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## APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Appalachian State University (2021-present)  
Director, History Education Program, Appalachian State University (2015-present)  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Appalachian State University (2015-2021)  
Postdoctoral Fellow and Instructor, University of Maryland Baltimore County (2013-2015)

### Visiting Faculty

Faculty Leader, “Argentina: Understanding a Nation through Sports,” Fall 2023 Lauder Intercultural Venture,  
Lauder Institute, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania (October 12-23, 2023)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, George Mason University (2013)  
M.A., History, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (2005)  
B.A., History - NC Teaching Fellow, Elon University (1998)

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Modern Latin American history (twentieth-century Argentina), popular culture, sports history, digital history,  
and Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

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## BOOKS

Civilization and Barbarism in Argentine Fútbol—*manuscript in progress*.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Anxiety in the Sports Pages: The ‘Crises’ Narratives of 1950s Argentine Fútbol.” *The International Journal of the History of Sport* 37, no. 5-6 (2020): 357–377. doi: 10.1080/09523367.2020.1754198.

Sibaja, Rwany and Lily Pearl Balloffet. “Digital Approaches to Research and Pedagogy in Latin American Studies.” *The Latin Americanist* 62, no. 1 (2018): 99–116. doi: 10.1111/tla.12180.

“Omeka to ¡Animales! Building a Digital Repository of Research on Argentine Soccer.” *Journal of Sport History* 44, no. 2 (2017): 209–24. doi: 10.5406/jsporthistory.44.2.0209.

Parrish, Charles and Rwany Sibaja. “*Pibes, Cracks, and Caudillos: Argentina, the World Cup and Identity Politics.*” *Soccer & Society* 15, no. 5 (September 3, 2014): 655–70. doi: 10.1080/14660970.2014.912017.

## PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

“The ‘New Argentina’ and Its Failed Pursuit of the 1962 World Cup: Soccer Diplomacy During the Peronist Decade, 1946-1955,” in the forthcoming *Soccer Diplomacy Vol. 2* (University of Arkansas Press, 2025).

“Pibes, Cracks and Caudillos: Argentina, the World Cup and Identity Politics,” in Bandyopadhyay, Kausik, ed. *Legacies of Great Men in World Soccer: Heroes, Icons, Legends*. Sport in the Global Society – Contemporary Perspectives. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Luis Gabelo Conejo,” “Association Football: Paraguay,” “Association Football: Uruguay,” and “Association Football: Bolivia,” in Nauright, John, and Charles Parrish, eds. *Sports around the World: History, Culture, and Practice*. 4 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2012.

## PUBLISHED REVIEWS

Review of *The Creation of Modern Buenos Aires: Football, Civic Associations, Barrios, and Politics, 1912–1943* (University of New Mexico Press, 2024), by Joel Horowitz, in a forthcoming issue of the *Hispanic American Historical Review*.

Review of *Fútbol, Jews, and the Making of Argentina*, by Raanan Rein. *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 36, no. 2 (April 1, 2017): 253–54. doi:10.1111/blar.12617.

Review of *Sports Culture in Latin American History*, by David Sheinin, ed. *Journal of Social History*, Vol. 50, no. 2 (December 28, 2015): 451-453. doi:10.1093/jsh/shv110.

## SELECTED MEDIA PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

### Publications

“Qatar 2022: A FIFA World Cup like No Other?” *Watauga Democrat*, November 23, 2022, Online edition, sec. Opinion, [https://www.wataugademocrat.com/columns/qatar-2022-a-fifa-world-cup-like-no-other/article\\_a5dc148e-6b3f-11ed-b162-dffe8ef42db5.html](https://www.wataugademocrat.com/columns/qatar-2022-a-fifa-world-cup-like-no-other/article_a5dc148e-6b3f-11ed-b162-dffe8ef42db5.html).

