

President-Elect

1) **Algerian Hart**, Ph.D. is the Graduate Program Coordinator and Associate Professor at Western Illinois University in the Department of Kinesiology, United States of America.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS is to continue to promote and uplift our membership while pursuing a robust dialogue on social issues throughout our representative communities both nationally and globally. In the role of President, it will be my mission to grow membership; continue to promote inclusiveness with emphasis on cultivating spaces where mentorship can thrive. This would include encouraging seasoned NASSS scholars to engage with graduate students and Junior faculty colleagues while nurturing pathways that empower marginalized populations within our organization. I will continue fostering environments within NASSS that promote creative works and continue seeking feasible solutions to grow our NASSS brand. As a collaborative leader I will emphasize member achievement and promote opportunities for professional development which is essential to building an exceptional environment and defining a culture of success. In this, as President I will lead the charge of providing programming that generates high quality experiences that engage membership. Thus, I will encourage current members to expand their involvement and use the NASSS platform to aid in the development of the next generation of inclusive and diverse scholars and professionals across the globe.

Qualifications for Office: I attended my first NASSS in 1996 and was smitten by the environment of encouragement shared with me. Sport is a tremendous vehicle of access, yet in the same space exists abuse. The specificity of this duality is why I have committed my time and resources to aiding the mission of NASSS as a haven for Sport Sociologists and Sport Scholars who work tirelessly to impact others through their talents. From presentations, roundtable's, panels and organized sessions, I have had the opportunity to interact and mentor graduate and undergraduate students and forge relationships for research and collaborations. I have enjoyed sharing my research with fellow NASSSers and supporting organizational initiatives through service. I have served the NASSS community as Chair, of the Diversity and Conference Climate Committee, member of the Diversity Committee, the Service Excellence Award Committee, Editorial Board-Sociology of Sport Journal (SSJ), Program Committee, Executive Board, and the NASSS Fellows Award Committee. As Chair of the DCCC under my leadership we created the NASSS Plus +1 which has been fruitful to impacting membership. Alone, since 2015 I have used the Plus +1 to bring 30 Graduate Students to our annual conference. As a person of action who promotes inclusion I have always made it a priority to meet and greet as many members as possible at our annual conference to ensure they feel welcome. Additionally, I consistently encourage and empower past and current leadership members as well as scholars because that is the core of leadership, INTENTIONALITY and EMPOWERMENT.

Summary of Publications: I am a sport scholar, and I am currently working on projects addressing inclusive leadership in "higher education" with an emphasis on collegiate sport access and the necessity of inclusive mentorship for minorities in sport. Recently, I have worked on a co-authored work: More Than Cultural Competency Alone: The Related and Unrelated Relationship of Cultural Competency, Self-identity and Academic identity. In T. S. Ransaw, *Curricular and Non-Curricular Perspectives for Closing Achievement Gaps for Students of Color*. Michigan State University Press, and "Lingering Issues in Race And Leadership" In J. Borland (Ed.), *Sport Leadership in the 21st Century*, Second Edition. Jones & Bartlett Publishing, Burlington: MA. Furthermore, I have contributed extensively in the areas of NCAA governed student-athlete matriculation, and marginalized populations within higher education which have all encouraged my work as an author of "The Student Athlete's Guide to College Success".

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2) For the past 20 years, **Mark S. Schuster** has served first as the Dean of Students for Rutgers University-New Brunswick for over 50,000 undergraduates and now the Dean for Graduate Student Life for 14,000 students. He is affiliate faculty in American Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Psychology and Educational Psychology for the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University.

