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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sport, Cold War, Soviet Union, U.S.A., Britain, Olympics, Apartheid, Human Rights

EDUCATION

PhD, History (Modern Europe, USSR, and Sports), University of California San Diego, 2024

Dissertation: *“From Montreal to Moscow: The Legacy of the Anti-Apartheid Olympics on the Boycott of the Cold War Games (1976-1980)”*

MA, Global History, Georgetown University and King’s College London, 2016

BA (with hons.), History with a minor in Ancient History, Swarthmore College 2014

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Instruction, University of Texas, Austin, 2026-present

Lecturer, University of California San Diego (UCSD), 2022-26

Sport in the Modern World

Russian Empire (1775 – 1917)

Politics, History of the World Cup

History of the USSR (1917 – 1990s)

Lecturer, University of San Diego (USD), 2025

Struggle for Human Rights in Modern Era

Teaching Assistant, Making of the Modern World Program (UCSD), 2017-2026

Global History, Ancient World to the Modern Day, Writing Course

Consulting Editor for “The Olympic Movement,” Adam Matthew Digital, 2024

NASSH Grant Committee Member, 2025-2028

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review: “The 1954 World Cup in East Germany,” *Sport in History*.

Under Review: “Why Ali? State Department Observations of Muhammad Ali from 1978-1980,” *Journal of Sport History*.

“Rhodesian Readmission and the Decolonization of the National Olympic Committee of Zimbabwe,” *Journal of Olympic Studies* 5, no. 1 (2024), 95-116.

““Welcome, Ali, Please Go Home”: Muhammad Ali as Diplomat and African Debates on the 1980 Moscow Olympic Boycott,” *African Studies Review* 66, no. 2 (2023), 490-508.

“Double Standards: South Africa, British Rugby, and the Moscow Olympics,” *International Journal of the History of Sport* 36, no. 1 (2019), 104-121.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

“South Africa’s French (Sporting) Connection in the 1970s”

“Battle of Montreal: The Anti-Apartheid Struggle in the Olympic City, 1976”

“Kallie Knoetze vs. Jesse Jackson: Fighting Apartheid in Miami, 1979”

AWARDS

NASSH Graduate Student Essay Award, North American Society of Sports Historians - 2024

Don Tuzin Teaching Excellence Award, Elizabeth Roosevelt College, UCSD - 2024

PhD Students and Early Career Academics Research Grant Programme, Olympic Studies Centre, Lausanne, Switzerland – 2023

Summer Graduate Teaching Scholar, UCSD – 2022

Robert K. Barney Graduate Student Essay Award, Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research – 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“British and French Fact-Finding Missions to South Africa, January 1980,” Center for Sociocultural Sport & Olympic Research Fourth Annual Conference, 16 March 2023.

“The Moscow Olympics and Apartheid South Africa,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, 11 November 2022.

“Rhodesian Readmission to International Sport and the ‘Decolonization’ of the Zimbabwean Olympic Committee,” Center for Sociocultural Sport & Olympic Research Fourth Annual Conference, 18 March 2022.

“Locating South Africa in Global Sport Diplomacy During the Renewal of the Cold War,” Western Social Science Association, April 2019

TEACHING TRAINING

Expertise in Equitable and Evidence Based Teaching, Teaching and Learning Commons, UCSD – 2024

Student-Centered College Teaching and Course Design, Teaching and Learning Commons, UCSD – 2023