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Published annually, the newsletter provides information about the Sport Studies Program (SSP) and the Physical Education Department (PED) to majors and alumni, and to Reinhardt faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University.

On the cover (clockwise from top right): DeRoss Polhill; Ashley Gongas (L) and Nicki Caputo (R); Ian Griffiths; Kayla Smith; Denise Devine; Mark Reddick

Sport Studies Major Erica Pettibone with RU Director of Career Services Peggy Collins Feehery

Sport Studies Major Carrie Blackwell Operation Crossfit Internship

Sport Studies Alum Ethan Starr 2013 SEC Football Championship

Sport Administration Class Georgia Dome Fall 2013
Greetings

Welcome to the 2014 Sport Studies Program newsletter.

Program News

The Sport Studies Program remains a popular degree choice among Reinhardt students, and the Physical Education Department continues to serve all RU students through general education offerings. Since our last newsletter, these notable accomplishments have taken place:

- Increased number of majors to between 100-120
- Hired a third full-time faculty member (Kelley Horton)
- SSP faculty advised over 100 majors each semester
- Added three course offerings to the curriculum
- Added three new adjunct instructors
- Revised degree requirements and concentrations
- Successfully placed approximately 25 interns
- Approximately 650 students enrolled in courses in 2012-13
- PED and SSP generated over 1600 credit hours in 2012-13
- SSP classes toured the Georgia Dome and Philips Arena
- SSP faculty took part in eight scholarly conferences
- SSP faculty hosted several guest speakers in classes
- SSP majors took part in RU Convocation of Artists/Scholars
- Approximately a dozen SSP majors graduate in May 2014
- Revised internship forms and procedures
- Increased social media presence via faculty Twitter feeds
- Conducted fitness tests on all students enrolled in PED 100
- Gym classrooms received technology upgrade (Thanks IT!)

Alumni News

Sport Studies Program graduates are a close group. Our alumni base is strong and growing, and it is always a joy to hear from our alums or (better yet) welcome them back to campus. Amanda (Durley) Peckham, Jeremy Roberts, Kelsey Galyon, Ethan Starr, and several others either visited campus last year or stay in regular contact. If you are an alumnus, a prospective major, or just have questions or interest in what we are doing in Sport Studies, please contact any of us. Enjoy the rest of the 2014 newsletter.

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About the Sport Studies Program

The SSP is an undergraduate degree program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Sport Studies. The program combines aspects of a traditional liberal arts degree with the practical applications of professional degree programs.

What can I do with a Sport Studies Degree?

This is a commonly asked question. As with any liberal arts degree, one goal is to prepare students for life. Knowledgeable, well-educated graduates with the ability to think, write, and reason can succeed in any career they may eventually choose. From the liberal arts perspective, we believe sport is an aspect of life worthy of scholarly study … and our graduates can apply their degree as they see fit.

However, some students prefer more specific career preparation. Some want to coach, some to work in college or professional administration, some want to start businesses; the interests of our majors are vast and varied. For diligent students – those who take advantage of opportunities and activities in the program – our course offerings and internship requirements allow majors the flexibility to use the degree program to prepare for their personal career ambitions – whatever those might be.

What are some of your graduates doing?

Here are just a few examples of what our alumni are doing (please see the Alumni Update page in the newsletter too):

- Ryan Achin – Fleet Manager BMW/QEK (Greenville SC)
- Bart Arencibia – Mizuno Sports USA (Norcross GA)
- Jack Coulton – Program Director SSA (Kennesaw GA)
- Kelsey Galyon – Athletes in Action (Xenia OH)
- Heath Hooper – Professor at Shorter University (Rome GA)
- Drew McDaniel – Mizuno Sports USA (Norcross GA)
- Amanda Peckham – Teacher/Coach (Atlanta GA)
- Jeremy Roberts – Pittman Industrial Marketing (Birmingham AL)
- Robert Roddie – Global Image Sports (Roswell GA)
- T.J. Rosene – Head Basketball Coach Emmanuel College (GA)
- Ethan Starr – Graduate School (University of Tennessee)
- Josh Travis – Coach at North Georgia Univ (Dahlonega, GA)
- Haley Williams – Sales Associate Kinney Insurance (Athens GA)

How can I find out more?

Visit the Reinhardt website (http://reinhardt.edu); follow the “Academics” tab to Education and then to Sport Studies.
Student and Alumni Updates

Ryan Achin (‘11) is a fleet manager for BMW-QEK in Greenville, SC. After a stint as a Concessions Manager with the Greenville Drive Baseball Club, Ryan now leads BMW employees through the company vehicle lease program by designing options online, and overseeing vehicle delivery and swaps.

In December 2013, Kinsey Galyon (‘11) earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching (Curriculum/Instruction) from Carson-Newman University in Tennessee with plans to teach and coach.

Jack Coulton (‘13) was recently named Recreation Director for the Southern Soccer Academy in Kennesaw, GA. Jack also plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Sport Administration.

Ethan Starr (‘12) is a Sport Management graduate student at the University of Tennessee and an intern with UT Sports Media. Ethan has attended several SEC tournaments and championships in that role, and tweets great pics (@estarr10)!

