

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SPORT STUDIES: 2007 PROFILE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

With a new DEO, a smart new look for the main office, and staff, students, and faculty as committed, creative, and productive as ever, 2007 marked another year of accomplishments for HSS. For the highlights, read on.

## HSS STATISTICS

### Faculty & Staff

Tenure Track Faculty = 6  
Visiting Assistant Professor = 1  
Lecturer = 1  
P & S Staff = 4  
Faculty FTE = 5.75

### Students

Undergraduate = 421  
Masters = 14  
Doctoral = 16  
HSS minority graduate student enrollment = 18%  
Student: Faculty Ratio = 73:1

### General Education Program : Students Enrolled & Credit Hours Generated

Physical Education Skills Courses  
5028 Students x 1 hour = 5028  
Your College Experience Courses  
394 Students x 1 hour = 394  
Physical Activity Through the Lifespan  
223 Students x 3 hours = 669  
Stress Management  
259 students x 2 hours = 518

## INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

Our department's international reputation is indicated by invited keynote presentations at these conferences.

Catriona Parratt, 'Sport and Highland Politics in the Great War Era,' International Sport Science Congress, Seoul, Korea.

Susan Birrell, 'Textuality and Intertextuality in the Study of the Past,' Reet Howell Distinguished Lecture, Australian Society for Sport History, Canberra, Australia.

In recent years our faculty have also presented keynotes to international conferences in Australia (Parratt 2005), North America (Birrell 2006), and Korea (Lomax 2005).

## SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

As a multidisciplinary unit that ranges from epidemiology to sport history, *Health and Sport Studies* faculty publish our research in journal articles and book length monographs.

### Publications

Susan Birrell, Mt Everest, Intertextuality, and the Past as Narrative, *Journal of Sport History*.

Kathleen Janz et al., Physical Activity and Femoral Neck Bone Strength, *Bone*.

Jennifer Metz, Childhood Sport Experiences of WNBA Mothers, *Youth Culture and Sport*.

Jennifer Metz, An Inter-view on Motherhood, *Cultural Studies – Critical Methodologies*.

### Books in Progress

Susan Birrell, Reading Mt Everest: Narrative, History, Power.

Michael Lomax, Sport and the Racial Divide, in press, University Press of Mississippi.

Michael Lomax, Black Baseball Entrepreneurs, 1902-1931.

Catriona Parratt, Skye, Sport, and the Promised Land: Land Use Politics in the Scottish Highlands during the Great War.

### Presentations

HSS faculty and students present research at a range of academic conferences. This year, we made 14 presentations at the following conferences and symposia:

- American College of Sport Medicine
- American Society of Bone Mineral Research
- Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP)
- Baseball in Iowa Symposium
- Fourth International Conference on Children's Bone Health
- North American Society for Sport History (NASSH)
- North American Society for Sociology of Sport (NASSS)
- North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSPA)
- Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Title IX Symposium

*Health and Sport Studies* continues to be a major presence at NASSS. Of the 235 papers presented this year, 15 papers (and 18 authors) had Iowa connections, as faculty, graduates of the department, or current students. This 16% is remarkable but not unusual. In the past, five HSS graduate students have won the graduate student paper award, the most of any program in North America.

## GRANTS & FUNDING

Grant funding enables and enhances active scholarship and is a necessity in some research areas. Last year *Health and Sport Studies* faculty received over \$60,000 from various agencies to support their research including:

- Salary support of over \$20,000 from the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) (Kathleen Janz)
- \$26,000 from the NIH for the direct costs of research including equipment, data management, and laboratory supplies (Kathleen Janz)
- Salary and tuition support of \$24,000 from the NIH and Canadian Institutes of Health Research for graduate students serving as research assistants (Kathleen Janz, Kerry McGannon)
- \$3,000 from the International Programs Summer Research Fellowship to help complete a scholarly book on Mt. Everest narratives (Susan Birrell)
- Travel support of \$1,500 from the NIH to present research findings at national and international meetings (Kathleen Janz)

## SERVICE

For over 100 years, *Health and Sport Studies* has had a tradition of service to the college, university, profession, and community. These are our major commitments in 2007.

### College & University

- Faculty with joint appointments
  - Susan Birrell—American Studies & Women's Studies
  - Kathleen Janz—Epidemiology
  - Michael Lomax—African American Studies
- CLAS Educational Policy Committee
- CLAS General Education Curriculum Committee
- UI Prevention Research Center Scientific Advisory Board
- UI President's Committee on Athletics
- College of Public Health Nutrition & Exercise Admissions Committee
- Global Health Studies Program Steering Committee
- Graduate Student Representative to the Council on Teaching Charter Committee
- Stepping Up Executive Committee

### Community, State, & Beyond

- Health Literacy Core Curriculum, 21st Century Skills, State of Iowa
- Action Schools BC, Ministry of Health, British Columbia, Canada
- International Mondays Lecture, Iowa City
- Committee for Healthy Choices, Iowa City

## HSS launches new website.

Visit us at:

[www.uiowa.edu/~hss](http://www.uiowa.edu/~hss)

## TRANSITIONS

- Susan Birrell stepped down as DEO after 7 years of service.
- Beth Pelton became the new DEO.
- Christina Johnson joined HSS as Visiting Assistant Professor.
- Patty Rossmann retired as HSS Academic Advisor.
- Joe Cilek joined HSS as the new Academic Advisor.
- Joyce Murphy promoted to Professional Departmental Assistant from Secretary III.
- Jerri Wolfe promoted to Project Assistant from Secretary II.

## EDITORIAL BOARDS & JOURNAL REVIEWS

- Adaptive Physical Activity Quarterly
- American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine
- Annals of Behavioral Medicine
- Football Studies
- Journal of British Studies
- Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
- Journal of Sport & Social Issues
- Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology
- Journal of Sport History
- Pediatric Exercise Science
- Qualitative Health Research
- Research Quarterly for Exercise & Sport
- Sport Historian
- Sport History Review
- Sport Psychology

Christine Grant, Emerita Faculty, is a prominent advocate for gender equity in sport in the US. In 2007, she gave 12 invited presentations on the topic.

- HSS distributed over \$30,000 in scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students in the Fall 2007 semester.
- HSS is a co-sponsor for the annual UI Student Health Fair. Over 3,000 students attended this event in March.

## FEDERAL GRANT REVIEWS

- German Federal Ministry of Education & Research
- NIH Center for Scientific Review; Behavior & Social Science Methods
- Genes and Environment Initiative; NIH, National Cancer Institute, & National Heart Lung and Blood Institute

## INVITED REFEREE

Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology, Advancing the Future of Physical Activity Measurements & Guidelines

## IDA BEAM DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR

Allen Guttman was the Ida Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Fall 2007 semester. He was on campus October 8–10, 2007 and provided a variety of lectures and workshops for the public and university community.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Christine Grant, Emerita Faculty, NCAA Gerald R. Ford Award for significant leadership as an advocate for intercollegiate athletics over the course of a career.

Christine Grant, named *One of 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America*, Institute of International Sport.

Laura Chase, PhD 2004, Best Article Sociology of Sport Journal for 2006.

Phi Beta Kappa  
Brian Andonian  
Alison Moeller

Angie Hammer  
Jennifer Bissel

