionality with RegOnline (our registration system) and/or PayPal as well as Human Kinetics Subscriptions. Better integration of systems should also give us the ability to create a members only section of the site, which has been discussed previously by NASSS members.

2. Overview of Specific Activities

- a. Throughout the year, I have updated the website regularly. For the most part, I responded to requests from President Cheryl Cooky, President-Elect Theresa-Walton-Fisette, and various committee heads. I also performed regular clean up and maintenance where I saw fit.
- b. The website was used mainly to deliver information about our annual conference and to communicate material relevant to our various awards and committees.
- c. With some advice from iConcept, I was able to build an online form to collect abstract submissions for the conference. The data for all submitted abstracts was automatically entered into an online database that web administrators could download. There were some minor problems with the form but overall, it was an efficient way to collect the abstracts and we will continue to improve on it in the future.
- d. The RegOnline / membership duties were split between Robert Pitter and Maureen Smith.

3. Ideas and Concerns for the Future

- a. As stated above, the website redesign is a major task that this committee has taken on. We look forward to launching the site by early 2017 so that we are ready to handle session proposals for the 2017 conference.
 - i. The site will hopefully be more integrated with the other systems that we use. When someone joins NASSS, they should get a receipt of payment as well as

confirmation of their subscription to SSJ (and hopefully to access the Members Only portal of the new web page).

- ii. There also needs to be some clarity for members who choose to have an electronic SSJ subscriptions. Many who choose this often struggle to figure out how to access SSJ and to be honest, I don't even know how to advise them.
 - iii. In addition, members should be able to update their own information in the system. As of now, members often have difficulty figuring out how to do this and when they do, the information isn't instantly shared across platforms.
- b. As previous chairs have discussed, I would suggest moving from "Web Committee" to "Communications Committee" where we could have NASSS members involved in various aspects of communication, such as social media. A communications committee chair could be responsible for managing updates for our site and for distributing the updates to committee members who managed the social media accounts. We may also wanted to consider filling positions for bloggers or for people who want to maintain the members only content of the website. The person managing registration should still be on this committee, especially if registration will be integrated into our current website.
- c. We should also have separate inquiry email address for "membership questions" and "general questions". I think these questions went to the same place in the past because Robert maintained both pieces, but I usually wind up forwarding the question along. It would probably be more helpful to have these questions go directly to whoever is managing membership so that they can be answered promptly.

Report of the Secretary
Jeffrey Montez de Oca
Submitted 2 November 2016

This past year it has been my pleasure to support, primarily, the President of NASSS, Cheryl Cooky, and secondarily the President-Elect, Theresa Walton-Fisette. The primary responsibilities of the Secretary are to facilitate communication between the Board and the Membership and to ensure that Board adheres to its governing documents.

The primary project that assisted the President on was updating our key governing documents, the bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM). Several amendments to the bylaws were proposed, prepared, and distributed to the Membership so that they could be ratified or rejected at the Business Meeting in Tampa Bay. Similarly, every member of the Board participated in updating the PPM, which I facilitated. Additionally, I support the President and President-Elect prepare agendas for meetings at Tampa as well as reports of the Board.

I also pestered Board members for the winners of their various awards and ordered plaques for the winner from A-1 Engraving and Alterations in Colorado Springs, CO.

SSJ Annual Report

Editorial Board

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Michael D. Giardina, *Florida State University, USA*

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Editorial Board Members

The Editorial Board continues to diversify in terms of theoretical perspectives, methodological orientations, topical expertise, and geographic background. Not only does this diversity add depth and quality to the reviews, it positions *SSJ* within different scholarly channels and areas of interest.

<u>Name & Institution</u>	<u>Term</u>
Ketra Armstrong, <i>University of Michigan, USA</i>	2016-2018
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Ryan King-White, <i>Towson University, USA</i>	2017-2019
Simon Ličen, <i>Washington State University, USA</i>	2015-2017
Kerry McGannon, <i>Laurentian University, Canada</i>	2016-2018
Brad Millington, <i>University of Bath, UK</i>	2017-2019
Joshua I. Newman, <i>Florida State University, USA</i>	2015-2017
Moss Norman, <i>University of Manitoba, Canada</i>	2015-2017
Martha Saavedra, <i>University of California—Berkeley, USA</i>	2017-2019
Ramón Spaaij, <i>Victoria University, Australia</i>	2017-2019
Stanley Thangaraj, <i>City University of New York, USA</i>	2016-2018

