

Position: Treasurer

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Vision for NASSS: As Treasurer, my vision for NASSS includes three priorities: 1) maintaining the financial viability of the organization; 2) engaging in strategic planning to assess current financial needs and future opportunities; and 3) developing additional financial resources to enable NASSS to better serve its membership. First, I plan to maintain the financial security of NASSS through prudent management of the organization's resources. Second, as it is essential that NASSS continues to have sufficient resources to survive difficult times, I plan to assess the organization's current and future financial needs to ensure that membership dues and conference fees are appropriate. Finally, with a secure financial base, NASSS could begin to explore ways to develop new resources that would enable NASSS to provide additional benefits to its membership and expand access to our organization and conferences.

Qualifications for Office: I have served as NASSS Treasurer since November 2019 and have been a member of NASSS since 2002. Montreal marked the 20th NASSS conference I have attended. I have usually presented a paper and have frequently organized sessions. In addition to volunteering to serve as Treasurer in Spring 2019 and being elected to continue in the role in Spring 2020, I have served NASSS as a member of the Barbara Brown Outstanding Paper Award Committee and the Conference Program Committee. Outside of academia, I have served on several boards and committees of different nonprofit organizations, including terms as President and Treasurer of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington.

Summary of Publications: I am a cultural geographer. My book, *Mallparks: Baseball's Cathedrals of Consumption*, will be published by Cornell University Press in 2023. In 2008, I won the Barbara Brown Outstanding Student Paper Award (Doctoral Level) and have published four articles in the *Sociology of Sport Journal*. I have also published articles in several other journals, including the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, the *Journal of Sport History*, *City, Culture & Society*, and the *Journal of Urban Affairs*.