

## Steve Marston

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Kansas, Department of American Studies, 2016  
Dissertation (under book contract with University of Nebraska Press):  
*Intimate Collisions: Identity, Community, and Place in the Kansas Dirt-Track Auto Racing Sphere*  
M.A., University of Alabama, Department of American Studies, 2011  
B.A., University of North Carolina, Department of Political Science, 2005

### REFEREED ARTICLES

“The Revival of Athlete Activism(s): Divergent Black Politics in the 2016 Presidential Election Engagements of LeBron James and Colin Kaepernick.” *Fair Play: Journal of Philosophy, Ethics and Sports Law* 10 (Fall 2017): 45-68.

“Make Room For Hip-Hop: Mass-Print Mediation of ‘Baggy’ Basketball Shorts, 1990-1994.” *Sport in Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics* 20:11 (2017): 1612-1624.

“Spectacles of Speed: Masculinity, Modernity and Auto Racing in Kansas, 1909-1918.” *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 38:3 (Fall 2015): 192-207.

“Managing Fear and Fantasy: Cultural Politics and Gameplay Governance in the National Basketball Association, 1990-2006.” *Sociology of Sport Journal* (in revision).

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

#### Trinity College

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor of History and American Studies (2019-2020)**

- HIST/AMST 209: African-American History
- HIST/AMST 218: United States Since 1945
- HIST/AMST 340: Sports and American Society

#### Southern New Hampshire University – College of Online/Continuing Educ.

#### **Instructor in the Liberal Arts (Fall 2017-present)**

- Interdisciplinary Studies 100: Perspectives in Liberal Arts
- Interdisciplinary Studies 404: Popular Culture

#### Franklin & Marshall College – Department of American Studies

#### **Adjunct Assistant Professor (2016-2017)**

- AMS 279: Sports and American Culture (2 semesters)
- AMS 264: The American Body

- AMS 100: Introduction to American Studies  
**Research Associate (2017-2018)**

Dickinson College – Department of American Studies  
**Adjunct Lecturer (Spring 2017)**

- AMS 101: Sports and American Culture

University of Kansas – Department of American Studies  
**Instructor of Record (2012-2016)**

- AMS 100: Introduction to American Studies (9 semesters)
  - 2015-2016: Co-designed film-centered version of AMS 100 for international students (part of “Academic Accelerator” program: <http://www.internationalku.com/>)
- AMS 344: Sports and American Culture (2 semesters)
- AMS/SOC 110: American Identities (1 semester)

**Online Course Developer (January-April 2015)**

- AMS/SOC 110: American Identities: create lectures and assignments, including final website design project, for template course to be used by future instructors

**Graduate Teaching Assistant (2011-2012)**

- Lead discussion sections and evaluate students for AMS/SOC 110: American Identities (2 semesters)

University of Kansas – Department of Athletics  
**Tutor in humanities (2015-2016)**

- Assist student-athletes in “high needs” category with coursework: reading comprehension, writing skills, etc.

University of Alabama – Department of American Studies  
**Instructor of Record (January-April 2011)**

- AMS 101: African Americans in Sport

**Graduate Teaching Assistant (2009-2011)**

- AMS 150: Arts & Values; AMS 151: World, Nation, Regions; AMS 205: Working Lives; AMS 367: The American Game

**SERVICE**

Referee/Reviewer, *American Studies*

Referee/Reviewer, *Sport in Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics*

Referee, International Association for Communication and Sport conference

North American Society for the Sociological Study of Sport memberships:

Conference Program Committee (2017-2018) and Steering Committee (2018-2019)

Ph.D Rep. to Faculty (2013-2015) and Treasurer (2012-2013), University of Kansas American Studies Association of Graduate Students

**REVIEWS**

*The AFL, Black Players, and the Evolution of Modern Football* (Charles K. Ross, 2016). Reviewed in *American Studies* 57:1/2 (2018): 129-130.

**REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS**

“The Spectacle of Bodily Error: Gruesome-Injury Videos as Contemporary Grotesquerie.” North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference, November 6-9, 2019, Virginia Beach, VA.

“The Revival of Athlete Activism(s): Divergent Black Politics in the 2016 Presidential Election Engagements of LeBron James and Colin Kaepernick.” Sports and Politics conference, December 15, 2018, Verso Books, Brooklyn, NY.

“The Manufacture of Sport Fantasy: Disneyfication/ization and Gameplay Governance in the National Basketball Association.” North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference, October 31-November 3, 2018, Vancouver, BC.

