

Sport Management 661

Social Historical Foundations 2005 - Sport Studies 661(h)

Monday 3:00-6:00, Thursday 11:15-12:45, Friday 9:00-11:00

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Format/Expectations:

This is a lecture course. Class participation is expected. Readings assigned are required. Lectures and discussion will expand on the readings and assume students have completed the readings assigned prior to class, but you need to reread after the lectures as well. Finally I expect you will be having conversations outside of class about the material presented.

Intent:

My hope for the course is two fold 1.) that you have some knowledge about both contemporary issues or historical figures sufficient to frame issue you will face on the job. And 2.) it is my hope that you will have the ability to analyze and think critically about the social context within which sport resides, a foundation from which to make good management decisions.

Readings:

Packet of articles (at Copy Cat)

Demonstration of knowledge:

Testing of your knowledge and comprehension of the issues discussed in class and in readings will take three different forms: Tests, Papers and discussion

Tests: there will be two tests. Oct 6th and Oct 24th.

Paper: A paper will be assigned Oct 6th and will be due Oct 14th. This call will not meet between Oct 7 and the Oct 13th with the expectation you will take that time to think and write.

Grading I expect that all graduate students will do A, A-, B+ or B work. Substandard work is discouraged. The final grade will be based on the following

20% Exams, 30% Paper, 30% class participation

Honesty:

All work turned in must be the student's own work. Ideas, taken from readings, lectures, discussion should be properly cited (author, date of publication) and bibliography included. Direct quotes should be indicated with "" marks followed by (author, date of publication, p.#). Failure to do so, be it the result of carelessness or deceit, will result in failure of the course -- no kidding around.

The Course:

What follows is an outline of the course. It is not a guarantee. We may not cover the entire outline. You will be responsible for the material covered in class and all readings.

Section 1. Introduction to a Social Historical Perspectives

Hoberman: Listening to Steroids, From the *Wilson Quarterly*, 1995

Bryant: Juicing the game (selected chapters)

Video: Double Dutch

Discussion: Namath and Dimaggio

Section 2 Play, Sport and the Athletic Experience

Hans-Georg Gadamer, "Play as a Clue to Ontological Explanation: The Concept of Play."
From *Truth and method*, Crossroad Press

Dan Chambliss "The Mundanity of Excellence: An Ethnographic Report of Stratification and Olympic Swimmers" from *Sociological Theory* 1989

Adler and Adler: College Athletes in High Profile Media Sports. *Inside Sports*,
Routledge, 1999

Section 3 Structure/ substantive rationality/more history

Wilson *Playing by the Rules*, Wright State selections from chapters 3-4

Rader, Last Days of the old Game and Baseball in Trouble, *Baseball*,

Kahn Football's taking over,

Mitchell, Crosset, Barr Encouraging Compliance without real power,

Section 4 The Fan: Why We Watch

Duncan and Brummett "Types and Sources of Spectating Pleasure in Televised Sports"
From *Sociology of Sport Journal*, Sage

Peter Berger "Why We Look at Animals" From *Ways of Seeing*, Harmondsworth, 1972

Crosset: Fans Status and the gift of golf, from *Inside Sports*, Routledge, 1999

Gamson selections from *Claims to Fame*, Univ California Press, 1994

Nike Culture Chapter 2

Davis: The Vision of Boone Arledge from *America's Obsession* Harcourt Brace, 1994

Grant Farred: Cool as the other side of the pillow, 2000

Section 5. Race

Feagin: Slavery Unwilling to die
Eduardo Bonilla-Silva: New Racism
Video: Race the power of an illusion

Gladwell: The Sports Taboo ... The New Yorker, 1997
Hartmann Rethinking the relationships between Sport and Race
Ojito: Best Friends, worlds Apart, from *the New York times*, June 5, 2000 p. A1,
Johnson and Roediger: Hertz Don't it? From *Birth of the Nation'hood*, Pantheon
Harjo: fighting the "R" word, from Color Lines, 2000
Marcos Breton: Fields of Broken Dreams

Video: OJ

Contemporary debate

Edwards: The decline of the black athlete
Boyd: young black rich and famous
Mumford: the new minstrel show

Section 6 Gender

West and Zimmerman "Doing Gender" from *Gender and Society [155-168]*, 1987
Gender and sport
Sabo "Pigskin, Patriarchy and Pain" from *Sex violence and power in sports*, Crossing Press 1994
Reid My Body My Weapon My Shame From *Esquire Mag*
Davis: SI swimsuit Issue.. from *The Swimsuit issue and Sport*, SUNY 1997
Trujillo: Machines, Missiles and men ...Monday Night Football, From *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 1995

Video: Playing the Field

Crosset: Doing Gender...., From *Outsiders in the Clubhouse*, SUNY, 1995
Duncan: "Sport Photographs and Sexual Difference: Images of Women and men in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games" *Sociology of Sport Journal*
Carpenter and Acosta Women in intercollegiate Sport, 2004
Rose and Friedman Television Sport as Mas(s)culine cult of Distraction

Section 7: Reproduction resistance, review

Lipsitz: Silence of the Rams
Foley: The great American Football Ritual: RTEproducing Race, Class and Gender inequality
Beal: skateboarding: an alternative to mainstream
Jacobson: No contest