

Call For Papers

British Society of Sports History Annual Conference

Institute of Sport, Manchester Metropolitan University, *Manchester*

Thursday 24th August 2023 – Friday 25th August 2023

This will be an open themed conference. Submissions based on original research are welcomed from UK and overseas scholars and can relate to any aspect of sport, physical recreation, education and culture, as considered from an historical perspective.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Dr Heather Dichter (De Montfort University) - 2022 Lord Aberdare Prize Winner.
- Dr Carly Adams (University of Lethridge) - The Sir Derek Birley Memorial Lecture.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts are accepted as follows

- Individual: a single abstract from an individual/co-researchers for 20-minute presentations.
- Proposed panel: a set of abstracts (ideally 3, or 4 maximum) submitted by a representative for a group of individuals/co-researchers examining a single topic or theme (session 90mins, including c.30 minutes questions/discussion).

Abstracts should be c.200 words, including

- Full title: as it will appear in the conference programme.
- Outline of the context and/or academic literature informing the research as appropriate; identification of core themes/argument of the paper and broad theoretical and/or methodological approach adopted as appropriate; significance of the research.
- Also include your preferred title/name; affiliation; email address and short biography (c.50 words).

Abstract submission deadline: **Monday 15th May 2023**. Abstracts must be emailed directly to **Dr Sam Oldfield** at s.j.oldfield@mmu.ac.uk. Please include your own name within the subject line of the email.

BSSH DOCTORAL AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The British Society of Sport History invites submissions for a pre-conference workshop at the Institute of Sport, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester on Wednesday 23rd August, directly preceding BSSH's 2023 annual conference. Open to PhD students and early career researchers who have submitted a paper to the main conference and who are interested in meeting with peers, presenting their work, and receiving peer review, the Workshop serves as a dedicated research forum. We hope, in particular, to present the work of a number of scholars who are new to the BSSH annual meeting.

In order to ensure useful peer review process, the workshop is **limited to ten spaces**. **In addition to the submission of a full conference abstract**, interested applicants should send a 2,000-word paper (a section from a chapter, proposed article etc.), or general overview of their research project, to **Dr Andy Carter** at andy_kerr_carter@hotmail.co.uk by **Monday 15th May 2023**. PhD and ECR applicants are reminded that registration fees are not charged for them if they are presenting at the main conference. Andy will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this event.

At the workshop, participants will present a ten-minute overview of their submitted proposal before receiving peer feedback. Each participant will be required to read five participant's papers so that group reviews can be given. The workshop offers an excellent opportunity for PhD students and ECRs to receive feedback on their work while also encouraging and helping other's work.

At this year's workshop we are also delighted to have Margaret Roberts with us. Margaret will be joining us in the afternoon to show us a range of research tips on how to get the most out of online resources such as Ancestry and the British Newspaper Archive.

The **British Society of Sports History** exists to promote the study of the history of sport. Our work includes activities as diverse as encouragement of research within and beyond academic settings, support for the preservation of the sporting record, collaboration with the museum and heritage sector, promotion of the study of the history of sport in higher and further education as well as by those in secondary school, and engagement with the broader public media. As part of this promotion, we organise an annual conference and publish the journal [Sport in History](#), as well as work with the broader sports history community to organise and support local and regional activities. Alongside these activities, we are building and supporting networks of post-graduate students and links with other social history groups.

The BSSH has members across the world, and we welcome anyone with an interest in the history of sport to our website and hope the material here is both interesting and useful for you. We are committed to sharing ideas, information and a passion for the study of the history of sport in a wide range of historical settings, and invite you to [join us](#) in these efforts.

BSSH CONFERENCE PRIZES 2023

If you wish to be considered for either of the below prizes, please indicate this when you submit your paper abstract.

Richard Cox Postgraduate Prize

This prize is awarded for the most promising work submitted by a new researcher in sports history. To be eligible, authors should be engaged in full-time or part-time postgraduate research or be within 1 year of completing their research degree. Co-authored papers will not be considered.

The written paper must be submitted to the conference organisers a month prior to the first day of the annual conference. A panel of judges will be selected by the BSSH Committee which will assess both the content of the papers under consideration and the presentation.

While we encourage the submission of different kinds of papers, to be eligible for a prize, papers must be a maximum of 6,000 words. Style should be consistent throughout, i.e. footnotes where appropriate, and a separate list of references. Papers should be no smaller than size 12 Times New Roman and 1.5 or double spacing. Name and contact details of author, paper title, and a short abstract with keywords must also be included on a separate page (please follow *Sport in History* conventions).

The winning paper will be awarded £200, and the researcher will be invited to submit their paper to the Society's peer-reviewed journal *Sport in History*.

Prize for Best Paper on Sporting Inequalities

Recognising the need to encourage research in new areas of sports history, the British Society of Sports History Committee is continuing with to award a prize to reward outstanding work in one of the following under-researched areas:

- Sport and black/ethnic minorities.
- Sport and LGBTQ communities.
- Women and sport.
- Disability sport.

Papers should be largely focused on the British context. All eligible papers presented at the conference will be considered by a judging panel. There is no need to submit anything in addition.

The winning paper will be awarded £200, and the researcher will be invited to submit their paper to the Society's peer-reviewed journal *Sport in History*.

Award of the Prizes

The winner of both Prizes will be announced during the conference.

Any questions concerning the Prizes should be sent to BSSH Vice-Chair, Dr Katie Taylor at katie.taylor02@ntu.ac.uk.

Conference Information

Registration

Registration will open shortly via the Manchester Metropolitan University online store. Members will be informed when this is available.

Rates

- Full delegate: £130 for both days / £80 for one day.
- Retired/unwaged £80 for both days / £50 for one day.
- Postgrads & ECRs who are presenting at the main conference: Free.

*BSSH will pay the conference fee for **presenters** who are students or within 3 years of completing a PhD who do not hold a full-time academic post.*

Please note all presenters must be BSSH members. Membership can be taken up at the time of registration (£40 full membership / £20 concession). To join please visit <https://sporthistory.ssl.subhub.com/subscribe>

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 24th August. The costing for this will be approximately £45 per person.

The fee for the conference dinner will be waived for postgrads and ECRs who **are presenting** at the conference.

Accommodation

Partner accommodation providers will be suggested to all attendees, with a special conference rate applied.

Childcare Bursaries

This year, the BSSH is also offering a small number of bursaries of up to £100 to contribute towards the costs of childcare, or other caring responsibilities. These are open to those wishing to present and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like more details, please contact BSSH Vice Chair, Dr Katie Taylor (katie.taylor02@ntu.ac.uk).