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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy	University of Tennessee Cultural Foundations of Sport Dissertation: <i>Seasons of Change: Football Desegregation at the University of Tennessee and the Transformation of the Southeastern Conference 1963 to 1967</i> (Special Recognition, Helen B. Watson Dissertation Award Competition)	1994
Master of Education	University of Georgia Major: Physical Education Pedagogy	1989
Bachelor of Science	University of Georgia Major: Health and Physical Education	1984

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS (23 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE)

Chair, Gus Machado College of Business St. Thomas University	2020-present
Director, Undergraduate Sports Administration St. Thomas University Administrative oversight of Bachelor of Arts in Sports Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration in Sports Administration degree programs.	2019-present
Dean's Liaison for Online Programs-Hot Chalk Partnership St. Thomas University Dean's Liaison for Hot Chalk online degree programs (emphasis on Sports Administration courses) in Gus Machado School of Business.	2016-2018
School Dean/Associate Dean/Department Chair Reinhardt University (Waleska, GA) Administrative oversight for sport management degree program with 140 majors and 30+ annual internship placements, and a general education program serving over 600 students annually. Twice served as Interim School of Education Dean (1999-2000 and 2001-2002).	1998-2003 and 2006-2016
Department Chair Berry College (Rome, GA) Department of Kinesiology	2004-2006

TEACHING

FULL TIME ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS
(27 CONSECUTIVE YEARS FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS/EXPERIENCE)

Associate Professor **2016-present**

St. Thomas University (FL)
Sports Administration Program
Gus Machado College of Business

- Named Arthur Hertz Endowed Professor of Sports Tourism in 2018
- Named College of Business Chair in 2020
- Currently employed and have 3-year contract effective through August 2022

Associate Professor (Tenured 2009) **2006-2016**

Reinhardt University (GA)
Sport Studies Department (2/2 Load)

- Left in good standing to accept position at St. Thomas University

Associate Professor **2003-2006**

Berry College (GA)
Department Chair of Kinesiology (3/1 Load)

- Left in good standing when recruited to Reinhardt University for new administrative role

Assistant Professor **1998-2003**

Reinhardt University (GA)
Sport Studies Program (3/1 Load)

- Left in good standing to accept department chair position at Berry College

Assistant Professor **1996-1998**

Capital University (OH)
Department of Health and Sport Sciences (4/4 Load)

- Left in good standing to return to home state of Georgia to raise family

Assistant Professor **1994-1996**

University of West Georgia (GA)
Department of Physical Education and Recreation (4/4 Load)

- Left in good standing for Capital University so wife could pursue Ph.D. at Ohio State

PART TIME ADJUNCT INSTRUCTION

Adjunct Professor **2012-2015**

American Military University/American Public University System (WV)
Department of Health and Sport Sciences

- With approval of full-time institution, taught part-time in order to gain experience developing and delivering online courses

Adjunct Professor **2006-2008**

Berry College (GA)
Department of Kinesiology

- Aided former department by continuing to teach one course per semester until department found suitable full-time person to teach the courses

SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Courses St. Thomas University (delivered on ground and online unless specified)

Sports Ethics (online) (SPO 510)
Sports Financial Management (SPO 543)
Sports Facilities and Event Management (SPO 546)
Sports Psychology (SPO 548)
Sports History (SPO 755)

Undergraduate Courses St. Thomas University (on ground unless indicated)

Applied Sports Science (PET 2302)
Sports Psychology (online) (PET 3218)
Sports Information and Public Relations (SPB 3740)
Sports Financial Management (SPB 3813)
Seminar in Sports Administration (SPB 4004)
Sports Facilities and Event Management (SPO 307)
Sports History (SPO 496)

Courses Reinhardt University (all undergraduate and on ground unless indicated)

Athletics and Media Relations (online)
Baseball and American Culture (online)
Coaching Principles
Coaching Strategies for Basketball/Volleyball
History of Women in Sport (on ground and online)
Introduction to Sport Studies
Sport History (on ground and online)
Sport in Contemporary Society (on ground and online)
Sport Studies Internship
Sport Studies Practicum
Sports Administration

