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EDUCATION

Northeastern University, Boston, MA, Ph.D. Student, Fall 2005 - Present
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, Master of Arts in Social Sciences, 2004
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, Bachelor of Science in Radio-Television-Film
Studies, 1997

THESIS

“American Exceptionalism and Sport: How do American Sport Fans react to Internationalization?” The thesis explores questions of sport popularity in the United States. Building on the work of Markovits and Hellerman regarding the failure of soccer to gain a foothold in the American hegemonic sport culture due to its “ethnic” identity, this paper looks at the possibility of this process dynamically, charting the rise in internationalization in the three major North American sports leagues and comparing those numbers with the corresponding popularity of those leagues.

Advisor: Boria Majumdar, Oxford University/University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS

“Can European Football Spur Interest in American Soccer? A Look at the ChampionsWorld™ Series and Major League Soccer.” *Soccer and Society* Vol. 6, No. 1, March, 2005.

(In Press) “American Exceptionalism and Sport: How do American Sport Fans react to Internationalization?” *The International Journal of the History of Sport* Vol. 22, No. 6, November, 2005.

(Forthcoming) “Critical Events or Condition Critical: The 1999 Women’s World Cup and the Women’s United Soccer Association.” *Soccer and Society*, 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University (Boston, MA): Teaching Assistant, Fall 2005 – Present
Assisted professor in the administration and evaluation of students for an introductory level anthropology course.

Burleson High School (Burleson, TX): Teacher, August 1998-May 2001
Taught courses in Sociology, Public Speaking, Debate, and Media Literacy. Created and directed courses in Introductory Sociology and Media Literacy. Served as head Debate Coach.

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Northeastern University SGA Award, 2005

University of Chicago Master of Arts in the Social Sciences Scholarship, 2003-2004

Texas Christian University Distinguished Scholar, 1994-1997

IBM Thomas J. Watson Scholar, 1994-1997

National Merit Scholar, 1994-1997

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago: Research Assistant for John MacAloon

Assist on various research projects and course presentation materials. Also coordinating conference entitled: "Muscular Christianity and the Post-Colonial World" at the University of Chicago in April. July 2004 – Present.

University of Chicago: Assistant to Sports Information Director Chicago, IL

Assist at various sporting events for the University of Chicago Varsity Athletic Program, including public address announcing, scorekeeping, and clock operation. September 2003 – Present

Burleson High School: Assistant Tennis Coach, Burleson, TX

Served as assistant tennis coach for high school team, as well as head coach for junior varsity team. Fall 2000 – Spring 2001

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Attended training session for Teaching Assistants presented by the Center for Effective University Teaching at Northeastern University

Attended conference on Part-time teaching presented by the Career and Placement Services Office at the University of Chicago on February 18, 2004.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Globalization

Political Economy

Sport and Nationalism

Sport Studies (Sociology, Anthropology, History)

Religious Studies (particularly pertaining to sport and Muscular Christianity)

Qualitative Methods

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Soccer and Society – Member, Editorial Board, Associate Editor (effective January 2006).

REFERENCES

Alan Klein, Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University

Boria Majumdar, Post-Doctoral Researcher, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

John MacAloon, Professor, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago