



2021 President Elect Candidate Biographies

Listed in Alphabetical Order

Ryan King-White is Associate Professor in the College of Health Professions, the Department of Kinesiology at Towson University.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS is one that seeks to further improve on the efforts this organization has made toward inclusion, progressive social change, and critical understandings of physical culture. Given travel and gathering restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic I believe that it is incumbent upon the board to seek new ways to make the conference safe to attend, and flexible to meet the health concerns of those who cannot. This is a period of much change, and it must be met with an openness to new, and creative means for meeting these needs.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS since 2003 and have attended the NASSS conference annually with the exception of (2004 and 2014) and presented, in some form, every year since 2005. I have served on a number of NASSS committees over the years: the Barbara Brown Outstanding Paper Award Committee (once), Book Award (twice), as well as numerous panels for graduate students, and youth sport studies. Finally, I served for six years on the *Sociology of Sport Journal* editorial board, and am a NASSS research fellow.

Summary of Publications: I am a graduate from the University of Maryland Physical Cultural Studies Program, and have several publications on critical pedagogy, youth sport, sport spectacle, intercollegiate athletics, and ethnographic research methods. Several of my publications have come in the *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *Review of Education*, *Critical Pedagogy*, and *Cultural Studies*, *Sport Management Review*, and have edited a book *Sport in the Neoliberal University*.

F. Michelle Richardson is an Assistant Professor at Coppin State University College of Business, Department of Management & Marketing, Sport Management Program

Vision for NASSS: My vision for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) is to continue to stimulate and amplify dialogue on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Through service in the role of NASSS President, I will continue to encourage pathways that empower equity and inclusion within the organization, generally and specifically via our journal, our conference, and our membership maintenance and expansion. We are a diverse entity of scholars who must continue to elevate our membership numbers. In the role of NASSS President, it's important to listen to the membership and promote our member activities' engagement. I seek to encourage and provide a supportive voice to our membership as they move toward and through the tenure and promotion process. In addition, I aim to continue supporting graduate students and graduate student representatives to find new ways to engage our student membership through mentoring and professional development. *(Continued)*



COVID-19 has forever changed how we will conduct future NASSS conferences and business, but it is my goal to maintain our conference engagement, maintain the traditional and embrace the nuanced ways scholarship has been disseminated, and continue to develop the business opportunities of this organization. We will utilize and elevate our social media presence across multiple platforms. For example, we can live stream and archive keynote addresses and student and professional development workshops via the NASSS YouTube page and the NASSS website.

Qualifications and Service to NASSS: I have been a NASSS member since 2004, when I attended my first NASSS conference in Tucson, Arizona. As a doctoral student, I was looking to be a part of an academic organization that fostered collegiality and scholarly endeavors. Ultimately, I found a community that embraced me and provided a pathway for me to give my talents to serve others within the organization. I have presented at NASSS, sat on panels, participated in and organized workshops and organized sessions. My service to NASSS includes Conference Location Selection Committee, Co-Conference Site Locator, SSJ Award Committee, Conference Planning Committee, and DCCC Committee Member and DCCC Chairperson.

Summary of Publications: I am a sport manager, working in a college of business. I am currently working on research that addresses representation and identification in sport. Currently, I am working on research that is looking at the lived experiences of Black female hockey fans. My research has appeared in edited books (Black College Athletes: The Sporting Life at Historically Black Colleges and Universities Passing the Ball: Sports in African American Life and Culture), as well as journal articles Controlling media, controlling access: The role of sport media on Black women's sport participation. Race, Gender, & Class Journal.