*Sport in American History*. “America’s (Soccer) Cup: 100 Years of Copa América,” June 6, 2016. <https://ussporthistory.com/2016/06/06/americas-soccer-cup-100-years-of-copa-america>. [Most viewed article published between May 2016 – April 2017 in *Sport in American History*]

*Teachinghistory.org*. “Social Studies Education ‘Down South,’” February 8, 2012. <https://teachinghistory.org/nhec-blog/25364>.

*Teachinghistory.org*. “Comic Books in the History Classroom,” July 9, 2011. <https://teachinghistory.org/nhec-blog/24707>.

*Teachinghistory.org*. “Teaching and Learning History in the Digital Age (AHA 2011),” March 11, 2011.

- ▶ Also featured in *Sport in American History* (<https://ussporthistory.com>): “Historians Weigh In: Ranking the Top 10 Historically Significant Black Athletes,” August 31, 2017; “Looking Forward to Looking Back: Three Years of Sport in American History,” May 1, 2017; “Presentations in the Peach State: The Forty-Fourth Annual North American Society for Sport History Convention,” June 2, 2016; Says, Sarah M. “ICYMI: An Overview of Nearly Everything We Wrote in 2016,” December 29, 2016.
- ▶ Authored over two dozens reviews for “Tech for Teachers” at *Teachinghistory.org*.

#### Interviews

Marshall, Alexis. “How Schools Are Using the Trump Impeachment Inquiry as a Teachable Moment.” *NPR – Education*. November 12, 2019. <https://www.npr.org/2019/11/12/777783039/how-schools-are-using-the-trump-impeachment-inquiry-as-a-teachable-moment>

Smith, Matt J. “June 2, 1979: The Day Diego Maradona Announced His Arrival as the Greatest Player in the World.” *The National*. October 16, 2018, Online edition, sec. Sport. <https://www.thenational.ae/sport/football/june-2-1979-the-day-diego-maradona-announced-his-arrival-as-the-greatest-player-in-the-world-1.781057>.

“FIFA Reform After Sepp Blatter’s Resignation.” Interview with Rwany Sibaja by *NPR - Source of the Week*. Online Audio Recording, 2014. <https://soundcloud.com/sourceoftheweek2/rwany-sibaja>.

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## TEACHING

### Appalachian State University

- ▶ History and Social Studies Education (fall 2021, 2023) - *Graduate*
- ▶ Digital History (spring 2020) - *Graduate*
- ▶ Senior Seminar (“FIFA World Cup: A Global History,” fall 2022; “A History of the Middle Class,” spring 2021, fall 2024)
- ▶ Introduction to Secondary History/Social Studies Education (fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; spring 2018, 2019)
- ▶ Teaching History with New Media (fall 2016, 2017, 2018; spring 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024)
- ▶ Sports & the Making of the Americas (fall 2020; spring 2016, 2017, 2019, 2023, 2024)
- ▶ Issues in Teaching World History (fall 2017; spring 2015, 2016)
- ▶ Issues in Teaching U.S. History (fall 2015, 2016)

### University of Maryland, Baltimore County

- ▶ Introduction to Digital History (fall 2014)
- ▶ The History of Sports in Latin America (spring 2014)

## George Mason University

- ▶ Latin American History for Teachers (October 2010—February 2011)

### RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS & WORKSHOPS

- “Student Voices in an Active Learning Classroom: The use of ALCs, Infographic Syllabi, Choice, and Surveys to Develop Greater Student Engagement,” presented at the 2023 Conference on Engaged Learning, Elon University, June 26, 2023.
- “SoTL in the Sports History Classroom: Examining the Impact of the Physical Space and Course (Re)Design Through the Lens of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning,” presented at the North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., May 26-29, 2023.
- “Staging the New Argentina: Juan and Evita Perón as Patrons of Sport,” paper presented at the North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, May 27-30, 2022.
- “1928 As a Transformative Year for Argentine Sports ,” workshop presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS), Charlotte NC, March 10-12, 2022.
- “Active Learning in the Sports History Classroom,” paper presented at the North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Boise, ID, May 24-27, 2019.
- “*Fútbol* Goes Boom! Exploring the Nexus Between Soccer, Film, and Music in Argentina (1930-1955),” presented at the North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, May 25-28, 2018.
- “De ‘Macaquitos’ a ‘La Maravilla Negra’: Reevaluando el fútbol argentino durante la época de Pelé,” *Historia Global y Circulación de Saberes, Métodos, Teorías, Temas - Siglos XVI-XXI*, Universidad de Costa Rica, San Pedro, SJ, Costa Rica, June 6-7, 2017.
- “Digital Tools and Latin American Studies,” workshop presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS), Chapel Hill, NC, March 23-26, 2017.
- “Historical Inquiry & Digital Literacy,” workshop presented at UNC World View K-12 Global Education Symposium 2016: Innovation and Technology to Drive Global Learning, Chapel Hill, NC, October 19-20, 2016.
- “Understanding by Digital Design: Digital Storytelling and Other Forms of Multimedia Narrativity in the Sports History Classroom,” paper presented at the North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, May 28-29, 2016.
- “Omeka and ¡Animales!: Appropriating a Web-Publishing Platform for Personal Research on Argentine Soccer,” workshop presented at Doing Sport History in the Digital Present, Georgia Tech University, Atlanta, GA, May 25-26, 2016.
- “Creating Historians-Linking Literacy Resources with Strategies in the Classroom,” paper presented at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Conference, Greensboro; NC, February 25-26, 2016.

"Reimagining Argentine *Fútbol* in the Age of Pelé," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, January 7-10, 2016.

"El gobierno no tolerará nuevos excesos": Intervención estatal en el fútbol argentino, 1966-1974," paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Juan, PR, May 26-29, 2015.

"Dual Passions: A History of *Fútbol* Films in Argentina, 1933-1963," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York City, NY, January 2-5, 2015.

"Female Athletics in the Construction of Perón's "New Argentina," paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL, May 22-25, 2014.

"*Chantocracia*: Dante Panzeri, Adolfo Mogilevsky, and the Reshaping of Argentine *Fútbol* in the 1960s," paper presented at the 'Soccer as the Beautiful Game' International Soccer Conference, Hofstra University, NY, April 9-12, 2014.

"Breaking the Mold: Contesting Identities & Stereotypes in Argentine Soccer," UMBC History Department Lecture Series, Baltimore, MD, March 5, 2014.

"The 'Disaster' of Sweden: A Turning Point for Argentine Soccer," paper presented at the Rethinking Sports in the Americas workshop, Emory University, GA, October 3-4, 2013.

"Sweden, 1958: The Beginning of an Identity Crisis in Argentine Football," paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Washington D.C., May 29-June 1, 2013.

"The Limits of Intervention: Soccer, Politics, and Identity in Perón's Argentina," paper presented at the Sport and the Global South II Conference, George Mason University, VA, November 12-14, 2012.

"A Crisis of Identity in Argentinean *Fútbol*: A View from the Press (1955-1970)," Sport and the Global South Conference, George Mason University, VA, November 15-16, 2011.

"U.S.-Latin American Relations Through the Prism of Costa Rican Democracy," paper presented at the UNC World View Conference: Latin America and North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, March 25-26, 2008.

## INVITED TALKS

Panelist, "Sports as Resistance, Resistance in Sports," Council for Latin American History Roundtable, Chile/Rio de La Plata Section, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 6-9, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, Appalachian Community of Education Scholars (ACES) Program, Appalachian State University (ASU), August 28, 2019.

Invited Presenter, "An Introduction to Costa Rica," for students in SW3531 Cultural Humility and Human Service Practice in Costa Rica, Summer 2018 and 2019

"Sports and the Making of the Americas: Immigration, Athletics, and the Construction of Identities," NC State University Summer Teacher Institute: The Long History of Immigration in the United States, Raleigh, NC, June 22-23, 2017.

"Life as an Educator," ACES Program, ASU, February 19, 2016.

