

Position: President-Elect

Travers, Professor of Sociology, Simon Fraser University.

Vision for NASSS: We are at a pivotal (and often terrifying) time in the world, and we are called to marshal all our resources to fight against fascism and oppression in the sport world and beyond. Current president-elect, Jay Laurendau, and I, share a vision of mobilizing NASSS as an important resource in this fight. I will be the first openly trans scholar to be President of NASSS at a time when trans people in general and transwomen and girls in particular are under attack. While NASSS has the potential to be a powerful social force, as an organization we have been dropping the ball on meaningful support for racialized scholars since I began attending over 20 years ago. It was heartbreaking to see this continue at the business meeting in New Orleans last year. This must end now: support for racialized scholars must be a line item in our budget, not a meaningless declaration. If we do not strive to build equity into our structures and operations, we have nothing of value to offer. If you let us, Jay and I will guide NASSS in responding powerfully to the current moment.

I am not running for President-elect to secure status or check a box on my CV: as a highly privileged person, I already have everything I need to thrive (whiteness, class privilege, full professor status, Canadian citizenship, the love of my family and friends). Instead, I am responding to an organizational and societal moment where my vision and energy are needed. Join me in mobilizing NASSS in the fight against dehumanizing social movements and political forces.

Qualifications for Office: I have been a member of NASSS since 2001 and have attended the NASSS conference at least 15 times since then— presenting, organizing and co-organizing sessions such as “Challenges to the Gender Binary in Sport,” and “Race and Gender: Intersections and Assemblages,” and participating in workshops for grad students. I have served on the NASSS Outstanding book and outstanding SSJ article committees.

Summary of Publications: I am an established scholar with expertise related to gender, race, sport, and citizenship with an extensive record of media work and activity as a public intellectual. I published *The Trans Generation: How Trans Kids (and Their Parents) Are Creating a Gender Revolution* in 2018 and am currently conducting interviews for *The Trans Generation 2.0* to document the impact of fascist movements on trans kids today. A major focus of my research program is the role of sport in normalizing and perpetuating white supremacist and cisheteropatriarchal assemblages of power and privilege. I am an expert on transgender participation policies in sport and make regular contributions to public discourse and education about (intersectional) trans-inclusive measures for athletes of all ages.