Continuing a terrific tradition, Bart Arencibia (‘13) became the fourth straight RU Sport Studies major to complete a spring internship with Mizuno Sports USA and then land a full-time position with the company at their Norcross headquarters.

Collins Wold, a December 2013 graduate of the SSP, was elected to the Cherokee County Gridiron Club Hall of Fame as part of the 2013 class. Collins was recognized at the Gridiron Club banquet in February 2014 for his exploits as a quarterback at Creekview High School. Congratulations Collins!
Student and Alumni Updates

Sarah Hewett ('13) was recognized as the 2013 Sport Studies Major of the Year at RU Honors Day in April 2013. Sarah is now an MBA student at Reinhardt.

SSP alum Monique Blanding ('12) is a coach at Tennessee Temple University where she heads up the cross country teams and was recently named the school’s first lacrosse head coach.

SSP senior Carrie Blackwell was awarded a prestigious Reinhardt Family Scholarship in 2013-14. Carrie is currently completing her internship at Operation Crossfit in Alpharetta.

Majors Angel Adame and Tyler Spinnenweber and SSP alum Brad Smith ('13) attended the 2013 Business of Sports Summit in Atlanta where they met University of Georgia Athletic Director Greg McGarity, and heard speakers that included Atlanta mayor Kasim Reed and NCAA President Mark Emmert.

SSP Alum Robert Roddie ('13) is a Partnership Development Manager with Global Image Sports in Duluth GA where he handles accounts for the Glasgow Rangers & FC Utrecht clubs.
Media Center

Sport Studies majors develop a broad and deep knowledge of the cultural aspects of sport - from contemporary and historical perspectives.

Excellent sports books and video documentaries introduced in our classes aid in this scholarly study of sport.
Sport Studies Majors

The Sport Studies Program boasts more than 100 current majors. We can’t spotlight all of them, but enjoy learning more about a few and their favorites.

**Tyler Pineda**
Winder GA  
Athlete: Herschel Walker  
TV Show: Anything on ESPN  
Movie: Remember the Titans

**Malcolm Anderson**
Powder Springs GA  
Sports Team: Miami Marlins  
Actor: Kevin Hart  
Music Artist: Outkast

**Noah Ford**
Suwanee GA  
Music: Imagine Dragons  
Team: Chicago Cubs  
Actor: Jonah Hill

**Tanner Baker**
Fayetteville GA  
TV Show: Walking Dead  
Athlete: Matt Ryan  
Actress: Olivia Wilde

**Ian McIntosh**
Gainesville GA  
Team: Alabama Crimson Tide  
Athlete: Deion Sanders  
Movie: Love and Basketball

**Cameron Gibson**
Rome GA  
Meal: Thanksgiving Style Dinner  
Sports Team: Indiana Pacers  
Musical Artist: Lil Wayne

**Katie Gilstrap**
Marietta GA  
Restaurant: any Mexican  
Athlete: Bo Jackson  
Movie: Friday Night Lights

**AJ Thomas**
Monticello GA  
Song: Day ‘n’ Night  
Meal: Mom’s German Roast  
Sports Team: Miami Hurricanes

**Jake Ingram**
Woodstock GA  
Musician: George Strait  
Meal: Hot Wings  
Athlete: David Wright

**Luke Cathcart**
Conyers GA  
TV Show: SportsCenter  
Athlete: Pete Rose  
Actor: Denzel Washington

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**Sweet (Re) Tweets**

Kristen Ledlow visits many basketball venues as co-host of NBA TV’s Inside Stuff. **SSP Major Duncan Jones** tweeted Kristen suggesting she visit Waleska for an Eagles home game. Ledlow agreed to visit – on one condition – that Duncan get 1000 (!) retweets of their initial Twitter posts. He did! She did!! Here they are (below) before the RU-St. Andrews game on February 9th. @KristenLedlow and @Dunkaroski!
Faculty Updates

Kelley Horton joined the Sport Studies Program as a full-time faculty member in 2013-14. Horton holds an M.Ed. in Health and Human Performance from Auburn University, where she also earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and was a Magna Cum Laude graduate. Professor Horton teaches Sport in Society, Intro to Kinesiology and Sport Studies, Health and Physical Activity for Teachers, Fitness for College and Life, supervises interns, and advises majors. Welcome Kelley and family (husband Troy and children Seth, Carley, and Chase) to the Reinhardt family – we are glad you are with us!

Joe Mullins came to Reinhardt full-time in 2012-13. He holds an M.S. in Sport and Leisure Studies from the University of Tennessee, and is an alumnus of the RU Sport Studies Program. Professor Mullins teaches various Coaching courses, along with Sport Marketing, Sport Sales, Sport Facilities, Strength and Conditioning, and Fitness for College and Life. Joe supervises internships, and is a prolific academic advisor for our majors. Mullins is also working on a Ph.D. in Sport Leadership through Concordia-Chicago University.