The journal also thanks those Editorial Board members whose term has come to an end in November 2016:

Jacquelyn Allen-Collinson, University of Lincoln, UK
David Andrews, University of Maryland, USA
Ted Butryn, San Jose State University, USA
Ben Carrington, Ben Carrington, University of Texas, USA
Cheryl Cooky, Purdue University, USA
Jessica Francombe-Webb, University of Bath, UK
John Horne, University of Central Lancashire, UK
Wanderley Marchi Junior, Federal University of Parana, Brazil
Lee Monaghan, University of Limerick, Ireland
Chris Shilling, University of Kent, UK
Brett Smith, University of Birmingham, UK
Nancy Spencer, Bowling Green State University, USA

Cathy van Ingen, Brock University, Canada

Kevin Young, University of Calgary, Canada

***SSJ* Mission**

The purpose of the *Sociology of Sport Journal* is to stimulate and communicate research, critical thought, and theory development on issues pertaining to the sociology of sport. The journal publishes peer-reviewed empirical and theoretical papers; book reviews; and critical essays. Analyses of sport and physical culture from diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives are encouraged. Submissions concerned with sport and physical culture as related to race, class, gender, sexuality, popular media, political economy, globalization, technology, and youth culture are especially welcome.

From the Editor

The state of the journal remains strong. Journal Year (JY) 2015-2016 (i.e., November to November) marked the second full year under my leadership as Editor-in-Chief, and the second full year of Jayne Caudwell and Simon Darnell as Associate Editors. The editorial team continues to work well together!

In November 2016, twelve editorial board members will cycle off, and twelve new members will join the board. This quirk stems from a large edition to the board three years ago by the previous editor, in what was an ongoing attempt to expand the board during a period of increased manuscript submissions—an increase which I note below continues.

Based on available reporting data from Human Kinetics via Manuscript Central, the journal made final decisions on 174 original manuscripts from November 1, 2015 until the date this report was generated (October 13, 2016). During that time period, 27 manuscripts were accepted for publication and 147 manuscripts were rejected, for an acceptance rate of **15.52%**. (The adjusted acceptance rate for manuscripts *submitted and decided* since November 1, 2015 is 16.9%). Including book reviews (5) and research note (9) submissions, there was a total of 188 decisions made during JY 15-16. Additionally, there are 21 manuscripts currently at various stages of review, meaning there were 202 total submissions of all kinds made between November 1, 2015 and the date of this report (October 13, 2016). This number does not include, however, multiple iterations of the same manuscript that may have gone through two or three revisions before publication and/or a final decision was made. If counting each version, the number of total manuscripts received jumps considerably.

During JY 15-16, manuscripts were submitted from 32 countries. The leading submission numbers by country were: United States (69 manuscripts), United Kingdom (22 manuscripts), Canada (16 manuscripts), Australia (12 manuscripts), and France (7 manuscripts). By way of comparison, the previous journal year 2014-2015 saw 178 original manuscripts submitted from 29 countries, and had an acceptance rate of 18.9%.

The journal currently maintains a healthy queue of manuscripts accepted in final form, one that extends to roughly 3 issues worth of articles (which is the amount HK has indicated as a target queue). At present, 33(3) was just published a few weeks ago. In terms of counting, 33(4) and 34(1) are complete, and 34(2) is about half-filled.

Data from Google Scholar metrics indicates that the five most cited articles from 2011-2016 are:

Title/Author	Cited by	Year
Toward a physical cultural studies Michael Silk, David Andrews, Vol 28, Iss 1	66	2011
Gender ideologies, youth spors, and the production of soft essentialism Mike Messner; Vol 28, Iss 2	62	2011
The birth of the obesity clinic: Confessions of the flesh, biopedagogies, and physical culture Genvieve Rail; Vol 29, Iss 2	49	2012
What is this ‘physical’ in physical cultural studies? Michael Giardina, Joshua Newman; Vol 29, Iss 1	38	2011
That joke isn’t funny anymore: Racial microaggressions, color-blind ideology, and the mitigation of racism in English men’s first-class cricket Daniel Burdsey; Vol 28, Iss 3	33	2011

2016 brought with it one major change to the journal: its physical layout. Beginning with Volume 33, Issue 1, the journal transitioned from the previous ‘digest’ format to the ‘full-page’, double-column format. This move allows more flexibility in terms of content, and effectively creates enough space for 5 issues worth of content to be published in the space of 4 issues. With competitor journals such as *JSSI*, *IRSS*, and *QRSEH* publishing six, eight, and five issues per year, respectively, the ability to publish more content with a faster turnaround time than was previously possible is a definite plus.

There are currently two Special Issues that are under construction. The first, on “Sport, Physical Culture, and the Environment”, is guest edited by Jonathan Casper and Kyle Bunds. The deadline for submissions to this issue has passed; there was a healthy number of submissions (10+) in response to the CFP, and those manuscripts are in various stages of review. It is likely this special issue will be published as the first issue of 2018. The second special issue, “Sport, Feminisms, and the Global South”, is guest edited by Catherine Palmer and Kim Toffoletti. The Call for Papers is currently still active, with a due date in mid-2017. (A third special issue, guest edited by Andy Smith, Paul Potrac, and Martin Roderick, is complete and will be

published as the first or second issue of 2017). Given that SSJ is on track to publish a Special Issue in each of 2017, 2018, and 2019, I have put a moratorium on Special Issue proposals until further notice.

Editorial Process

The editorial process remains strong and functions as it has in the past. The main issue remains, as always, in getting external reviewers to a) agree to review and b) to return their reviews in a timely fashion. However, this is normative for most if not all journals. The editorial team has taken to using the internal reviewer-ranking tool in Manuscript Central to track review quality and timeliness, in an effort to avoid inviting reviewers who have demonstrated poor reviewing skills or consistent tardiness.

Journal Competition

As in previous years, the primary competition for *SSJ* is the *Journal of Sport & Social Issues* (Sage) and *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* (Sage). To that I would also add *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise, and Health* (Taylor & Francis), which also publishes on research topics and methodologies similar to *SSJ*. Increasingly, we have seen *Communication and Sport* (Sage) and *Sport, Education, & Society* (Taylor & Francis) publish articles that would not be out of place in *SSJ*.

HK Operations

Generally speaking, the journal operations on the HK side have proceeded as in previous years. Brian Moore and Gwen McDuffy are always quick to offer assistance to me or to an author, and there have been relatively few issues needing resolution (mainly related to Manuscript Central). Recently, however, I have been hearing from authors with increasing regularity that they are *not* pleased with how HK currently attends to the manuscripts that are considered ‘in press’ and presented on the website. At present, the articles that are ‘in press’ are listed on the HK *SSJ* website, but they are not in copy edited nor typeset page proof form; all that is downloadable is the uncorrected Word/PDF version that was accepted for publication. With publishers such as Sage and Taylor & Francis making available the copy edited, typeset page proof on their respective journal websites in the ‘in press’ section, it would seem logical that HK would offer this to its authors as well, especially considering these ‘in press’ manuscripts have already been assigned DOI numbers. *I would strongly urge HK to adopt this feature—a point I also made last year in my feedback to HK.*

2016 NASSS Graduate Student Update

Board of Director's Meeting

November 2, 2016

Tampa, Florida

Report submitted by email by Samuel Twito (University of Texas) and Courtney Szto (Simon Fraser University) (Graduate Student Reps 2015-2016).

2015-2016 Activities

1. Continued using faculty sign up first in the Take a Student to Lunch (TASTL) program using a survey.¹ Students then used a separate survey to list their top 5 preferred faculty. Additional students and faculty asked to take part after the survey as well.
2. Continued providing the Student Room Share program. This year a survey was sent out and matches were made from the responses.
3. Continued to hold the student election process online to coincide with the other Board Elections. Katie Esmonde (University of Maryland) was elected as the 2016-2018 Graduate Student Representative.
4. Will again have the grad student luncheon in combination with the Graduate Student Panel as we did in Santa Fe. The 2016 panel is titled, "How to Make Sport Sociology Meaningful within the Discipline of Sociology." The panel features NASSS members who are not in a department that is specific to sport (e.g. kinesiology or PE). The panellists are Jay Coakley (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs), Jane Stangl (Smith College), Kyoung-yim Kim (Boston College), and Kristine Newhall (Bridgewater State University). Kristine spoke on the panel last year as well.
5. Our green initiative is a ride share program to get attendees to and from the airport. This was intended to be a cheaper alternative to the hotel shuttle.

Expected² student participation at NASSS 2016

1. _____ students attending the Graduate Student Lunch & Panel
2. 57 students and 51 faculty members participating in Take a Student to Lunch
3. 15 students utilized the Room Share at the Hilton Tampa Downtown.

¹ All surveys conducted this year used the Qualtrics survey tool instead of Google products as in the past, with the exception of the rideshare shuttle program. The NASSS population was contacted through the listserv.

² Real attendance will be submitted following the conference.

2016 NASSS Elections Committee Final Report

Committee Members: Jessica Chin (chair), Jay Johnson

*Audrey Giles also served this year, but stepped off to run for office

Submitted by Jessica Chin

Thanks to the EC for their work this year and all the members outside of the EC who provided invaluable support in the elections process. I would like to recognize and thank Othello Harris who served many years on the EC before stepping off this year. Thank you to Audrey Giles for serving on the EC before stepping down to run for office. Thank you to Robert Pitter for helping with the membership lists and Jen McGovern for keeping all information current on the website. Much gratitude to Dave Blackwell for all the work in creating and sending the ballots, helping me trouble shoot issues, and tallying results. It's a wonderful team effort and it wouldn't work without everyone's timely and careful help behind the scenes.

2016 Timeline: We put out a call for nominations on the NASSS Listserv on February 9, 2016. Prior to and after the call, the EC worked to identify and contact potential candidates. Candidates who stood for office included:

- President-Elect: Josh Newman (elected)
- Secretary: Becky Beal (elected), Akilah Carter-Francique, Lars Dzikus;
- Member at large (Canadian): William Bridel, Audrey Giles (elected)
- Graduate Student Representative (GSR): Deep A. DeChoudhury, Katie Esmonde (elected), Nick Schlereth

Candidates were sent a template from which to construct their bios. This format worked out well, providing consistency to the ballot. However, the question was raised whether we should allow longer bios (2-page max instead of 1?). EC will continue to discuss and welcomes input from board and membership.

Names were listed in reverse alphabetical order by last name on the ballot, to change from the alphabetical listing in the prior year (2015).

Elections were run electronically with technical support from Robert Pitter and David Blackwell. Elections ran from March 15-April 1, 2016. We asked that everyone have their membership status up to date by March 9. An email with a link to the ballot was sent to everyone who had current NASSS membership status as of March 9, 2016, 11:59 PST by David Blackwell. For those who renewed membership after the ballots were sent, they were instructed to contact Jessica Chin to request a ballot. Jessica had temporary access to

the current membership list so that she could verify membership status for voting purposes. Once a member's status was verified, a ballot was sent to that member via email by David Blackwell on behalf of Jessica.

*This year a separate link to the bios, which were available on the NASSS website, was included in the email with the link to the ballot. This worked very well, so members could review bio statements prior to clicking on the link to vote, the latter of which is a one time link.

March 5, 2016: EC Chair sent reminder email to NASSS listserv about needing to be a current member to vote, providing instructions on how to become a paid member and the final date by which one needed to become a member to be included amongst the list of ballot recipients.

March 7: Election slates sent to website manager (Jen McGovern)

March 10, 2016: Membership list sent from membership liaison (Robert Pitter) to elections technician (Dave Blackwell)

March 15, 2016: Invitation to participate in the 2016 NASSS elections was sent to all members who were current as of Wed, March 9, 2016 11:59 PST.

March 23, 2016: Email from EC Chair to NASSS listserv re-iterating key reminders about voting process

March 25, 2016: Reminder email sent to members who had not yet used their link to vote

March 30: Final batch of links (late memberships) sent

April 1: election closed (elections extended one day to accommodate time zone error)

April 6-15, 2016: run-off election conducted for Secretary

Grad student reps in consultation with elections chair slightly modified the bio template for GSRs.

After elections concluded, David Blackwell sent the results to the Elections Chair, who informed the Board, the candidates and then the membership about the results.

Policy and Procedures Manual Recommendations:

1) The call for nominations on the Listserv worked well by providing potential candidates with pertinent information about the term, duties, and responsibilities of the positions. This can be used as a general template and inserted in the P&P Manual as an appendix:

“Call for Elections General Template (send to NASSS listserv and post on social media)

The NASSS Elections Committee [list EC members and their emails] is looking for members who would like to stand for various NASSS Board positions for [insert year]. These positions are:

1) President-Elect (3 years - one as president elect when you are responsible for the organizing of the NASSS conference, then a year as President of NASSS, followed by a year as Past-President),

2) Member at Large (Canadian)(2 years) - you must be a Canadian or at a Canadian institution, and in this position you chair a different committee each of those two years, either the Barbara Brown Student Paper Award, the SSJ Article Award or the Book Award, while also participating in Board meetings over email during the year and at Board meetings while at the conference in November

3) Secretary (2 years) - you take minutes at all Board meetings, and ensure that actions of the Board continue to move forward and are documented for the organization throughout the year.

If you are interested in finding out more about these positions, we would highly recommend contacting a current or past NASSS Board member in those positions [insert current officers serving in positions which are up for election]. You can also read about these positions in the NASSS Constitution and Bylaws and in the Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM), both of which are posted on the NASSS website (NASSS.org).

If you are interested in having your name stand, you can self-nominate by sending an email to any member of the Elections Committee. You then need to send us a brief bio which will be posted along with your name on the ballot (we will send you the format). Our intention is to have nominations open until February 25th, then have elections run from March 1-31st. If you are elected, you would begin your duties by attending Board meetings at our November [insert current year] conference in [insert location and dates]. Please note, you must be a current NASSS member to run for office and to vote in the NASSS elections.

We look forward to addressing any questions you may have. Please approach others who you feel may do a good job for these positions as well; you can nominate them as long as you have their permission. Having an effective Board is key to operating as a responsive and proactive organization. We look forward to supporting all those who are interested in participating in this important service.”

2) The current Policy and Procedures Manual and By-laws are not consistent with new, current practice for GSR election.

Section 4: Election

Change from: “One Graduate Student Representative will be elected by the graduate students at the annual Conference each year, at a meeting called for them and chaired by the continuing Graduate Student Representative.”

Change to (and add to PPM): “One Graduate Student Representative will be elected by the graduate students via electronic ballot in conjunction with the general membership election.”

(wording suggestions welcome)

3) To move in line with current practice, revise the bylaws and PPM (Section 4) to: “The votes are electronically tabulated and the results sent to the Elections Committee Chairperson, who will certify...” , and that “The Elections Committee Chairperson shall forward this slate to the Elections technician, along with a current list of NASSS members, and the technician will electronically mail...”

The underlined portions below may need modifications accordingly.

Section 4: Election

Elections shall be conducted in the following manner: Each January the Elections Committee shall canvass the membership and the Board of Directors for nomination suggestions and shall then prepare, after having secured the permission of each nominee, a slate of nomination for the election of officers. The slate shall contain at least two candidates for each office. The Elections Committee Chairperson shall forward this slate to the Treasurer, who will electronically mail to each member no later than March 1 an invitation to vote that will include the slate of candidates, instructions for voting, and a link to an electronic ballot. The slate shall include, but not be limited to: (a) a list of candidates for each office, (b) a brief statement by each candidate expressing his or her qualifications for the office, (c) a summary of his or her publications, (d) a report on his or her other professional activities, and (e) a brief statement on his or her desired vision for NASSS. The ballot may also include other pertinent information on candidates and offices, as long as

the additions are the same for each candidate for each office. The ballots must be completed no later than April 1. The nominees receiving the majority of the votes will be elected, provided that ballots are returned by twenty percent (20%) of the Active Members. In the case of a tie, ballots for a run-off election shall be electronically mailed out to the membership no later than May 1 and must be completed no later than June 1. The Elections Committee Chairperson shall count the votes, certify the elections results to the Board of Directors, and report the elections results to the members. In keeping with the Bylaws, Officers shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected and until their terms of office shall have begun as herein provided. One Graduate Student Representative will be elected by the graduate students at the annual Conference each year, at a meeting called for them and chaired by the continuing Graduate Student Representative.

4) The Template used for biographies of the various candidates has worked well. EC recommends that it be placed in the PPM as an appendix as outlined below:

Template for Information for each Candidate: (should be kept to one page maximum)

Member at Large (Canadian)

Mary Louise Adams is Associate Professor in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies, the Department of Sociology and the Graduate Program in Cultural Studies at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS builds on the accomplishments of the Board and volunteers over the past decade: an increasingly open and transparent governing structure; a commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion; greater procedural efficiency and financial stability. We need always to be trying to make it easier and more desirable for members, with various levels of experience, to become involved in the running of their organization. I believe NASSS would be strengthened by recognizing and nurturing the important contributions made by international members. In this vein, I hope NASSS will expand on recent efforts to build connections with Latin American and Caribbean sport studies organizations and scholars. My ideal NASSS is a welcoming, vibrant and challenging intellectual environment that pushes us to be better students, teachers and scholars, that helps critical scholarship on sport, physical activity and the body to find new audiences, inside and outside the academy. For intellectual, environmental, and financial reasons, we need to explore new ways of achieving this ideal - perhaps through online seminars, live chats or other digital forms of real-time communication that could help facilitate

interactions among NASSS members (and others interested in our work) - beyond the annual conference.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS since 1997 and have attended the NASSS conference annually since 2001 – presenting, organizing sessions, participating in workshops for grad students. I have served on a number of NASSS committees over the years: the Barbara Brown Outstanding Paper Award Committee, the Conference Program Committee, and a Special Committee Regarding the Annual Conference. I have served as chair of the Nominating Committee and as a member of the editorial board of the *Sociology of Sport Journal*. I currently serve as the Book Review Editor of SSJ. I am a former president of the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Studies Association and I have done committee work for the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association (now the Canadian Sociology Association).

Summary of Publications: I am a historical sociologist, currently working on a history of feminist sport activism and on a critical study of the ways that walking has, over the past 150 years, been promoted as a means of improving health. I have published two books with the University of Toronto Press: *Artistic Impressions: Figure Skating, Masculinity and the Limits of Sport* (2011) and *The Trouble With Normal: Postwar Youth and the Construction of Heterosexuality* (1997). My work has been included in anthologies related to the history and sociology of sport and in collections related to Canadian postwar history, and to the study of citizenship, sexualities and gender. My sport-related publications have also appeared in *Body and Society*, the *International Review for the History of Sport, Sport in History*, and *Sociology of Sport Journal*.

5) Clarify whether A) President appoints three (3) members of elections committee or B) only appoints elections committee chair, the latter of whom then selects the other two (2) committee members. Points in question underlined below:

Article 6. Section 2: Elections Committee. At each annual meeting of the Society, the President shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Board of Directors, an Elections Committee consisting of three (3) members of the Society, none of which shall be members of the Board of Directors, who shall continue in office for one year. The Chairperson, selected by the President, shall be responsible for selecting the other committee members. This Committee is responsible for the preparation of a list of nominees for the elected offices of the Society, in accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of these Bylaws. The Chairperson shall report the results of the election back to the Board at their next Annual meeting.

Recommendations for elections heretofore:

- 1) Continue to send separate message to grad students, alerting them that they will receive two separate ballots.
- 2) Post elections slate on website ahead of the elections and include a link to that webpage on the email with the ballot link so that membership can read about the candidates prior to using their unique ballot link (which can only be accessed once).
- 3) Continue to push for members to renew membership early to avoid issues with providing ballots to members who join AFTER the ballots have already been sent.
- 4) Encourage members to start thinking early about running for a position

2017 elections slate. The Elections Committee will oversee an election for the following positions:

President-Elect (1 year position, followed by 1 year as President, and 1 year as Past-President)

Treasurer (2 year position)

Member at Large (Canadian or US) (2 year position); 2 candidates

Graduate Student Representative (elected by the graduate students)(2 year position)

NASSS 2016

SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

The committee for determining the NASSS Service Excellence Award is chaired by the past-president and consisted of three additional NASSS members, to include:

Othello Harris—Miami University of Ohio, Mary Jo Kane—University of Minnesota and Michael Malec—Boston College.

Calls for nominees and the selection process, was held within the timeframe expected by the organization and resulted in the review of three candidates. The winner was unanimously selected and will be announced at the 2016 business meeting.

Thank you to those members who submitted nominees. The winner will be notified as soon as possible after the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stangl, Ph.D.

Smith College

NASSS Past-President