Vision for NASSS: On the first day of my course "*Transforming Bodies and Identities*," I tell my class I grew up too much of a "geek" to be a jock, and too much of jock to be a geek! Since 1980, when I worked at NYU I have self-identified as a "gender subversive" professional. I helped to create the *Standing Committee for Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness* of the American College Student Personnel Association (ACPA). If selected President-Elect, I would promise to wear Billy Porter's tuxedo gown, but *unfortunately it just won't fit!* After having taught "*Intersection of Sport and Sexuality*" in Psychology at Rutgers for over ten years, a chair questioned my use of sociology journals. Arguing the best even social psych could do regarding sport and culture was situated cognition, I changed to teaching in American Studies the following year. I always felt my professional and intellectual "home" was with my NASSS colleagues. When I went back to graduate school in 1994, mentored by Susan Birrell at Iowa, I had already been a Vice President for a software company before the internet. I was one of the first presenters at NASSS to use PowerPoint instead of reading a formal paper. I feel we need to leverage social and digital media more as an organization. Although I consider NASSS the "geek scholars" of sport, our use of electronic and social media needs to be equal to our intellectual and critical theoretical rigor. In 2010, I co-founded "*Project Civility*" at Rutgers before a young artist, Tyler Clementi, committed suicide because he was bullied due to his sexuality. A powerful technique and teachable moment that emerged was to combat hatred with a series of educational videos for two years. The format of our annual conference needs to evolve to utilize and encourage digital and video presentations on critical issues by the membership. We should peer review digital and online media similar to our exceptional journal and distribute them to a broader audience. Moreover, the intellect, passion, and critical lens of the leadership of NASSS needs to expand to on-line seminars, webinars, and formalizing a speaker's bureau on a diversity of topics. I hope to translate the skills I have proven in technology, student affairs, administration, and over 30 years of teaching courses on sport in higher education to maintain a tradition of extraordinary University of Iowa NASSS Presidents.

Qualifications for Office: I have chaired or co-chaired eight regional conferences, and two national conferences, including hosting the Big 10 Threat Assessment Conference at Rutgers in 2017. I have championed LGBTQ plus elite athletes since the 1980s including being on the board of GLAF at MIT in 2004, the first US conference on sport and sexuality. In 2010, I presented to the NCAA national convention in Atlanta with Pat Griffin, Helen Carroll, and Laurie Priest. Even though I self-identify as a cyborg who negotiates space differently, I had to go to Paris and present at ISSA to learn that I am living and subverting "crip theory" because I refuse to take on the deficit label of a disability. I have presented at over 100 national and international conferences, including 15 keynote addresses on sport, sexuality, androgyny and creativity to threat assessment, and civility to transgender service in the military.

Summary of Publications: As a board member of the Gender Center's Medicine and Humanity series at the Rutgers Medical School and RWJ, I am editing a book on health and sexuality with Dr. Gloria Bachmann. We are also writing an article with Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, the secretary of the AMA, on "*The Hippocratic/Hypocritical Oath*" ...when medical providers refuse to treat patients for religious or ethical reasons. My interrogation and critique of sport has been mostly through digital media. The lived experiences of elite LGBTQ plus athletes has been told in a series on *sport and sexuality* at the NCAA, ISSA, the OUTGames and GAYGames. *Project Civility*, produced over 30 short videos, 70 major programs attended by over 70,000 in two years. The Educational Advisory Board selected *Project Civility* as the best program on civility in the nation in 2012.

Member-at-Large (US)

1) **Guy Harrison** is an Assistant Professor in the Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communication, the Department of Communication at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS employs a tripartite effort to continue the progress the board has made to foster a collegial and intimate scholarly environment, specifically, through increased emphases on professional development, collaboration and integration, and visibility. More than any other organization with which I've been affiliated, NASSS has sought to foster mentorship between faculty and graduate students (notably through the Take a Student to Lunch and Grad Student Lunch events). I believe this organization can do more – at the annual conference and beyond – to advise and prepare its student population for what has become an increasingly competitive, underfunded, and neoliberal academy. While NASSS's conference attendees have been diverse, they have not always been integrated. I believe NASSS can be more intentional in its desire for a conference (and a membership) that is both academically and socially integrated. Lastly, it is my belief that we can be more visible/vocal as an organization in support of or in opposition to individuals and organizations whose decisions and actions run counter to equality and fairness in sport and physical culture. The prominence of sport in our culture affords NASSS a great deal of potential influence in this regard and I believe we can do more to capitalize on that influence.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS, and have attended the NASSS conference annually, since 2015. As a conference attendee, I have presented and organized sessions, served as a graduate student volunteer, and have participated in the Take a Student to Lunch event as both a student and faculty. My biggest contribution to the NASSS community has been as an associate editor of *Engaging Sports*, a collaborative public sociology project led by scholars affiliated with NASSS that provides scholarly-informed analysis of sport and physical culture.

Summary of Publications: I am an interdisciplinary critical/cultural media scholar whose work focuses on representations of gender and race in sports media culture. Thus far, the bulk of my work has called upon sports and feminist media scholarship to examine the subjecthood of women working in the electronic sports media industry and how that subjecthood has been constructed through postfeminist and neoliberal discourse. My work has been published in *Critical Studies in Media Communication* and *Feminist Media Studies* and two publications are currently in press with the *International Journal of Sport Communication* and *Journal of Social Media and Society*.