“Conflict in Collision: The Ethics of Auto-Bodily Contact in Dirt-Track Racing.” Summit on Communication and Sport, April 26-29, 2018, Bloomington, IN.

“‘It’s Not Really a Man’s Game Anymore’: Contested Masculinity in the Twenty-First Century National Basketball Association.” Summit on Communication and Sport, March 30-April 2, 2017, Phoenix, AZ.

“Welding God to Country: Nationalist-Religious Ritual at the Dirt Race Track.” Eastern American Studies Association Conference, April 1-2, 2016, Lancaster, PA.

“Welding God to Country: Nationalist-Religious Ritual at the Dirt Race Track.” Mid-America American Studies Association Conference, March 4-5, 2016, Lawrence, KS.

“Automotive Allegories: The Dirt Race Track as Theater of Ethics.” Midwest Popular Cultural Association Conference, October 1-4, 2015, Cincinnati, OH.

“‘You Run Dirt, Or You Don't Run’: Kansas Dirt-Track Auto Racing, In The Words of the Participants.” International Association for Communication and Sport Summit, March 8, 2015, Charlotte, NC.

“‘I’m Something A Little Bit Special’: Muhammad Ali’s Performance as Interpreted by *Sports Illustrated*, 1964-1967.” North American Society for Sport History Annual Convention, May 30, 2014, Glenwood Springs, CO.

“Spectacles of Speed: Modernity, Community, and Auto Racing in Kansas, 1908-1941.” Mid-America American Studies Association Conference, February 28, 2014, Lincoln, NE.

“Spectacles of Speed: Masculinity, Modernity, and Auto Racing in Kansas, 1908-1918.” Mid-America Humanities Conference, March 1, 2013, Lawrence, KS.

“Make Room for Hip Hop: Social Implications for the Arrival of Baggy Shorts on the Basketball Court, 1984-1994.” Southern American Studies Association Conference, February 17-19, 2011, Atlanta, GA.

“Drive to the White House: Barack Obama’s Navigation of Sports, Race and Gender During the 2008 Presidential Campaign.” Alabama Grad Expo, November 6, 2010, Tuscaloosa, AL.

“Drive to the White House: Barack Obama’s Navigation of Sports, Race and Gender During the 2008 Presidential Campaign.” Mid-Atlantic Popular American Culture Conference, October 28-30, 2010, Washington, D.C.

**EVENTS/  
CHAIRSHIPS**

2019 North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference (Virginia Beach, VA): Organizer and Chair, “The Spectacle of the Athletic Body”

2017 North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference (Windsor, ON): Organizer and Chair, “Sport in the Era of Trump(ism): A Roundtable”

2017 International Communication Association Annual Conference (San Diego, CA): Panel Chair, “#SocialSports: Digital Media Technologies and Sports Communication”

2016 American Studies Association Meeting (Denver, CO): Panel chair, “Technologies of Race: Racial Projections, Racial Play”

2015 University of Kansas screening: Organizer and discussion panelist, *The Mask You Live In* (documentary on young men and masculinity in the U.S.)

2013 University of Kansas screening: Invited discussion panelist, *Training Rules* (documentary on homophobia in women’s sports)

**AWARDS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS**

University of Kansas

2014-2015 Graduate Studies Doctoral Research Fund Award

Summer 2014 Graduate Studies Research Fellowship

Spring 2014 Graduate Scholarly Presentation Travel Fund Award

University of Alabama

Spring 2011 Graduate Student Research and Travel Support Award  
Fall 2010 Graduate Student Research and Travel Support Award

**ASSOCIATIONS**

North American Society for the Sociology of Sport  
International Association for Communication and Sport

**PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT**

Staff Writer and Editor for Grandstand Central  
(<https://grandstandcentral.com/author/stevem/>)

North Carolina Metropolitan Coalition (Raleigh, NC)  
**Research and Legislative Intern (May-October 2005)**

Office of Congressman David Price (NC-04) (Washington, DC)  
**Legislative Intern (Summer 2004)**

**ADMIN.  
EXPERIENCE**

University of Texas at Austin Department of Athletics (Austin, TX)  
**Administrative Assistant to Student Affairs (2007-2008)**

The Children's Inn at N.I.H. (National Institutes of Health) (Bethesda, MD)  
**Admin. Assistant to Volunteers and Resident Services departments (2005-2007)**

UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Recreation  
**Office Assistant (2002-2005)**