Bob Epling coordinates the Sport Studies Program and heads up the Physical Education Department. He holds a Ph.D. in Cultural Foundations of Sport from the University of Tennessee, and undergraduate and masters degrees in Physical Education from the University of Georgia. Epling teaches Sport Administration, Athletics and Media Relations, Sport History, Sport in Society, Intro to Kinesiology and Sport Studies, along with internship supervision and advising responsibilities.

The Sport Studies Program is blessed with a wonderful staff of regular adjunct instructors. Most of them teach the required Fitness for College and Life course. Ashley Wolary also teaches Injury Care/Prevention and Intro to Athletic Training; Jennifer Sackman teaches various activity courses. Dr. Walter May handles our Camping class; Dick Laing provides golf instruction, women’s basketball coach Lindsey Huffman taught in the fall; Volleyball coach Jenny Hayes taught a Volleyball coaching methods class and an activity course; and Krista Mullins (wife of Professor Mullins) joined the staff in Spring 2014 teaching Fitness for College and Life. These adjuncts provide a tremendous experience for Reinhardt students and outstanding service for our department. Thanks to all!

Reinhardt Sport Studies – Expecting Excellence!!
Sport Studies Curriculum
(120 Credits Required)

General Education Core (48-50 Credits)

Sport Studies Program (70-72 Credits)

- Majors Core (all majors complete) (36)
  - 3 PED Activities (or approved sub) (3)
  - Intro to Kinesiology and Sport Studies (3)
  - Sport History (3)
  - Sport in Society (3)
  - Sport Administration (3)
  - Sport Facilities or Sport Sales (3)
  - Sport Marketing (3)
  - Sport Studies Practicum (3)
  - Sport Studies Internship (6-9-12 credits)
    - If for 6, take two SSP electives (6)
    - If for 9, take one SSP elective (3)
    - If for 12, no other SSP electives

- Related Required Courses (all majors complete) (9)
  - BUS 150 Basic Computer Apps (3)
  - MAT 200 Statistics (3)
  - Foreign Language (3)
    - If completed in Gen Ed complete one SSP elective for three credits

- Concentrations (Must Choose At Least One)
  - Sport Administration (12 Credits)
    - BUS 205: Economics (3)
    - BUS 301: Management (3)
    - BUS 302: Marketing (3)
    - BUS 305: Financial Management (3)
    - Concentration leads to Business Minor
  
  - Sport Media (15 Credits)
    - Complete five 200-400 level COM courses
    - Concentration leads to Com Arts Minor

- General Electives (12-15 Credits)
  - Sport Administration = 15 elective credits
  - Sport Media = 12 elective credits
  - At least six credits must be 300-400 level

Internship and Practicum Placements
Are offered to Sport Studies Majors every semester ... applications must be submitted and approved in advance of starting placement. See Dr. Epling if questions.

Course Offerings
2014 (Summer and Fall)

Summer 2014
May Semester (5/5/14 to 6/5/14)
- PED 100 Fitness for College and Life (2) o T/TH 1:00-4:10
- PED 117 Tennis (1) o T/TH 10:00-11:40

June/July Semester (6/9/14 to 7/31/14)
- PED 200 Adult Fitness and Wellness (4) o Tuesdays 6:00
- PED 230 Health and PE for Teachers (3) o Online Course
- PED 380 and 480 Practicum/Internship o Offered as needed to SSP majors

Fall 2014
General Education and Activities
- PED 100 Fitness for College and Life (2) o Multiple Sections M/W and T/TH
- PED 109 Golf (1st 8 weeks) (1) o MW 12:00-12:50 ($30 fee)
- PED 114 Camping (1st 8 weeks) (1) o MW 10:00-10:50
- PED 117 Tennis (1st 8 weeks) (1) o T/TH 12:30-1:20
- PED 121 Walk Jog (2nd 8 weeks) (1) o MW 12:00-12:50
- PED 123 Weight Train (1st 8 weeks) (1) o T/TH 11:00-11:50
- PED 128 Advanced Wt Train (2nd 8 weeks) (1) o T/TH 11:00-11:50
- PED 200 Adult Fitness (4) o Tuesdays 6:00 PM

Sport Studies Courses
- PED 230 Health and PE for Teachers (3) o Online Course (2nd 8 weeks)
- PED 240 Coaching Football/Wrestling (3) o MWF 1:00-1:50
- PED 260 Intro to Kinesiology and SSP (3) o MWF 10:00-10:50 and 11:00-11:50
- PED 325 Strength and Conditioning (3) o MW 12:00-12:50
- PED 350 Sport Administration (3) o T/TH 9:30-10:45
- PED 370 Athletics and Media Relations (3) o T/TH 12:30-1:45
- PED 450 Sport Marketing (3) o T/TH 11:00-12:15

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JOIN THE FUN!

Sport Studies is one of the largest and fastest growing majors on campus. If you would like to join the fun, contact a faculty member today. Thank you for reading the 2014 Sport Studies newsletter.

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- Ben Sparks and Joe Mullins
- Bob Epling and Bob Pearson
- Denise DeVine and Collins Wold
- Erica Pettibone and Nicki Caputo
- Bolden Davis and Kelley Horton

Thanks to Skip Daugherty Photography for the image of Collins Wold on page 5.