

Position: Member-at-Large (Canadian)

Name, title, and affiliation:

Derek Silva is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at King's University College at Western University.

Vision for NASSS:

I believe NASSS has an incredibly important role to play in the growth and development of the sociology of sport, particularly as sport becomes even more entrenched in the political milieu. My vision builds on the work of previous leadership with the explicit goal to make NASSS a more inclusive and accessible space for all scholars and researchers regardless of academic hierarchies, institutional affiliations, or occupational security. Recent developments within the field and amongst the political economy of higher education at large – increasingly under attack by politicians seeking to create moral panic – necessitate our organization's active role in creating a safe, accessible, and inclusive space for sports scholars to do their important work unhindered by political attacks on higher education, particularly contingent, graduate, NTT, tenure-track, or otherwise precarious scholars and researchers. To this end, my vision for NASSS includes the further development of tangible institutional resources and policies of protection for scholars engaging in important, critical, and often contentious scholarly work to ensure community members doing this vital work are supported by our scholarly organization.

Qualifications for Office:

I have been an active and attentive member of NASSS since I was in graduate school at the University of South Carolina from 2014-17. Since 2021, I have been an Editorial Member of NASSS' flagship *Sociology of Sport Journal*. I have also been an active member of the sociology of sport community through public scholarship and engagement with the broader social media community of sports scholars on [Twitter](#), working to make the field a more inclusive and welcoming space, particularly for contingent, graduate, NTT, tenure-track, or otherwise precarious scholars and researchers.

Summary of Publications:

My areas of interest include sociocultural studies of sport, critical sociology and criminology, punishment, and terrorism studies. My work can be found in the peer-reviewed journals *Annals of Leisure Research*, *Punishment and Society*, *Crime, Media, Culture*, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *Policing & Society*, *Sociological Forum*, *Race & Class*, *Educational Gerontology*, and in media outlets such as [TIME Magazine](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Daily Beast](#), [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), [Jacobin Magazine](#), and [The Baffler Magazine](#). I am co-editor of [Power Played: A Critical Criminology of Sport](#) (UBC Press) due out in October 2022 and [Changing of the Guards: Private Influences, Privatization, and Criminal Justice in Canada](#) (UBC Press). I am also series co-editor of Emerald's *Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance* volume. I also co-host [The End of Sport](#) podcast, which focus on illuminating harms within and among sporting cultures.

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Name, title, and affiliation: Mark Norman is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Health, Aging, & Society at McMaster in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (a position co-funded by the Marine Institute at Memorial University of Newfoundland).

Vision for NASSS: I see NASSS as a critically-engaged, welcoming space for the cultivation of scholarship and activism by emerging and established scholars alike. I believe NASSS should work to make the annual conference as accessible as possible for folks who may not feel included in academic conference spaces—including for reasons of financial resources, geographic location, or identity. To this end, I support initiatives to improve the conference climate, provide financial assistance to those who need it (especially graduate students), and create inclusive and supportive spaces within the conference and organization or diverse members. Further, I am interested in exploring how NASSS can continue to build a year-round presence outside the conference through a variety of initiatives—for example, beyond ongoing efforts (such as the *Engaging Sports* blog, NASSS listserv, or occasional public resolutions or statements), I would like to see increased virtual events such as webinars, seminar series, or podcasts.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS and attending the annual conference (most years) since 2009. I served on the NASSS Board as Graduate Student Representative from 2011-13, and have also volunteered as a reviewer for the Barbara Brown Graduate Student Paper Award. I have also peer reviewed numerous articles for *Sociology of Sport Journal* on an ad hoc basis over the past 10 years.

Summary of Publications: My diverse research interests and publications have included a focus on digital media and sport fandom, gender inequality in sport organizations, mental health and prison work, and Sport for Development and Peace. My primary research focuses on sport, physical culture, and incarceration (including prisons, youth custody facilities, and non-prison carceral spaces). I have published 17 peer-reviewed articles, including articles in journals such as *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise & Health*, and *International Journal of Sport Policy & Politics*. I have also published eight book chapters in edited volumes and co-authored numerous policy reports.

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Name, title, and affiliation: **Simon Barrick** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Experiential Studies in Community and Sport (School of Arts and Social Sciences) at Cape Breton University in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Vision for NASSS: The future of NASSS rests in its membership seeking out opportunities to have their voices heard and actions embraced towards real, sustained social change. In this vein, my vision for NASSS represents a welcoming, inclusive organization where the important work of past NASSS leaders is extended, while exciting, new paths are charted to meet pressing challenges within the sociology of sport and across wider society. As Member-at-Large (Canadian), I view my role as fostering space for more Canadian-based students, instructors, and professors to feel at home in NASSS; amplifying issues of concern in Canadian scholarly and sport circles (problems which are clearly not exclusive to Canada) such as actively contributing to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, fostering anti-racism, and protecting athletes at all levels from harm and abuse; and working alongside my colleagues in pushing the Board in new, meaningful directions. As we (hopefully) emerge from the COVID-19 global pandemic, NASSS stands at a crossroads where tough questions need to be explored regarding the organization's future – for instance, regarding the annual conference format – amid the on-going global climate crisis, the erosion of trust in public institutions, the future of sport in an increasingly polarized world, and growing recognition of the systemic inequalities existing in all institutions – NASSS included. I am excited to contribute to forging a path forward and finding ways to welcome more voices into NASSS through this role.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS since 2016, regularly attending the annual conference where I have presented my research, organized sessions, and participated in workshops for graduate students. I have also organized the conference registration table and served on the conference steering committee. I have also held various leadership roles in related scholarly organizations. Most notably, I co-organized the *Canadian Congress for Leisure Research* in 2021 which represented the first time this conference was held virtually. I also recently co-organized the *Changing the Face of Curling Symposium*, a knowledge translation event which brought together curling stakeholders from across Canada alongside relevant scholars and activists to chart an inclusive path forward for the sport.

Summary of Publications: I am a qualitative researcher who studies socio-cultural aspects of sport. My teaching, research, and service efforts critically interrogate the intersections between diversity, inclusion, national identity, and winter sport participation in the Canadian context. In my dissertation, I explored the lived experiences of newcomers to Canada in introductory winter sport programs as well as how welcoming, culturally-relevant programs are administered. My current research interests comprise investigating an Indigenous (Mi'kmaw) surf program in Unama'ki (Cape Breton), examining mediated representations of older adult curlers in the Canadian media, and ongoing work with various curling organizations in building diversity, equity, and inclusion capacity across the sport. I have published articles in *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health*; *Leisure/Loisir*; *European Sport Management Quarterly*; *Journal of Dance Education*; *Sport in Society*; as well as a chapter in an e-book titled: *The Playing Field: Making Sense of Spaces and Places in Sporting Culture*.