SEND US YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION AND NOTICE OF RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS. WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR SUCCESS!

We are excited to provide information to you about our graduate program and specifically about some past and present students. For this issue, we are highlighting some of our new faculty members in Sport Management and saying goodbye to Dr. Brian Soebbing.

We are excited about what Fall 2015 will bring to the program. As previously mentioned, we are in the process of providing new opportunities for the program to extend our brand. One of these new features involves the launch of a sport management online program over this past summer. If you know others out there interested in a master’s degree from LSU and in Sport Management, please do not hesitate to encourage them to contact Dr. Mike Martinez, Director of Online Programs for Kinesiology at jmmartinez@lsu.edu.

Next, we are thrilled to host this year’s Applied Sport Management Association Conference at the Lod Cook Hotel and Conference Center next February 25-27, 2016. Make note the second day of the conference will be a career fair. For more information about the conference contact Dr. Mike Martinez by email at jmmartinez@lsu.edu.

As always, please provide us an up-date regarding your current employment situation and forward this newsletter to others who are classmates with if possible. Finally, if there is anything you would like to see in future issues, please let us know.

Your updated information can be sent to Dr. Chad Seifried at: cseifried@lsu.edu

Alumni News: Cari Gold ‘14

The New Mexico State University Athletic Department and University Communications and Marketing Services announced the appointment of Cari Gold as Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director in May 2015. Cari is a 2014 graduate of the Master’s program in Sport Management and is the primary football contact for media relations. NM State Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations Bill Powers described “Cari is a rising star in the athletic media relations profession. She brings experience from the SEC as well as the Sun Belt Conference and a fresh perspective. We’re excited to welcome her to New Mexico State.” Congratulations Cari!

Award Notice!

Kwame Agemang assumed the role of Deputy Editor for Sport, Business and Management: An International Journal. Per Svensson awarded Outstanding Graduate Award by College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville. Michael Martinez was named founding president of the Applied Sport Management Association and will serve as the Director of the 2016 Applied Sport Management Conference, which will be hosted in Baton Rouge, February 25-27, 2016.

These are the recent Spring 2015 masters program graduates in LSU Sport Management. Congratulations to you all and best of luck!

Carli Wheeler (See page 3 below)
Patrick Adams
Richard Dempsey
Jacob Martinez
Sam Wheelock
Kyle Huber
John Gandy

Current List of Doctoral Students in LSU Sport Management

James Hines (1st year advised by Dr. Agemang) Khirey Walker (3rd year co-advised by Drs. Seifried and Soebbing)
Jeremy Foreman (3rd year advised by Drs. Soebbing and Seifried)
Patrick Tutka (4th year advised by Dr. Seifried)

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Faculty Bio: Dr. Chris Barnhill

Dr. Chris Barnhill is an Assistant Professor in Sport Management within the School of Kinesiology at Louisiana State University. His primary research focus is on organizational behavior of Sport for Development and Peace organizations. Specifically, he is reviewing the ability of organizations to draw on internal and external resources to fulfill their missions. Dr. Svensson’s secondary research interest is focused on examining organizational aspects of student-athlete community service programs. Currently, he is exploring the organizational capacity of non-profit organizations operating sport-based programs aimed to address social issues in urban settings across the United States. Dr. Svensson is a 2015 graduate of the University of Louisville.

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Selfried, C.S. (in press). The Development of Death Valley in Louisiana. Louisiana History


Dr. Brian Soebbing

We would like to congratulate Dr. Brian Soebbing on his new position at Temple University as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. Dr. Soebbing previously served the Sport Management program as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Soebbing, also the 2014-2015 Patrick and Edwidge Olinde Endowed Professor, began his service with LSU in January of 2012. During his short time at the institution, Brian made a remarkable impact on the Sport Management program. For example, during 2014-2015 Dr. Soebbing acted as the graduate program coordinator for Sport Management. Next, Dr. Soebbing won the CHSE Early Career Award and helped produce the Best Case Paper at the Western Case Writers Association Conference. Finally, Brian produced a number (n=25) of scholarly works to help the LSU SM Brand. Works of Dr. Soebbing are published in well-respected journals such as the Journal of Sport Management, Urban Studies, Sport Management Review, Growth & Change, Sport Marketing Quarterly, and Economic Letters among others.

LSU SM Online Promotional Kiosk at 2015 Southern Sport Management Association Conference

Meet James Hines

James Hines graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management from Arkansas State University in 2011. In 2011, James was named Arkansas State University Sport Management Student of the Year. After graduation, James pursued a career in professional sports and began serving as a sales consultant with the Houston Astros in 2013. He left the Astros in 2015 to return to Arkansas State, and received his Master of Science Degree in Sport Administration in 2015. His research interests include NCAA governance and policies, Economic Issues, and Social, Racial, and Gender issues and policies. He is currently a doctoral student advised by Dr. Kwame Agyemang.

Award Notice!

In March 2015, Chad Selfried and Khiley Walker received the Best Case Paper Award at the Western Case Writers Association Conference. Chad Selfried was also awarded the CHSE Distinguished Research Award in May 2015. Further, Chad Selfried received the Best Reviewer Award for Management History, Education, and Information Technology.

Carli Wheeler (now Faulkner) was hired this past summer as a Learning Specialist for the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes (CCACSA) at LSU. Faulkner previously spent the last two years serving in various roles for the CCACSA while completing the requirements to earn her MS in Sport Management at LSU. Those jobs included spending the last year serving as a tutoring graduate assistant where she assisted in working with various faculty members, along with recruitment tutorial tours for prospective student-athletes for the LSU football program. While also completing her tutoring duties, she helped develop interactive games to be used during sessions to further help student-athletes.

Alumni News: Carli Wheeler ‘15

Dr. Kwame Agyemang.