

NASSH PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Asheville, North Carolina

May 22-25, 2009

The 37th annual convention of the North American Society for Sport History (NASSH) will be held at the Crown Plaza Resort, Asheville, North Carolina, May 22-25, 2009. The conference will begin with a Friday evening wine and cheese reception on May 22 and conclude with a Monday evening banquet and awards program. (Information about accommodations and travel will be sent later.)

The Program Committee encourages all NASSH members and others interested in sport history to think about research presentation possibilities for the convention. Abstracts may be submitted for individual papers (20 minutes) or for complete sessions (95 minutes – typically, but not necessarily, composed of 3 presenters at 20 minutes each, a commentator at 20 minutes, and discussion at 15 minutes). Proposals for complete sessions are strongly encouraged. Please note that anyone presenting a paper must be a NASSH member in good standing.

All submissions will be evaluated by the Program Committee (**Maureen Smith** [Chair], **Carly Adams**, **Laura Chase**, **Russell Field**, **Steve Gietschier**, **Tara Magdalinski**, **Malcolm MacLean**, and **Gary Osmond**) according to their individual merit, contribution to the field, and potential contribution as components of the total program. Proposals that do not provide all the information requested will be returned to the author(s). The deadline for the submission of proposals is **December 1, 2008**. Please contact Maureen Smith, Program Chair, with any questions at smithmm@csus.edu or 916-278-6237.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL PAPERS & SESSIONS

Guidelines for Individual Papers:

1. Include author's name, phone number, and postal and email addresses.
2. Include title and abstract of the paper. The abstract should include the question(s) addressed in the paper, the evidence to be used, a precise statement of the argument and conclusions, and what significance the paper has to our understanding of sport history (500 words).
3. Suggest the type of NASSH conference session for which this paper might be appropriate.
4. Submit copies of the complete proposal by **December 1, 2008** to the Program Committee (see email addresses listed above). Early proposals are appreciated.

Guidelines for Complete Sessions:

1. Include names, phone numbers, and postal and e-mail addresses for the session organizer and all participants (moderator, speakers, and commentator). It is requested that you select a commentator for the session, or provide suggestions as to individuals who would be appropriate.
2. Include title and abstract of the session. The session abstract should include a discussion of its theme and argument, a description of the relationship among the papers, and a statement about the significance of the session to our understanding of sport history (250 words).
3. Include title and abstract for each individual paper. The abstracts should include the question(s) addressed in the papers, the evidence to be used, a precise statement of the argument and conclusions, and what significance the papers have to our understanding of sport history (500 words each maximum).
4. Submit copies of the complete proposal by **December 1, 2008** to the Program Committee (see email addresses listed above). Early proposals are appreciated.

Please send all abstracts to the Program Committee members:

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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR NASSH PRESENTATIONS:

1. Persons whose papers are accepted by the program committee must agree to present the paper in person and to attend and participate in other convention sessions.
2. Each presenter must be a NASSH member in good standing.
3. Each presenter must be registered for the conference.
4. Except for supporting graduate students through the Roberta Park Fund (see below), NASSH pays no honoraria nor any other expenses for speakers to prepare papers or to attend the convention.
5. Papers are to be original work, not published or presented in full elsewhere.
6. Persons whose abstracts are accepted by the program committee must deliver the paper summarized by the abstract and not some other piece of work.
7. Only one major paper may be presented by an individual at a NASSH convention. (A presenter may, however, also moderate a session or serve as a commentator.)
8. Presenters should not be the moderator of the session in which they present.
9. Presenters must prepare final abstracts of about 500 words for publication in the annual NASSH PROCEEDINGS.
10. Moderators will firmly enforce time limits for papers. Speakers should plan on no more than two minutes per page (typewritten, double-spaced, 25 lines).
11. Requests for audiovisual equipment (be specific about what technology you need) should be made directly to the convention manager.
12. The deadline for submitting completed papers to commentator(s) and to other members of the session is April 1, 2009. Commentators have some autonomy in working with presenters on this deadline.

Implicit Agreement To Attend Conference:

Submission of abstract(s) indicates the intent of presenter(s) to register for the conference at the appropriate conference fee and to be available to present May 23-25, 2009.

Roberta Park Award Funding Guidelines

Graduate students who have a paper accepted for the NASSH conference in Asheville, NC are eligible to apply for a grant from the Roberta Park Fund. Annual interest on this fund is divided among the applicants to help defray the costs of travel and accommodation at the conference. Exact amounts of these grants vary from year to year.

To apply for a grant from the Park Fund, you should:

- indicate your interest on your submitted abstract,
- include the name and email address of your graduate program advisor.

This financial support will be paid to you by NASSH Secretary-Treasurer Ron Smith following your presentation at the conference in Asheville, NC.

NASSH NEWS

NASSH Election: The election for NASSH officer beginning after the NASSH Conference in May has been sent to all current members. If you have not received your ballot it is likely that you are not in the current membership list for 2008. For information, email Ron Smith at ras14@psu.edu. Membership for 2008 is \$50 (US and Canada) and \$60 (other countries).

Journal Catching Up: Progress has been made in catching up with the publishing schedule. Finally, after a number of years, we are in the current year in publishing. If all goes well, we should be current beginning in the spring of 2009.

Inhouse Publishing of JSH: The Publications Board, the NASSH Council, and the membership at the annual meeting at the Lake Placid conference, voted not to have an outside publisher put out the JSH. The votes were nearly unanimous to continue publishing by NASSH. There was, however, a strong desire to investigate publishing electronically in the near future.

Associate JSH Editor to be Chosen: The NASSH Council at its May 2008 meeting decided to ask the Publications Board to choose an Associate Editor of the Journal. The Associate Editor would work with the current editor, **Wray Vamplew**, for the next three years with the intent that the individual would then become the new editor. The Associate Editor would initially work on developing the Forum Section of the JSH and later also oversee and develop the reviews sections. The term of office will be for three years from June 2009. Preliminary enquiries may be directed to Wray Vamplew: wray.vamplew@sit.ac.uk. If anyone is interested or would like to make a recommendation, please contact the Publications Board chair, **Ying Wushanley**: ywu@millersville.edu.

Book Award Winners: The winner of the NASSH Book Award for the best sport history published in English in 2007 went to **Donald G. Kyle**, University of Texas at Arlington for his *Sport and Spectacle in the Ancient World*, published by Blackwell. The best anthology was edited by **Jorge Iber** of Texas Tech University and **Samuel O. Regalado**, California State University, Stanislaus and titled: *Mexican Americans and Sport: A Reader on Athletics and Barrio Life* and published by Texas A & M Press.

Distinguished Lectures Given: Two Distinguished Lectures were presented at the Lake Placid Conference. For the John R. Betts Address, **Sam Regalado** of California State University, Stanislaus spoke on "Sport and Social Justice" with his own passion for social justice in life as in sport. **Jan Todd**, of the University of Texas at Austin, presented the Seward C. Staley Address, with a new twist on training and drugs with her "Size Matters: Reflections on Training, Ergogenic Drugs, and Sports."

Graduate Student Essay Winner: The winner of the 2008 Graduate Student Essay was **David Lunt** of Penn State University. His essay was entitled: “The Heroic Athlete in Ancient Greece.” This was the first time that an essay on ancient sport was the winner. It was also the first year that a book on ancient sport won the NASSH Book Award.

NASSH Awards: Three individuals were honored at the Lake Placid conference. **Roberta Park** was given the NASSH Recognition Award for contributing with class to the field of international sport and for work with graduate students culminating in the Roberta Park Award. **Earle Zeigler** was honored with the NASSH Recognition Award for contributing to the larger body of knowledge of sport in history, philosophy, and management, as a motivator for graduate study in sport history, and for the production of 400 scholarly articles and 10 books. In response to the award, Earle made the memorable comment at the age of 90: “If I wake up in the morning and nothing hurts, I know I’m dead.” **J. Thomas Jable** was given the NASSH Recognition Award for NASSH service with humility, his every-present visibility at NASSH conferences, and willingness to serve NASSH in nearly every office, including serving as Interim Journal Editor during a difficult time.

Book Award Entries: If you have a sport history book or an anthology published in 2008, you may enter the competition by having a copy of your book sent by your publisher to each member of the Book Award Committee. The Committee consists of: **Nancy Bouchier**, chair, Department of Kinesiology, McMaster University, 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, CANADA; **Allen Guttmann**, Department of English and American Studies, Box 2234, Amherst College, Amherst, MA 01002-5000; **Martin Johnes**, History Department, Swansea University, Swansea, SA2 8PP, United Kingdom; **Mike Huggins**, University of Cumbria, Rydal Road, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 9BB, United Kingdom; and **Roberta Park**, #207 Hearst Gym, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley, 3060 Valley Life Sciences Building. 3140, Berkeley, CA 95720-4482.

Electronic Publishing: The NASSH Council and the membership at the annual Business meeting gave the go-ahead to investigate electronic publishing of the *Journal of Sport History*. The initial investigation will be with Project MUSE, operated under Johns Hopkins University. Other avenues will also be sought. The Proceedings, beginning with the 2008 Proceedings, will only be published electronically, and will be available on the NASSH website, nassh.org.

Website Discussion Board: After a Council discussion led by graduate student representative, **Megan Popovic**, the NASSH Council decided to set up a discussion board on the NASSH website, nassh.org. It may include identified interest sessions.

Use of NASSH Website: Over the past several years, the use of the NASSH website, nassh.org, has grown rather substantially. Webmaster, **Scott Martyn**, reported that there were about 88,000 independent hits on the website.

ISHPES Meeting: The next ISHPES Congress will be held July 14-18, 2009 at the University of Stirling, Scotland. For details contact the ISHPES website: www.ishpes.info.

Postcolonial Symposium: A Postcolonial Popular Cultures Symposium will be held at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, December 14-16, 2008. Contact: doug.booth@otago.ac.nz.

Address Change: Please inform the Secretary-Treasurer, Ronald A. Smith: ras14@psu.edu.

If your MAILING LABEL has a “2007” on it, our records show that you have **not paid for 2008**. This will be your last mailing until 2008 dues of \$50 or \$60 (not US or Canada) are paid. Mail membership dues payable to NASSH in US dollars to: Ronald A. Smith, NASSH, Sec.-Treasurer, Box 1026, Lemont, PA 16851-1026, USA. Email: ras14@psu.edu.
