

Position: Member-at-Large (Canadian)

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Note: Jesse is a Canadian citizen working in the United States.

Vision for NASSS: My vision for NASSS is a community that fosters intellectual growth and where its members can become more adept scholars, thoughtful educators, and respectful global citizens more broadly. NASSS is well known as a space where exciting new research and emerging ideas are shared and celebrated. This is an organization that can and should be at the forefront of advancing and sharing critical scholarship on sport, physical culture, and the body. I also feel strongly that NASSS should be a space of listening and (un)learning, where ideas can be challenged in kind and generative ways, and where members can learn from the expertise of their colleagues, at all career stages, whose diversity of experiences and perspectives can enrich our own. In this way, my vision for NASSS is a space where we can continue to grow as professionals and as individuals.

My vision for NASSS is one that takes seriously our espoused commitments to inclusivity and accessibility. It is not only possible but *necessary* to make NASSS more accessible, including (but not limited to) online/remote participation for the annual meeting. One way we might look to accomplish this involves mindful strategic planning, but it will also require a broader reimagining of what participation in this space can look like. By continuing to leverage the affordances of digital technologies, we can help lessen some of the barriers to participation experienced by our membership and might at once allow us to share some of the important ideas and conversations beyond the confines of our annual meeting.

Qualifications for Office: Although I am very much an early career researcher, NASSS has been my academic home away from home for many years. I first became a member of NASSS in 2013, as a then wide-eyed undergraduate. Since that time, with very few exceptions, I have attended the annual NASSS meeting where I have presented, co-presented, moderated sessions, and volunteered in various capacities. I was honored to serve as a Graduate Student Representative as a doctoral student and I have also served on a variety of NASSS committees, including SSJ Article of the Year, Web & Communications, Elections, , and the DCCC. This coming year I look forward to my roles as a member of the Book of the Year and Conference Planning Committees, respectively.

Summary of Publications: My research outputs have been published in leading journals in our field, including *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health*, and the *International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics*. My work has also been included in edited collections related to digital technologies in sport and exercise and CrossFit, respectively, and in *Sport and Physical Culture in Canadian Society*.