Faculty Speaker, Latino Faculty Series – Hispanic Student Association, ASU, November 19, 2015.  
“Reflective Planning in Social Studies Education,” Catholic University, Washington D.C., October 1, 2014.  
“Teaching Latin American History,” Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Maryland, February 21, 2014.  
“Teaching with Digital Tools: World History Matters and Other CHNM Projects,” presented at the AP World History Summer Institute, Fairfax, VA, July 13, 2011.

#### COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL HISTORY PRESENTATIONS & POSTER SESSIONS

“Collecting Memory: Using Omeka for Historical Research/Complimenting with VR 360 images,” poster session presented at Tech4Teach Fair, Appalachian State University, NC, March 20, 2019.  
“Teaching Digital History in an Alternative Learning Classroom (ALC),” poster session presented at Tech4Teach Fair, Appalachian State University, NC, February 16, 2018.  
“Digital Tools for the Teaching and Learning of American History,” workshop presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL (Jan 5-8, 2012).  
“Digital Humanities: A Hands-On Workshop, Digital Storytelling,” workshop presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, Jan 5-8, 2012.  
“Working with Digital Tools,” presented at the Teaching with Primary Sources: Library of Congress Summer Teacher Institute, Washington D.C., July 2011.  
“Digital Tools for Teaching and Learning American History,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, MA, January 6-9, 2011.

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#### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee for these journals: *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *International Journal of the History of Sport*, and *Journal of Sport History*.  
Member, North Carolina Professors of Social Studies Education (2016-present)  
Member, Football Scholars Forum (2011-present)  
Panel Chair, “Making Sport History Relevant to Students: Re-examining Course Design to Meet Student and Faculty Needs,” North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., May 26-29, 2023.  
Panel Moderator, “Developing National Identities: Personal, Communal, and National Progress Narratives in Sport,” North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, May 28-29, 2016.  
Panel Chair, Moderator & Commentator, “Visualizing Gender in Argentine and Mexican Sports Magazines and Newspapers,” North American Society for Sports History Annual Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO, May 30-June 2, 2014.  
Moderator, “Professionalism and Fanaticism in the Development of Modern Football,” Soccer as the Beautiful Game International Soccer Conference, Hofstra University, NY, April 9-12, 2014.

Center Affiliate Member, The Center for the Study of Sport and Leisure, School of Recreation-Health-and Tourism, George Mason University (2012-2014).

Editor-At-Large, Journal, *Digital Humanities Now* (Oct 5-11, Nov 9-15, and Dec 14-20, 2013).

Panel Chair & Moderator, “Measuring ‘Success’ and Defining a ‘Crisis’ in Argentine and Brazilian Football,” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Washington D.C., May 29-June 1, 2013.

#### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (HISTORY), APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Chair, Job search committee – History/Social Studies Education (2018-2019, 2023-2024)

Member, Periodic Comprehensive Review Committee (2017-present)

Member, Assessment Committee (2019-present)

Member, Graduate Committee (2017-present)

Member, Steering Committee (2016-2017)

Member, Online Course Committee (2016-2017)

#### INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE, APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Job search committee – Instructional Design Specialist, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for Student Success (CETLSS) (2022-2023)

Co-Facilitator, Active Learning Academy (Classrooms), CETLSS (2018-present)

Facilitator, Introduction to SoTL Learning Community, CETLSS (2022-2023)

Member, Search Committee, CETLSS (fall 2022)

Member, Undergraduate Teacher Education Directors Committee, College of Arts & Sciences (2015-present)

Member, Undergraduate Directors Committee, Reich College of Education (2015-present)

Member, Professional Education Council, Reich College of Education (2015-present)

Steering Committee, Faculty & Staff Christian Fellowship (2019-present)

Faculty Advisor, Destino (2019- present)

Member (Founding), App Unidos Hispanic/Latinx Faculty & Staff Association (2015-present)

