

A. Lamont Williams

Curriculum Vitae

San Jose State University
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Professional Preparation

- 2021 Doctor of Philosophy, Sport Management
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
Major Professor: Dr. Michael D. Giardina
Committee members: Dr. Jeffrey James; Dr. Ryan Rodenberg; Dr. Pamela Perrewé
Dissertation title: *Academic clustering in intercollegiate athletics: Supporting evidence for disparate impact of amateurism?*
- 2017 Master of Science, Sport Management
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
Advisor: Dr. Algerian Hart
- 2014 Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science
Minor: Business Management
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL.
Advisor: Dr. Mark Cole

Professional Experience

- 2021-Present Assistant Professor, Sport Management, San Jose State University.
Responsible for teaching a combination of undergraduate and Master's courses.
- 2017-2021 Graduate Assistant, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- Complete Ph.D. while teaching undergraduate courses
- 2018-2021 Student-Athlete Mentor, Florida State University Athletics Department
- Academic role model tasked with demonstrating the ability to teach and give guidance to student-athletes in areas of academic development skills
- 2018-2020 Editorial Assistant, *Sport Sociology Journal*
- Provide editorial support to Editor Dr. Michael Giardina

- 2016-2017 Graduate Assistant, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL.
- Provide hardware and software (technology) support for the College of Education and Human Services.

Academic Advancement Experience

- 2019 Black Europe Summer School, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2018 Global Sport Management Study Abroad Program, FSU London Center, Florida State University
- 2017-Present Graduate Assistant/Lecturer, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- Teach undergraduate courses (Diversity in Sport; Sport Ethics; Issues in Sport Management); serve as a TA and course mentor (Sport & Media; Sport History)

Research and Original Creative Work

Program of Research and/or Focus of Original Creative Work

My research examines the complex and often contradictory articulations between contemporary sporting practices and the broader social formations in which they are located, experienced, performed, contested and deployed. It is interdisciplinary in nature, residing at the intersections of media studies, legal scholarship, and cultural studies/critical theory. More specifically, most of my research includes a Critical Race Theory lens in examining the intersection between Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) research and legal discourse. My primary interests include intercollegiate athletics, antidiscrimination law, civil rights, antitrust law, social justice, and composition studies. My research actively inquiries into the juxtaposition between social construction and legal precedents, as well as the ways in which those structures have a lasting effect on BIPOC.

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

Williams, A. L. (2021). Mamba in the Mirror: Black masculinity, celebrity, and the public mourning of Kobe Bryant. *Sociology of Sport Journal*.

Williams, A. L. (in press). The Heritage Strikes Back: Athlete activism, Black Lives Matter, and the iconic fifth wave of activism in the (W)NBA Bubble. *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*.

Book Reviews

Williams, A. L. (2020). Book Review: Critical Race Theory: Black Athletic Sporting Experiences in the United States. *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 37(3), 269-270.

Book Chapters

Giardina, M. D., & Williams, A. L. (2021). Popular culture and the active body. In J. Newman, D. Andrews, and R. Pitter (Eds.), *The active body: A socio-cultural investigation*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Other Publications

Williams, A.L., (2019, Mar 15). Lethal Conditioning: Taggart, NCAA Sued for (Alleged) Negligence in Extensive Workouts. *Sport Litigation Alert*, 16(5).

Williams, A.L., (2021, June 8). Remembering Kobe Bryant, the Black Man. *Engaging Sports*.

Working Papers

Williams, A.L. - Bursting the Bubble: The politics of activism during the 2020 WNBA playoffs. *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*.

Williams, A.L. - Revered Redemption: The (de)construction of Amateurism via contemporary sport legislation.

Williams, A.L. - Weaponized Waffling: A rhetorical analysis of the 'revered tradition' of Amateurism in Intercollegiate Athletics.

Williams, A.L. – Disparate Tradition: Academic Clustering and the of Disparate Impact of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Refereed Presentations at Conferences

Williams, A. L., & Gilmore, J. (presented 2018). *Hip-Hop & The NBA: Performative Black Masculinity, Expression, and Activism*. Presented at Annual conference of NASSS; North American Society for Sociology in Sport, Vancouver, BC, Canada. (International)

Williams, A.L., Francis, D., & Davis, R. (presented 2017). *The New Enlightenment: (R)evolution of Athlete Activism*. Presented at Annual conference of NASSS; North American Society for Sociology in Sport, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (International)

Williams, A.L., James, K., & Francis, D. (presented 2016). *Distorted Realities: The Power of the Media on Public Perceptions*. Presented at Annual conference of NASSS; North American Society for Sociology in Sport, Tampa, Florida. (International)

Session organizer at Conferences

Williams, A. L. (2017). *Evolution of Activism: The Significance of the Celebrity Athlete's Platform*. Session organized for North American Society for Sociology in Sport annual conference.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

McKnight Dissertation Fellowship, Florida State University (2020-2021)
Bernice Kirkland Grindle Endowed Scholarship, Florida State University (2019)
Department of Sport Management Graduate Student Enhancement Award – Florida State University (2018)
College of Education Book Scholarship, Western Illinois University (2015)

Teaching

Instructor of Record (San Jose State University)

Fall 2021: Theory in Sport Management (KIN 152), Undergraduate Course (1 section; 39 each)
Sociocultural Perspectives in Sport (KIN 164), Undergraduate Course (1 section; 39 students)
Management, Leadership, and Communication in Sport (KIN 283), Graduate Course (1 section; 15 students)

Instructor of Record (Florida State University)

Spring 2021: Issues in Sport Management (SPM 4004), Undergraduate Course (2 sections; 19 each)
Fall 2020: Diversity in Sport Management (SPM 4025), Undergraduate Course (39 students)
Spring 2020: Issues in Sport Management (SPM 4004), Undergraduate Course (2 sections; 19 each)
Fall 2019: Sport Ethics (SPM 4204), Undergraduate Course (39 students)
Spring 2019: Sport Ethics (SPM 4204), Undergraduate Course (39 students)
Fall 2018: Sport Ethics (SPM 4204), Undergraduate Course, (39 students)

Teaching Assistant (Florida State University)

Spring 2021: Challenges in Sport Management (SPM 5159), Graduate Course
Fall 2020: Challenges in Sport Management (SPM 5159), Graduate Course
Summer 2020: Sport and the Media (SPM 5405), Graduate course
Summer 2019: Sport and the Media (SPM 5405), Graduate course
Spring 2019: Sport and the Media (SPM 5405), Graduate course
Fall 2019: Sport History (SPM 4011), Undergraduate course
Summer,2019: Sport History (SPM 4011), Undergraduate course

Spring, 2019: Sport History (SPM 4011), Undergraduate course
Spring 2018: Sport Ethics (SPM 4204), Undergraduate course

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

North American Society for Sociology in Sport (NASSS)