American Public University System (online) (part-time adjunct)

Coaching Football: Technical and Tactical Skills (undergraduate)
Contemporary and Social Issues in Sport (undergraduate)
Sport Communication (undergraduate)
Sports Broadcasting (graduate)
History, Culture, and Social Contexts of Sport (graduate)
Coaching Leadership (graduate)
Techniques in Coaching Strategy (graduate)
Coaching Theory, Methods, and Issues (graduate)

Selected Other Courses Berry College, Capital University, University of West Georgia

Administration of Sport and Physical Education Programs
History and Principles of Physical Education and Sport
Internship and Practicum Placement and Supervision
Psychosocial Aspects of Sport and Physical Education (Graduate Course)
Research Methods (Graduate Course)
Secondary Methods in Physical Education
Special Topics: History of the Olympics (Graduate Course)
Special Topics: History of Women in Sport (Graduate Course)
Sport History

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Publications

College Sports, Common Sense, and Confronting COVID-19: A Case Study of Fall 2020 Sports Participation in the NAIA's Sun Athletic Conference. In progress Spring 2021.

[*College Sports, Common Sense, and COVID-19: The Case for Fall 2020 Sports Participation.*](#) Primary author of joint research release from St. Thomas University Sports Administration faculty and STU Center for Pandemic, Disaster, and Quarantine Research, July 28, 2020.

Sports Administration-Miami FC Soccer Poll Liaison and Spokesperson (2018)

<http://stubobcats.com/news/2018/5/11/mens-soccer-stu-sports-administration-conducts-poll-on-soccer-attitudes.aspx>

Leaders and Cheerleaders: The Role of Faculty in Intercollegiate Athletic Reform, Sports and Fitness Network Blog, June 16, 2014 (<http://sportsfitnessnetwork.com/2014/06/leaders-and-cheerleaders-the-role-of-faculty-in-college-athletic-reform/>).

A Healthy Tension: Academics and Athletics on Campus, Sports and Fitness Network Blog, February 4, 2014 (<http://sportsfitnessnetwork.com/2014/02/a-healthy-tension-academics-and-athletics-on-campus/>).

"2010 Southeastern Conference Football Preview," *The Kickoff College Football Yearbook*, (Chattanooga, TN: Kickoff Publishing, 2010): 92-104.

"The Greatest College Football Player Ever," *The College Football Historian*, v. 2 (5) (June 09): 10-12.

"2009 Southeastern Conference Football Preview," *The Kickoff College Football Yearbook*, (Chattanooga, TN: Kickoff Publishing, 2009): 138-152.

"David Albritton," biographical profile in *African Americans in Sport*, Editor David K. Wiggins (M. E. Sharpe: Armonk, NY, 2004): v. 1, 7-8.

"Nate Archibald," biographical profile in *African Americans in Sport*, Editor David K. Wiggins (M. E. Sharpe: Armonk, NY, 2004): v. 1, 11.

"Bill Bell," biographical profile in *African Americans in Sport*, Editor David K. Wiggins (M. E. Sharpe: Armonk, NY, 2004): v. 1, 29-30.

"Charles Drew," biographical profile in *African Americans in Sport*, Editor David K. Wiggins (M. E. Sharpe: Armonk, NY, 2004): v. 1, 87-88.

"Clarence Gaines," biographical profile in *African Americans in Sport*, Editor David K. Wiggins (M. E. Sharpe: Armonk, NY, 2004): v. 1, 115.

"Earl Lloyd," biographical profile in *African Americans in Sport*, Editor David K. Wiggins (M. E. Sharpe: Armonk, NY, 2004): v. 1, 214-215.

"If He Had Been White, Nobody Would Have Paid Much Attention: Lester McClain's Quiet Integration of Southeastern Conference Football During the Loud 1960s," *Proceedings of the North American Society for Sports History*, 1996: 63.

"George Cafego," biographical essay in *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: 1992- 1995 Supplement for Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Other Sports*, David L. Porter, Editor (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995): 394-395.

"Curtis 'Chip' Kell," biographical essay in *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: 1992-1995 Supplement for Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Other Sports*, David L. Porter, Editor (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995): 455-456.

