

Position: President-Elect

Name, title, and affiliation: Brian T Gearity is the Founding and Current Director and tenured Associate Professor of the Master of Arts in Sport Coaching graduate program and undergraduate minor in Kinesiology and Sport Studies housed in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver.

Vision for NASSS: I acknowledge the great work of so many NASSS volunteers before me, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to the numerous members who have provided me (and others) with personal mentorship, counsel, support, and good will. After nearly 15 years as a NASSS member, I have observed and evaluated much of the innerworkings of NASSS—never deterred, making sense, and wanting to help sustain and do better. My vision for NASSS as President is to strategize a path ahead that identifies and executes on central key initiatives that come from our membership. As an inter- and multi-disciplinary scholar, I know that NASSS and the sociology of sport (and play, games, physical culture) offers in-depth and unique insight into all of our social and material world. I want us to share our stories with a larger audience, while enhancing our operations internally. I keep coming back to NASSS to learn, to be challenged, and to develop personally and professionally with diverse and eclectic scholar-practitioners. I believe we can strategize and execute better, more consistently, and with a progressive agenda. NASSS was founded over 40 years ago and, sadly, many of our founding members are passing, but their work and spirit can live on through revisioning NASSS for our global, 21st century times. What might this look like? Development and recognition of our capacities as teachers and students. Workshops, webinars, and strategic alliances with other sociology, academic, and practitioner groups to share widely our diversity in representation and strength of scholarship. Certificates, certification, or the strategic deployment and use of the intellectual capital that is richly captured at the annual conference and SSJ, but could be harnessed and delivered to meet today's needs. I embrace the responsibility and challenge of leading NASSS, and in addition to organizing a terrific conference, we will do more to enrich our sociological community and society.

Qualifications for Office: I joined NASSS in 2008 and including that year, I have attended every annual conference hosted since. I have regularly organized panel sessions, presented papers and presentations, and served in a variety of capacities. My service includes: 2012, 2015-2016, 2022 Conference Program Committee; 2022 Junior Scholars of Color Mentoring Program; 2014-present Listserv Administrator; 2018-2020 Finance Committee; 2017-2018 Ad Hoc Strategic Communication Committee; 2009-2011 Barbara Brown Student Paper Award Committee. I have a Master's degree in Sport Management and a PhD in Educational Leadership, with a cognate in Cultural Studies of Education. I have sought to enhance my leadership skills by earning a second Master's degree and in spring 2023 I will earn a MBA.

Summary of Publications: My scholarship is focused on the sociology of sport coaching and strength and Conditioning (S&C). Specifically, I examine coach knowledge, power, subjectivities, and their effects, and for the last several years, further integrating aspects of DEI and coach maltreatment. Both released by Routledge in 2020, I co-edited one book *Coach education and development in sport: Instructional strategies* and co-authored another *Enhancing strength and conditioning: Bridging the biophysical, pedagogical, social, and cultural foundations*. I have published poststructural theory informed coaching research in the three leading coaching journals *International Sport Coaching Journal*, *Sport Coaching Review*, and the *International Journal of Sport Science & Coaching*, as well as *Sociology of Sport Journal*. I engage in a variety of scholarly and practitioner outlets (e.g., presentations, book chapters, applied articles, podcasts, news interviews) and promote psychosocial issues and wisdom with sport coaches, managers, and organizations such as the National S&C Association and UK S&C Association.