Webmaster, App Unidos Hispanic/Latinx Faculty & Staff Association (2015-2021)

Member, Social Studies Professional Learning Community, ASU Public School Partnership (2015-2019)

Faculty Advisor, Hispanic Student Association (2016-2019)

Member, Recruitment Committee, Reich College of Education (2015-2017)

Interviewer, Reich College of Education Scholars Day (2017-2018)

#### SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Member, Advisory Board, Immigrant Connection of the High Country (2022-present)

Board Member, Manos Latinas Unidas, Boone, NC (2017-2019)

Instructor, Adult ESL, Perkinsville Baptist Church, Boone, NC (2015-2019)

Website Judge - Middle Grades Category, National History Day, Fairfax, VA (2010)

## PREVIOUS SERVICE & EXPERIENCES

Attended the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, Kelowna, BC (Canada), November 2-5, 2022

Member, Digital Humanities Working Group, Appalachian State University (2015-2019)

Attended the International Forum on Active Learning Classrooms, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, August 9-11, 2017

Member, UMBC Hispanic/Latino Faculty Association (2013-2015)

Member, UMBC Faculty Development Center, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Discussion Group, (2013-2014)

Graduate research assistant, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University (2010-2012)

Instructor, Dept. of History, George Mason University (2010-2011)

Reader: Advanced Placement European History, College Board (2005-2011)

Graduate teaching assistant, Dept. of History, George Mason University (2009-2010)

Curriculum program manager – K-12 Social Studies, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (2006-2008)

Instructor, 9-12 Social Studies & Spanish, Davidson County Schools and Orange County Schools (1998-2006; 2008-2009)

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## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award, Appalachian State University (Nominee), 2020

Academy of Outstanding Teachers, College of Arts & Sciences, Appalachian State University (Nominee), 2020

One New Thing Mini Grant, Center for Academic Excellence, Appalachian State University, 2018

Most Helpful Faculty & Staff, ASU, 2017-2018

Dresher Center Emergency Scholarly Support Fund Grant, UMBC (2014)

UMBC Postdoctoral Fellowship for Faculty Diversity (2013-2015)

Dissertation Completion Award, George Mason University Office of the Provost (2012-2013)

Charles and Polly Webber Outstanding Graduate Student Award – History (2011-2012)

Rudolph and Louise Fishel Endowed Scholarship (2011)

McKinnon-Morton Dissertation Research Fellowship (2011)

George Mason University Graduate Fellowship (2009-2012)



## SKILLS

Languages: English & Spanish - fluent, native languages; Portuguese & Italian - semi-fluent (reading)

Technology: HTML, CSS, Omeka, Zotero, LMS systems, Drupal (trained), ALC-related interfaces, DST (digital storytelling), visualization tools (data graphs, maps, word clouds), multimedia annotation tools (ThingLink, Padlet, Tropy), Screencastify, Adobe Suite (Dreamweaver, Photoshop, InDesign, Express), storymap and timeline tools (TimelineJS, Sutori, StoryMap JS), Flip, social media platforms (Twitter, Instagram, Counter Social, Post, Facebook), and various apps for handheld devices focused on image collection image editing & GIS - historical annotation.

Presentation & Workshop Development: Varied experiences include developing curriculum and social studies-related workshops for faculty and administrators at Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, digital tools for American History teachers at the U.S. Library of Congress, Latin American history workshops for teachers in northern Virginia and Maryland, digital media literacy and tools at the American Historical Association and the NC Council for Social Studies annual conferences, and ALC and SoTL workshops and presentations on behalf of CAE/CETLSS at Appalachian State University.

Travel: Lived in various parts of the U.S., Costa Rica, U.K., and Argentina (the former two during my K-12 education). Visited France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Panamá, India (education system tour), Uruguay, USVI, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS - CURRENT

North American Society for Sports History, NASSH

North Carolina Council for the Social Studies, NCCSS

International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, ISSOTL

Southeast Council for Latin American Studies

Conference for Latin American Historians

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