"Steve Kiner," biographical essay in *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: 1992- 1995 Supplement for Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Other Sports*, David L. Porter, Editor (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995): 458-459.

"Hank Lauricella," biographical essay in *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: 1992- 1995 Supplement for Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Other Sports*, David L. Porter, Editor (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995): 463-464.

"Stanley Morgan," biographical essay in *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: 1992- 1995 Supplement for Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Other Sports*, David L. Porter, Editor (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995): 488-489.

"Bowden Wyatt," biographical essay in *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports: 1992- 1995 Supplement for Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Other Sports*, David L. Porter, Editor (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995): 557-558.

"Historical Vignette: Football Desegregation at UT," *Context*, v. 12 (December 2, 1994): 6-7. Content from doctoral dissertation for Chancellor's newsletter.

"Women's Suffrage and Sport for Women in Tennessee, 1910-1930," *Proceedings of the North American Society for Sport History*, 1992: 60.

"Don Carter," *The Twentieth Century: Great Athletes* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1992): 402-405.

Reviews

"Destination Image and Sports Tourist's Consumption Patterns of Major Sports Events," *Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*; Volume 9(3) (Fall 2017).

"Multidisciplinary Response to Traumatic Brain Injuries," *Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*; Volume 9(3) (Fall 2017).

Marvin Miller: Baseball Revolutionary by Robert F. Burk (University of Illinois Press) in *AETHLON: The Journal of Sport Literature* (Summer 2015) (viewable online <https://www.uta.edu/english/sla/br150606.html>).

The Game before the Money: Voices of the Men Who Built the NFL by Jackson Michael (University of Nebraska Press) in *AETHLON: The Journal of Sport Literature* (Spring 2015) (viewable online <https://www.uta.edu/english/sla/br150302.html>).

Perfectly Awful: The Philadelphia 76ers' Horrendous and Hilarious 1972-1973 Season by Charlie Rosen (University of Nebraska Press) in *AETHLON: The Journal of Sport Literature* (Spring 2015) (viewable online <http://www.uta.edu/english/sla/br150102.html>).

Baseball Skippers and Their Crews: The History of Every Major League Manager and Coach, 1871-2007 by Thomas W. Brucato in *Journal of Sport History* 35 no. 1 (Spring 2008).

Periodicals Reviewer, *Journal of Sport History* (1996-1998)

Presentations and Participation

History of the Super Bowl in Miami Panel Discussion; initiated, designed, and co-coordinated (with Gigi Laudisio) a panel discussion focusing on the history of Super Bowls in Miami featuring prominent south Florida sports personalities, January 15, 2020, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida.

Sport at the Service of Humanity Conference; participant in an invitation-only gathering bringing together leaders in athletics, education, faith communities, and youth sports to discuss the power of sport to effect positive change in the world, November 6-8, 2019, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

The Big Fix: The Social, Cultural, and Campus Effects of Adding Football at a Small University paper presentation at Ninth International Conference on Sport and Society, July 20, 2018, Florida International University, Miami, Florida.

Gravy Train or Resource Drain? Examining the Financial Impact of Adding Football Programs at Small Colleges 11th Annual College Sport Research Institute Conference on College Sport, April 12-14, 2018, Columbia, SC (with Joe Mullins).

Game of Thrones: College Football and the Quest for the Iron Throne Conversations in the Library-Popular Culture Series, March 20, 2018, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida.

From Papa Jack to Air Jordan: Iconic African American Athletes of the 20th Century Conversations in the Library-Popular Culture Series, February 9, 2017, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida.

Engaging the Modern Sport Management Major: Matching Curriculum to Careers Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) Annual Meeting, February 12, 2016, Tampa, Florida.

Academic Preparation of Small College Athletic Directors Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America) Southern District Convention, February 21, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia (with Kelley Horton and Joe Mullins).

Time Enough to Move? Historical Overview of Sport and Activity Requirements in Georgia Physical Education Teacher Preparation Programs Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) annual convention, November 12, 2005, Columbus, Georgia.

Saturday's Sweet Sounds: Larry Munson and the Golden Voices of Southern Radio Sportscasters Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (GAHPERD) annual convention, September 24, 2004, Athens, Georgia.

