

## President-Elect

**1) Jeffrey Montez de Oca** is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

**Vision for NASSS:** My vision for NASSS is rooted in its past and future. NASSS has always striven to support excellent sport scholarship, to foster diversity and inclusiveness, to be open and transparent, and to nurture future generations of sport scholars. These are admirable goals that demonstrate our organizational values, and the primary reasons for my ongoing membership. However, as the organization grows and the scholarship develops, NASSS often struggles to realize its own goals and values. It is vital that the organization constantly reflects upon itself and works to achieve its goals. The office of President is crucial to keeping the organization vibrant and true to its values since it leads the organization. As President, I will convene a task force dedicated to researching and developing policies of Inclusive Excellence in NASSS. While NASSS is a vibrant, exciting organization at the cutting edge of sports scholarship, it is also fractured. We must address this ongoing problem for NASSS to continue growing as the organization we all want.

**Qualifications for Office:** I have been a member of NASSS and have attended the annual meetings since 2001 – presenting annually, organizing over a dozen sessions, and mentoring numerous graduate students. I served as the NASSS Secretary from 2014-2016. I have served on several NASSS committees since 2001: the Conference Planning Committee, the NASSS Service Excellence Award Committee, and I was an inaugural member of the Diversity and Conference Climate Committee. I served as a member of the editorial board of the *Sociology of Sport Journal*. I also participated in a special panel titled “NASSS Reflects” in 2011 that created a space for older and younger scholars to discuss and debate the history, strengths, and limits of our organization. I have held many professional leadership roles including chair of the Faculty Minority Affairs Committee, current-President of the UCCS AAUP chapter, and the founding director of the Center for Critical Sport Studies. Since graduate school, I have organized numerous large and small academic events including UCCS’ 2016 Diversity Summit that featured a full day of panels, two keynote speakers, and 300 attendees.

**Summary of Publications:** My scholarship critically interrogates how politics and identity unfold across cultural institutions. My book *Discipline & Indulgence: College Football, Media, and the American Way of Life During the Cold War* (Rutgers University Press 2013) takes a historical approach to problems of media, sport, and political economy by looking at college football in the United States during the early Cold War (1947-1964) through the lens of cultural citizenship. *Discipline and Indulgence* won the 2014 NASSS Book Award. I am co-author of the recently published *Doping in Elite Sports: Voices of French Sportspeople and Their Doctors, 1950s-2010* (Routledge 2018) that offers a detailed history of how the concept of doping evolved from the twentieth to the twenty-first century. My current research looks at contemporary NFL marketing strategies across media and in schools. I particularly focus on how the NFL uses identity to manage crises and grow its market. My sport-related research has appeared in *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, *Popular Communication*, *American Studies*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, and the *Journal of Historical Sociology* as well as numerous chapters in edited books on sport.

## Secretary

**1) Beth Cavalier** is an Associate Professor in Sociology in the School of Liberal Arts at Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

**Vision for NASSS:** I first attended NASSS in 2006 as a graduate student, and I found it to be an incredibly welcoming environment for new scholars. My vision for NASSS includes organizational-level support to continue to include new members at all levels. In particular, as an organization we need to keep building the infrastructure to support graduate student members and junior scholars, and grow NASSS through recruitment of first-time participants in annual meetings. Programs such as the graduate student scholarship fund (supported by the silent auction and other fundraisers) are a beginning step to help defray the costs of participating in the conference. NASSS should also continue to increase its participation in the public sociology of sport, especially in light of the myriad of ways that sport has recently been in the public eye.

**Qualifications for Office:** I have been a member of NASSS since 2006 and have attended and presented at the NASSS conference annually in 2006, and from 2008 to 2017. I have served on several NASSS committees, including the program committee for the past several years. In addition to the program committee, I have served on the SSJ Outstanding Paper Award committee, and as a reviewer for *Sociology of Sport Journal* from 2014 – 2017. I became a member of the SSJ Editorial board in 2017. In addition to this, I served for 3 years as the Chair of the Division of Sport, Leisure and the Body for The Society for the Study of Social Problems. I also served as the Secretary of the Board of Directors for The FitWit Foundation, an Atlanta-based non-profit that focused on children's health and physical fitness.

**Summary of Publications:** My work focuses mostly on intersections of genders and sexualities within sport institutions. I have written articles that have appeared in the *Journal of Homosexualities* (focusing on gay men in sport) and *Sport in Society* (focusing on political rhetoric in women's soccer). I have also written chapters for anthologies, including a sport history paper about San Francisco roller derby, an article about Native American mascots in sport for a Social Problems textbook, and several articles about gay men in sport in gender or sociology readers.

## Member-at-Large

1) **Oliver Rick** is Assistant Professor in the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, at Springfield College in Springfield, MA.

**Vision for NASSS:** I think that NASSS has proven to be an organization that is strong in leading the way for critical scholarship in the sociology of sport. Obviously a continuation of the areas of success for NASSS should be key to any vision for the organization. It's core role as a platform for connecting scholars, sharing ideas, and creating pathways for development should be preserved. This will include identifying any challenges that may threaten those successes and responding effectively.

Additionally the organization should be focused on identifying the opportunities it has to better serve its membership and represent our collective presence effectively. Specifically I think NASSS needs to further refine the inclusive and collective nature of its governance. Significant steps have been taken to include a wider range of voices in the membership over my time as a part of NASSS, but continuing to strengthen this will be key. Also the NASSServ and the website have been invaluable resources for many in the sociology of sport, and their continued central role in our organization is important. However, I think there are many opportunities to leverage this resource into other formats and onto other platforms. This will serve to expand the ways members can engage with the organization outside of the yearly conference. In addition this increase in utilizing communication channels should also expand the connection between NASSS and those outside the organization. I believe the work done by members is an understated and underexplored treasure of significant value. The organization can definitely take steps to be a megaphone for its members and can help spread their work out into the wider world.

### Qualifications for Office:

I have been a member of NASSS since 2010 and through that time have attended the annual conference almost every year. Since joining I have had the opportunity to serve on the Outstanding *SSJ* Article Award committee in 2017 and am currently serving on the Outstanding Book Award committee for 2018. These are two committees I have become familiar with and that will inform my ability to potentially serve as their chair in the Member-at-Large position.

### Summary of Publications:

My research has aligned with two main areas: 1) Global sport and sport policy; 2) Urban physical cultural practices. These two publications highlight that work:

**Grainger, A. Rick, O. J. C., & Andrews, D. L. (2013).** Bound to the nation: Pacific Islands rugby and the IRB's new 'one country for life' eligibility rules. *Sport in Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics*

**Rick, O. J., and Bustad, J. J. (In Press).** Physically Active in the Flattened City. In J. I. Newman, H. Thorpe, and D. L. Andrews (Eds), *Sport, Physical Culture, and the Moving Body: Materialisms, Technologies, Ecologies*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

## Member-at-Large

**2) Robert J. Lake** is in the Department of Sport Science at Douglas College in Vancouver, BC.

**Vision for NASSS:** I have grown to love NASSS and care deeply about the people that constitute its active membership. My vision for the Association in many ways reflects my views of what true leadership is in any professional context: support and encourage your colleagues with their endeavours, both professionally and personally, and do what you can to help them be successful; stand up for what you believe in and support those who do advocacy by helping to amplify their voice (use whatever privileges you have responsibly); respect your colleagues, don't be afraid to be honest, but also open your mind to different perspectives; and, perhaps most importantly, show compassion and warmth, and try to put a smile on the faces of the people around you (believe in the power of fist-bumps, pats on the back, and hugs). I am an active advocate for social inclusion, and support any efforts to diversify our membership, build relations among existing members, and enhance our communication efforts beyond the NASSS community. I value building relations with graduate students, and making myself approachable to them.

**Qualifications for Office:** I became a NASSS member shortly after immigrating to Canada from the UK in November 2011. I attended my first NASSS conference in 2013 and every one since. I have involved myself in the operations of NASSS where and when able, for example: I am currently part of the NASSS 2018 Vancouver conference organizing committee, and an editorial board member for (and regular contributor to) the NASSS blog: Engaging Sports. I also proposed (and subsequently presented) the NASSS distinguished service award at NASSS 2017, and helped draft NASSS's official letter of opposition against Donald Trump's travel ban shortly after the 2016 annual conference. I have served on the executive committee of another academic associations, as the former Treasurer of the British Society of Sports History (2008-2011), and in that role I brought stability and greater transparency to the financial operations of the Society. I have taken part in the Take a Student to Lunch program every year that I have been in attendance at NASSS conferences, and been an active and vocal participant in AGMs.

**Summary of Publications:** I consider myself both a sport historian and a sport sociologist, and my commitment academically, in terms of scholarly output, teaching and service, is equally divided between the two disciplines. I am one of a small (but mighty!) handful of NASSS scholars who is also a regular attendee at NASSH, and I really value the interconnections between the two disciplines. My key focus for research is the sport of tennis. Just as my history work benefits from being located in the contemporary and within various analytical frameworks, I also see immense benefit from positioning my contemporary sociological findings in broader historical contexts. My scholarly work in tennis has reflected this blend. I have published 20+ articles in many of the leading sport sociology/history journals, including the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, *Sport in Society*, the *Journal of Sport History*, the *International Journal of the History of Sport*, *Sport in History* and *Sport History Review*. I have two books currently published, both with Routledge: *A Social History of Tennis in Britain* (2015) and *Sex Integration in Sport and Physical Culture: Promises and Pitfalls* (2017; co-edited with Alex Channon, Katherine Dashper and Thomas Fletcher). The former won the BSSH book award in 2016, the *Lord Aberdare Literary Prize*. At the end of 2018, my third book will be published, an edited collection (with Carol Osborne) entitled: *The Routledge Handbook of Tennis: History, Culture and Politics*.

## Diversity and Conference Climate Committee (DCCC) Chair

**1) F. Michelle Richardson** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance at Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama, United States of America

### A vision for DCCC:

My vision for the Diversity and Conference Climate Committee is to advance NASSS' already vibrant dialogue and programming, as well as the growth of the diversity in our membership as well as supporting the President-Elect and their concept for the conference. The Gary Sailes Diversity Scholarship is elemental to the cultivation of future sport sociology researchers, and I would be honored to be the steward of this scholarship.

### Qualifications for Office:

I am a scholar who examines Black women and the HBCU athletic experience. Since my first NASSS conference in 2004 (Tucson, AZ) I have found this conference to be a warm and welcoming place to learn and discuss the sociology of sport, gender, and culture. I have presented and been a part of more panel discussions at NASSS than any other professional organization. That appreciation for NASSS that motivates me to serve the organization as the DCC Chairperson. I currently serve NASSS as Co-Conference Locator; before that, I served on the Conference Location Selection Committee and the SSJ Award Committee, and before departing The Citadel I served on the Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee, and the Council President's Task Force for Advancing the Citadel's Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

### Summary of Publications:

Carter-Francique, A. R., & **Richardson, F. M.**, (2018). #BlackGirlMagic: Black sportswomen and the role of othermothering. In Brown, D. (Eds.), *Passing the ball: sports in African American life and culture*. Houston, TX: University of Houston (In Progress).

Carter-Francique, A. R. & **Richardson, F. M.**, (2016). Controlling media, controlling access: The role of sport media on Black women's sport participation. *Race, Gender, & Class Journal*, 23(1/2), pp. 7-33.

Carter-Francique, A., & **Richardson, F. M.**, (2015). Black female athletic experiences. In B. Hawkins, J. Cooper, A. Carter-Francique, K. Cavil (Eds.), *Black College Athletes: The Sporting Life at Historically Black Colleges and Universities* (pp. 61-83). New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield

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**2) Emmett L. Gill, Jr.,** Phd, MSW, is a clinical professor in the School of Social Work and the Director of Student-Athlete Development in the Department of Athletics at the University of Texas at Austin. Emmett is also President of the National Alliance of Social Workers in Sports.

**Vision for NASSS:** My vision for DCCC is to continue to increase diversity within NASSS membership, enhance and diversify gender-based efforts within NASSS, and constructively contribute to the overall organizational climate related to inclusion and diversity. For years NASSS scholars have built national and international reputations by producing scholarship related to athletes of color. Meanwhile, the number of people of color in our organization has not increased at an equitable rate. It is incumbent on researchers who have “profited” from the scholarly commodification of athletes of color to demonstrate the same level of interest in the hue of NASSS membership, leadership, and honors. I truly believe to continue the work of this committee, and the recent past chair, we have to step outside our norm to attract members of color who might not be familiar with our organization. We know that NASSS strives to be inclusive, but we have to work harder to help that 4% see what we know to be true. Likewise, I want to foster the energy of young people of color and varying sexual orientations, so that they will begin, or continue, to pursue leadership opportunities within NASSS. We need young blood to help us transform the broken pieces within our organization into masterpieces. We cannot just ask our young LBGTQ and Brown members to serve NASSS - NASSS has to serve them and nurture their desire to lead. To accomplish greater diversity and inclusion we will need to move beyond our annual conference and engage in real-time efforts like live chats, Google hangouts and other forms of millennial communication to truly facilitate diverse interactions among members. As your DCCC chair, I want to be active in achieving the aforementioned objectives, but make no mistake about it, the DCCC committee, through teamwork, will increase the diversity and inclusion of our membership if you allow me to take the lead.

**Qualifications for Office:** I have been a member of NASSS since 2007 and have attended the conference for eight of the last ten years. I have also presented and helped to organize sessions. I have been a member of the DCCC for the last year. Further, I have annually participated in the informal gathering of faculty and students of color who attend NASSS. I founded and directed (for three years) the *Student Athletes Human Rights Project*. I also co-founded and serve as the President of the *Alliance of Social Workers in Sports* - an organization of 200 social workers, professors, licensed professional counselors and students dedicated to enhancing the well-being of athletes.

### **Summary of Publications and Practice:**

I am a clinical assistant professor and sport social worker and my scholarship primarily focuses on college and professional sports controversies and athletes’ mental health. I have published peer reviewed articles on scandals at UNC, Rutgers and Penn State as well as controversies involving Ray Rice and the Atlanta Hawks. What I believe is equally important is that I have advocated for intercollegiate athletes by bringing over 30 injustices to the attention of NCAA member institutions. What I hope to

bring to NASSS, as the DCCC chair, is a sport “scholar/practitioner” that doesn’t just write about it... but is about it!