Member-at-Large (Canadian)

2) **Jason Laurendeau** is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Lethbridge, located in Blackfoot territory in Southern Alberta.

Vision for NASSS: I consider NASSS my first and most important intellectual home, in many ways; this, of course, is because of the work of Boards and volunteers over many years. If elected, I would be honoured to contribute to that ongoing work as a Member-at-Large, working towards an ever more inclusive and welcoming organization that supports a diverse body of scholars at all career stages. Key to this vision, it seems to me, is further explicit attention to recognizing and troubling how white supremacy, heteropatriarchy, ableism, western-centrism, and other important systems of alterity have been (re)produced in our organizational structures, policies, and practices. As an organization, we have been doing much work of this kind in recent years, and much remains to be done. Furthermore, transparency and democratic decision-making in governing structures and processes remains critically important. In my ideal world, NASSS is a vibrant, mutuality supportive community of critical scholars that welcomes and fosters multiplicities (e.g., paradigmatic, theoretical, linguistic, etc.). In this world, we are all nourished towards becoming more effective and reflexive as researchers, teachers, learners, administrators, and activists. This would enable us, as a community, to extend our intellectual reach and our political interventions (further) into related intellectual spaces and the public realm.

Qualifications for Office: I attended my first NASSS in 1998 and have missed few NASSS conferences in the two decades since. I have been active as a presenter, session-organizer, and committee member. I served as a Member-at-Large from 2010-2013, and in that context chaired the Barbara Brown Outstanding Paper Award Committee and SSJ Article Committee. I have also served on the Environmental Impact Committee, the Conference Program Committee, and the editorial board of the *Sociology of Sport Journal*.

Summary of Publications: My work explores intersections of risk, gender, adventure sport, childhood, and nationhood; I've published in such venues as: *Communication & Sport*; *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health*; *Sociology of Sport Journal*; *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*; and *Emotion, Space and Society*. Currently, I am taking up questions of land and settler colonialism in the context of outdoor adventure.

Member-at-Large (Canadian)

3) **Tricia McGuire-Adams** is an Anishinaabe scholar and Assistant Professor in the Faculties of Kinesiology, Sport, & Recreation and Native Studies, at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS is to be an active participant in fostering a more equitable, diverse, and accessible NASSS. I am encouraged by the 2019 NASSS Conference Theme *Sport Sociology and the Responsibility for Decolonial Praxis, Decolonizing Minds, Indigenizing Hearts*. I am also serving on the planning committee and helping to develop important PD workshops on allyship and addressing the politics of racism at the 2019 Conference. It is because of NASSS' commitment to address settler colonialism, whiteness, and decolonization that I am also committing to foster this change at a Board level. This conference theme ignites a long-standing, important, and opportune commitment from NASSS; it is my goal to help maintain and build upon this momentum. I aim to amplify the accomplishments of recent Board members that ushered this important and timely 2019 theme. As the leading international conference organization in the sociology of sport, NASSS has the grounding and influence to direct meaningful intellectual, community, and individual engagements with creating a more equitable, diverse, and accessible field; a field that reaches global audiences.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS since I started my doctoral research in 2013 and have presented on my doctoral research at NASSS nearly every year since then. As an emerging scholar, I am transitioning to present my new scholarship that adds to the field of sociology of sport by bringing an Indigenous perspective. Additionally, I have five years of professional research experience, where, prior to the start of my PhD, I was the Director of a national research secretariat and Research Manager at a national non-profit organization.

Summary of Publications: My research spans three fields that foster Indigenous intellectual engagements: Indigenous health and wellbeing, sociology of sport, and qualitative research. Each field is open to Indigenous narratives that are situated more broadly within qualitative social sciences. As an Indigenous researcher, I have published in journals that seek to showcase Indigenous perspectives, especially those that welcome community-driven research partnerships including, the *Journal of Indigenous Wellbeing: Te Mauri – Pimatisiwin*, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, and *Engaged Scholar Journal: Community-Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning*.

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4) **Jorge Moraga** (PhD, Washington State University, 2017) is an Assistant Professor in the School of Arts and Humanities, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program currently housed in the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, and a Affiliate Faculty of the Kegley Institute of Ethics at California State University, Bakersfield.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS seeks to build from my experiences, observations, and conversations with NASSS board members, colleagues, and mentors. Having the fortune to secure a tenure-track position immediately after graduate studies has provided a chance to consider the role that academic institutions/conferences must play into the twenty-first century, namely the importance of adapting to new forms technology and social media for student engagement (in the classroom and across campus), the continued need for multi-disciplinary, transnational, and comparative approaches to research and scholarship, and a re-newed commitment towards decolonizing academic spaces, especially for first generation students confronting the everyday legacies of ideological trauma and structural inequalities. With this in mind, I hope to give back to NASSS by: being direct and strategic in how we build community; encouraging more intersectional, feminist, anti-racist, and Queer voices and representation in membership, conference participants, and committee demographics; and safeguarding the set of initiatives already established, while noting potential areas for more mentorship, inclusivity, and collaborations. My ideal NASSS reflects my first time in 2015: a friendly, kinetic, and encouraging intellectual atmosphere that fuses generational divides alongside ethnoracial, cultural, linguistic, gendered, and national differences to foster critical reflections and scholarship on physical activity, sport, the body, and the sites upon which we stand, produce, relate, and breathe. NASSS is a key player in furthering the project of critical sport studies, and one that I am both excited and humbled to join in a stronger fashion for the next decade.

Qualifications for Office: I began my involvement with NASSS in 2015, where I organized a spotlight session titled "Chicanismo, Indigeneity, and Physical Culture." As a cis-hetero Latino man of color, it was a supportive environment and a really fun experience (s/o to my fellow presenters Katherine Jamieson and C. Richard King, and to Jeffrey Montez de Oca for the session assist); putting faces to names and receiving encouragement from the likes of Maureen Smith, Mary McDonald, and Cheryl Cooky inspired and sustained me to finish my dissertation and continue with my current research agenda. The next two years I chose to participate in Latino Studies Association and the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Society where I organized panels examining the intersections between latinidades and physical culture. I returned last year to NASSS where I co-organized and presented at a session "On Globalized NFL." It was wonderful to re-connect with folks and build new relationships. With an invitation from Jeff, I joined the 2019 program planning committee, where I have taken the opportunity to further my understanding into the inner-workings of NASSS, learn what it takes to put on the annual conference, and humbly share ideas for the NASSS 2019 conference. I am currently serving a 3-year appointment as a committee member for the NASSH Joe Arbeno Latin American Sport History Grant. In my two years at Cal State Bakersfield, I have been the Coordinator for Latino Studies where I successfully applied to grant monies (totaling \$8,500) in order to create a new lecture series titled "Local Struggles, Critical Dialogues" for the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, collaborated on Hispanic Heritage Month campus programming, and currently organizing the "CSUB Ethnic Studies Caravan" to a nearby Cal State University for my students and faculty colleagues to attend and participate in the 3rd Annual Ethnic Studies Conference across the Central Valley.

Summary of Publications: I am an Americanist interdisciplinary researcher, currently working on my first book titled *Latinas and Latinos across American Sport Media and Culture, 1970-2020*, which explores the relationship between U.S Latinas/os and North American sport/media culture. I have published original research in *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* and *Social Inclusion*, have reviews in *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *Aztlán: Journal of Chicano Studies*, and *Journal of Sport History*, and book chapters in the anthologies *Football, Power and Culture* (Routledge, 2017) and *The Circus Is in Town: Sport Celebrity and Spectacle* (University of Mississippi Press, under contract). In addition to working on sport-related research, I also have a deep interest in mapping and documenting the Ethnic Studies in the Central Valley, where I am currently working to build a vibrant, critical, and comparative program of study. To this end, I am completing a journal article alongside a Sociology undergraduate student-assistant for the special issue, "Commemorating 50 Years of Ethnic Studies: Reflections, Challenges, and Opportunities" for the *Association of Ethnic Studies*.

Member-at-Large (US)

5) **Oliver Rick** is an 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. 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, on the Outstanding Book Award committee in 2018, and currently on the Barbara Brown Student Paper Award committee. These are three 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 three main areas: 1) Global sport and sport policy; 2) Urban physical cultural practices; 3) Sport Media and Digital Audio. This publication highlights some of that work:

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.

Of additional interest and relevance to my work is the project I co-founded: www.somaticpodcast.com