If He Had Been White, Nobody Would Have Paid Much Attention: Lester McClain's Quiet Integration of Southeastern Conference Football During the Loud 1960s North American Society for Sports History Annual Conference, Auburn, Alabama, May 1996.

The Right Thing at the Right Time: Factors Influencing Football Desegregation at the University of Tennessee, 1963-1967 Southern District Meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Nashville, Tennessee, January 28, 1994.

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Forgotten Pioneer: Albert Davis and the Desegregation of Southeastern Conference Football Southern District Meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Dallas, Texas, February 13, 1993.

An Analysis of Sport and Political Patterns for Women in Tennessee, 1900- 1930 Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, November 8, 1991 (with Joan Paul).

Educational Historiography: Process and Product panel presentation at the Southwestern Philosophy of Education Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, September 27, 1991.

Women's Suffrage and Sport for Women in Tennessee, 1910-1930 North American Society for Sport History Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May 25, 1991 (with Joan Paul).

Selected Leadership and Conference Participation

American Kinesiology Association Department Chairs' Strategic Planning Workshop; Orlando, Florida, January 26-29, 2013. A three-day leadership and strategic planning seminar designed specifically for Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Coordinators in the kinesiology field.

Georgia Professional Standards Commission Folio Review Workshops; Mercer University Atlanta 2005 and 2006. Workshops devoted to standards assessment and new state teacher certification test development and review (the Georgia Assessments for Certification of Educators – GACE). Workshops were by invitation only for specialists in content areas (Health & Physical Education).

NASPE-NCATE Program Report Workshop, October 2-5, 2003, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
A workshop to assist Physical Education teacher educators with preparation of program reports for National Association of Sport and Physical Education.

Olympic History Symposium, January 1996. Initiated, obtained funding, organized, and hosted an Olympic History Symposium at the State University of West Georgia, featuring lectures by sport historians Dr. Joanna Davenport of Auburn University and Dr. Joan Paul of the University of Tennessee.

Sports Writing and Sports Media Activity

Florida Sports Summit,

Gridiron Now featured college football writer (August 2017 to present). Column archives viewable online <http://gridironnow.com/author/bobepling/>. (Company and website defunct as of 12/31/19)

The Campus Game College Football and Sport History blog (2007-2016) owner and operator. Column archives viewable online at <http://thecampusgame.com>.

The Blitz featured writer for college football subscriber newsletter (Vol. 4, No.1) (Fall 2014) (17 weekly 600-word columns on college football topics of national interest).

Game Day Weekly lead college football columnist writing three articles per week from August through January (Coaches Corner, SEC Game of the Week, and SEC Report) for weekly print publication based in Jackson, MS, with franchised circulation of approximately fifty thousand across several southern states (2003-2007).

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In the Zone Sports Radio- ESPN Chattanooga (Guest); Invited guest appearances as a college football analyst and sport historian on 105.1 FM Chattanooga (ESPN Affiliate). May 2012, December 2012 (2), January 2013.

The Max Howell Radio Show; Regular guest appearances as a college football analyst and Game Day Weekly representative on the Max Howell syndicated daily sports talk radio program originating at various times from Jackson (MS), Destin (FL), and Chattanooga (TN) (2005-2008).

Southeastern Drive Time Radio Show; Regular guest appearances as a college football analyst on the Southeastern Drive Time weekly radio program with Steve Ellis originating from Starkville (MS) (Fall 2006)

Grants

Reinhardt University Faculty Development Grant, 2016 (\$1000)
Reinhardt University Faculty Development Grant, 2015 (\$1200)
Reinhardt University Faculty Development Grant, 2013 (\$1000)
Reinhardt University Faculty Development Grant, 2012 (\$750)
Reinhardt University Faculty Development Grant, 2011 (\$1000)
Reinhardt College Faculty Development Grant, 2009 (\$750)
Reinhardt College Faculty Development Grant, 2008 (\$750)
Reinhardt College Faculty Development Grant, 2002 (\$750)
Reinhardt College Faculty Development Grant, 2001 (\$750)
Reinhardt College Faculty Development Grant, 2000 (\$500)
Reinhardt College Faculty Development Grant, 1999 (\$500)
Reinhardt College Faculty Development Grant, 1998 (\$500)
Capital University Faculty Travel Grant, 1997-1998 (\$1400)
Georgia Regional Teacher Education Grant, 1996 (\$2000)
University of Tennessee Graduate Student Travel Grant, 1994 (\$200)

SERVICE

St. Thomas University

Faculty Forum Executive Committee - Secretary 2020-21
Provost Leadership Team 2020-21
Co-Chair, Pillar Two Strategic Plan Steering Committee 2019-20
STU Athletics-Sports Administration Advisory Board 2016-present
STU-SLAM Collaborative Committee 2017-2019
SPOAD-COSMA Committee (Primary Report Writer) 2017-2019
Welfare and Compensation Standing Faculty Committee 2017-2019

*A detailed summary of activities for each service position is available upon request

Reinhardt University (selected activities not including standard committee assignments)

Faculty Athletic Council (Chair) (2009-2016)
School of Education Dean Search Committee (Chair) (Spring 2015)
Ad Hoc Committee on Administration-Faculty Relations (selected by faculty) (Spring 2013)
General Education Revision Ad Hoc Committee (Chair) (2012-2013)
VPAA/Dean of College Search Committee (2012-2013)
Dean's Assembly (2006-2016)
Academic Advisor to 50+ Sport Studies Majors (and all SSP majors from 2006 to 2012)

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Experience Reinhardt Events (representing Sport Studies 2006-present (3 events per year)
Football Review Committee (Chair) (2010-2011)
International Studies Committee (2010-2011)
Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) (2009-2012)
College Wide Tenure and Promotion Committee (2009-2012)
Faculty Development Committee (2009-2010)
School Tenure and Promotion Committees (2) (2009)
Institutional Effectiveness Committee (2006-2009) (Chair, 2006-07)
Faculty Appeals Committee (2006-2009)
Price School of Education Dean's Search Committee (Chair) (2007)
School of Arts and Humanities Dean's Search Committee (2007)
Price School of Education Candidate Teacher Folio Presentation Evaluation (Fall 2007)
Price School of Education Candidate Teacher Folio Presentation Evaluation (Spring 2007)
Vice Chair of Faculty (elected for 2003-04 prior to accepting position at Berry College)
Academic Advisor to Physical Education Teacher Education majors (1998-2003) (2006)
Faculty Assessment Committee (2000-2003)
Council of Deans (2001-2002)
Reinhardt College Scholarship Day Interviewer (2002)
Faculty Athletics Representative to NAIA (1999-2001)
SACS Response Committee (2000)
Division Chairs Committee (1999-2000)
Curriculum Committee (1999-2000)
Adult Education Planning Task Force (1999-2000)
Reinhardt Annual Fund Campaign Captain (1999-2000)
Faculty Development Committee (1998-2000)
Teacher Education Committee (1998-2000)
Presidential Installation Committee (1999)

Berry College

Writing Across the Curriculum Committee (college-wide) (2004-2006)
Who's Who Selection Committee (college-wide) (2004-2005)
NCATE Standards Committee (school committee) (2003-2006)
HPE General Education Committee (departmental committee) (2003-2005)
Academic Advisor to HPE majors and IDS majors in HPE (2003-2006)

Capital University

Academic Programming Committee (elected) (1997-1998)
Internship Placement Coordinator for Health and Fitness Management Majors (1996-1998)
Lifetime Health Committee for General Education Curriculum (1996-1998)
Academic Advisor to Department of Health and Sport Sciences Majors (1996-1998)
Summer Freshmen Orientation and Academic Advising (1996-1998)

University of West Georgia

Coordinator Student Teacher placement/supervision Physical Education Majors (1994-1996)
Coordinator of Junior Interviews for Health and Physical Education Majors (1994-1996)
Initiated, organized, and obtained funding for Symposium on Olympic History (1996)
Judge for Olympic Day Essay Contest at Central (Carroll Co.) Elementary School (1996)
Faculty Advisor to Physical Education Majors Club (1994-1996)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST