

Schedule: *Spirit of Sports*
Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture
Baylor University, Waco, TX

Thursday, November 5

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Registration/Check In

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Featured Presentation

Hope: Looking at the Sport Enhancement Debate in a New Way

- Tracey Trothen, Queens University, Ontario

Panel Discussions

Stewardship of Creation: The Environmental Context for the Intersection of Faith and Recreation

- Christopher Wynveen, Baylor University
- Brooklyn Wynveen, Sam Houston State University
- Susan Bratton, Baylor University

The Varieties of Protestant Experience with Sport in the 20th Century U.S.

- “The ‘Wondrous Compatibility of Theological Positions’ in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 1954-1970”
—Paul Putz, Baylor University
- “‘It is Not Sissy to be a Christian’: Kanakuk Kamps, Cold-War Evangelicals, and Muscular Christianity, 1926-1970”
—Hunter Hampton, University of Missouri
- “Anabaptist Visions of Sport: Separation, Accommodation, and Transformation”
—Christopher Gehrz, Bethel University (MN)
- “NASCAR’s Faith: The Rise of Evangelical Piety in America’s Favorite Motorsport”
—Douglas Thompson, Mercer University

Colloquium Sessions

Session 1

- “Transcending the Pitch: Robin van Persie’s ‘Inexpressible’ Goal”
—Eric Bronson, York University
- “Is Soccer a Global Religion? Testing World Football’s Role in Secularization”
—Scott Waalkes, Malone University
- “Church, Sports, and Tragedy: The Ibrox Stadium Disasters (Glasgow) of 1902 and 1971”

—James Deming, Princeton Theological Seminary

Session 2

- “Murderball on Halsted: Jane Addams, Disability, Sports and Inclusion”
—Nate Jackson, Capital University
- “‘Miracle’: A Reflection on Aristotle and Sports Movies”
—Brian Clayton, Gonzaga University
- “This Left-handed Fielder’s Mitt: Salinger, Sports, and Spirituality”
—James Cochran, Baylor University

Session 3

- “Walking Toward Mindfulness: The Quiet Power of Solitary Sports”
—Kobi Nelson, University of Colorado at Denver
- “Sports, Contemplation, and Joy: An Investigation of the Inherent Worth of Athletic Competition”
—Joel VanDerworp, Great Hearts Texas
- “A Response to Rebecca Alpert’s *Religion and Sports*”
—Zachary Ingle, University of Kansas

Session 4

- “Internal Ends, External Ends, Cheating and Throwing a Match”
—Alexander Pruss, Baylor University
- “Sports’ Problem of Evil”
—Rebecca Chan, University of Notre Dame and Jason Hanschmann, University of California, Santa Barbara
- “The Skiff of Musement: Following C.S. Peirce on My Bike into the Space of Mind and God”
—Roger Ward, Georgetown University

2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Featured Panel

Women in Sports

- Paula McGee, Independent Scholar
- Marcia Mount Shoop, Independent Scholar

Colloquium Sessions

Session 5

- “The Vicar of Christ and the House that Ruth Built: Papal Masses and Old Yankee Stadium”
—William Whitmore, University of Gloucestershire
- “Sport and the Future of Religion in the American South”
—Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University and Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University
- “Pittsburgh Sports, Pittsburgh Religion: Intersections between Faith and the Black and the Gold”

—Christian van Gorder, Baylor University

Session 6

- “Created to Play: Thoughts On Play, Competition, Sport, and the Christian Life”
—K. Erik Thoennes, Biola University
- “Performance-Enhancing Drugs and the Future Spirit of Professional Sports: A Constructive Proposal”
—Dennis Feltwell, Pasco-Hernando State College
- “A Declaration on Sport and the Christian Life”
—Valerie Gin, Gordon College and Brian Bolt, Calvin College

Session 7

- “Athletes in Action Summer Mission Trips: How It Impacts the Player, the Coach, and the Team”
—Hunter Taylor, Baylor University and Tim Maloney, Baylor University
- “Broken Plays: A Season of Bible Study with Duke Basketball”
—David Toole, Duke University
- The Importance of Retreats and Reflections for Student Athletes”
—David Walsh, Villanova University

Session 8

- “Is Competition a Good? Or, Will There Be Sports in Heaven?”
—Brent Gibson, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- “Sports as Sabbath”
—Mark Spence, Cross Church
- “In Praise of Slow Play: Baseball, Pace of Play, and the Superiority of a Slow Game”
—Bryan Baise, Boyce College

Session 9

- “The Athletic Pope: What Can Protestants Learn from this Theologian, Philosopher and Athletic Pope about a Theology of Sports?”
—John White, Baylor University
- “Good Sports, Bad Sports: Theological Assessments of the Games We Play and Those We Should Not”
—Kenneth Miller, Evangelical Theological Seminary
- “Athletic Pursuit and Human Nature: Five Reasons the Church Should Continue to Champion Sport”
—Michael Bradley, University of Notre Dame

Session 10

- “The Field as Altar: Sport as Religious Iconography”
—Tom Ryan, University of Denver
- “The Social Life of Relics: Comparing the Social Functions of Religious and Sports Relics”
—Chad Lower, Brazosport College
- “Superstition and Religious Ritual: An Examination of Their Effects and Utilization in Sport”
—Anthony Maranise, OblSB, Christian Brothers University

4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Break

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Reception

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Darin Davis, Director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and Assistant Professor of Christian Philosophy and Ethics, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

Plenary Presentation

James K. A. Smith, Calvin College

8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Dessert Reception

Friday, November 6

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Panel Discussions

Race-ing Justice in Big Time Sports

- Marcia W. Mount Shoop, Independent Scholar
- Paula McGee, Independent Scholar
- Emmett Gill, University of Texas, San Antonio

Undergraduate Student Research Panel

- Honor Students of Union University
- Co-chairs: Scott Huelin, Justin Barnard, and Walton Padelford, Union University

God, Nimrod, and the World: Perspectives on Sport Hunting

- Kenneth Bass, Central Texas College
- James Tantillo, Cornell University
- Shawn Graves, University of Findlay
- Dale Connally, Baylor University

Chair—Bracy Hill, Baylor University

Colloquium Presentations

Session 11

- “Thinking Christianly About Sport and the Body: A View from the Academic Ranks”
—Sean Sullivan, California Baptist University

- “Elegy for the McPheean Moment: False Idols and the Tyrannical Faith of Celebrity-Sports Culture”
—Jeffrey Kurtz, Denison University
- “Glimpses of *Tom Brown*: Muscular Christian Values in Contemporary American Sport”
—Andrew Meyer, Baylor University

Session 12

- “Transcendence in the Athletic Arena”
—Sabrina Little, Baylor University
- “What Sport Would Jesus Play?”
—Francis Berna, La Salle University
- “The Spiritual Implications of Pursuing an Ontological Security of the Flesh in Elite Motor Performance”
—Peter Hopsicker, Penn State Altoona

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Plenary Panel

Faith, Media, and Sports

- Chris Broussard, ESPN
 - Lisa Fenn, Sports Producer
- Chair—Ed Uszynski, Athletes in Action

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Plenary Panel

Higher Education and College Athletics

- Grant Teaff, Baylor University
- Dutch Baughman, Division 1A Athletic Directors’ Association
- Ken Starr, Baylor University

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Panel Discussions

The Death of Football

- John Wilson, *Books and Culture*
- Matthew Lee Anderson, Oxford University
- Matt Millsap, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Muscular Without Christianity: Morality and the Future of American Sport

- Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado
- Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University
- Carter Turner, Radford University

Colloquium Presentations

Session 13

- “Golden Calves, Heisman Trophies, and *Cura Personalis*: Thoughts on Academics and College Athletics”
—Stephanie Wheatley, Oklahoma State University
- “‘I Am Not a Role Model’: Why We Should Have Listened to Charles Barkley, 20 Years Ago”
—Matthew Brunet, Union University
- “Hunger Games: On the Moral Vacancy of Elite College Sports”
—Robert Kehoe III, Independent Scholar

Session 14

- “Is Sportsmanship a Theological Virtue?”
—Thomas Pearson, The University of Texas, Pan American
- “Is It Courageous to Risk a Concussion? Sports and Training in Virtue”
—Jason Smith, Vanderbilt University
- “Should I Pray for a Baylor Victory?”
—Gideon Jeffrey, Saint Louis University

Session 15

- “Dallas Til I Die: Soccer and/as Religion”
—Rebecca Chabot, Iliff School of Theology and Jay Neal, Dallas Beer Guardians
- “‘The Wildest Show in the South’: Rodeo, Religion, and Rehabilitation at Louisiana’s Angola Prison”
—Joshua Hays, Baylor University
- “From ‘One Goal’ to Our Goals: The Chicago Blackhawks Marketing Shift Towards Fan-Centric, Altruism”
—Emily Langan, Wheaton College

Session 16

- “Can the Single Individual Be a Team Player? Kierkegaard on the Role of Community in Sports”
—Karl Aho, Baylor University
- “Common Good or Corporate Interest? Reflections on Team Ownership from German Professional Soccer”
—Alex Holzniekemper, Baylor University
- “Søren Kierkegaard in Your Face: Serving God and Man in Sport—A Divided Allegiance?”
—Cindy White, Athletes in Action

Session 17

- “How Do I Rip Off My Opponent’s Head for the Glory of God? Towards a Trinitarian Motivation for Athletic Competition that Honors God and Leads to Human Flourishing”
—Kelly Liebengood, LeTourneau University
- “Is Competition Christian?”
—Martin Batts, LeTourneau University
- “Friendship, Rivalry and Excellence Revisited”
—Neil Delaney, University of Warwick

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Break

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Plenary Presentation

Out of Left Field: The Symbolic Universe of Sports in North America

- Randall Balmer, Dartmouth College

Saturday, November 7

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Undergraduate Student Research Panel

- Students of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Chair—Brent Gibson, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Colloquium Presentations

Session 18

- “Football as a Language for Evangelism in Nigeria”
—Felix Enegho, Kogi State University and Patricia Itseuwa, Kogi State University
- “Paradise or Perdition? A Qualitative Analysis of Contrasting Views of the Beautiful Game from an NGO and ISIS”
—Randall Fowler, Baylor University; Blair Browning, Baylor University; and Elena Habersky, Collateral Repair Project
- “Can Church Sport Programs Help Immigrant Ethnic Minority Groups? An Acculturation Perspective”
—Stephen Shin, Belmont University

Session 19

- “The Long Arc of the Coach/Athlete Relationship: Until Death Do We Part?”
—Gill Stafford, Episcopal Diocese of Arizona and Marlene Bjornsrud, Alliance of Women’s Coaches
- “Moving Toward a Faithful Relationship: Sport Psychology Consultants Speak about the Potential of Engaging with Christianity in Consultation”
—Trevor Egli, Johnson University
- “Identity Formation in Sport Chaplaincy: Why It Matters”
—Steven Waller, University of Tennessee

Session 20

- “The Athlete, the Artist, and the Archer: Male-Making in James Dickey’s *Deliverance*”
—Stephen Weathers, Abilene Christian University
- “Women in Sports: A Christian Identity”
—Dani Price, Baylor University
- “Race, Blindness, and Theologies of Sport”
—Nicholas Mayrand, University of Dayton

Session 21

- “Sport as Civic Education”
—Dwight Allman, Baylor University
- “Sport as Spiritual Formation”
—Douglas McLaughlin, California State University, Northridge
- “Soccer, Improvisation, and Virtue Ethics Formation”
—David Wilmington, Baylor University

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Featured Presentation

- “Beyond Sport: Toward a Holistic Understanding of Leisure from a Christian Perspective”
—Paul Heintzmann, University of Ottawa
Respondent—Scott Shafer, Texas A&M University

Colloquium Presentations

Session 22

- “Megachurch Connectivity with Urban Greenspaces and Community Recreation: Cooperation with Municipal Planning or Replacing Civic Roles?”
—Susan Bratton, Baylor University
- “Foundations of Faith in Engineering: Teamwork and Success”
—Kenneth Van Treuren, Baylor University

Session 23

- “Theological and Pastoral Implications of the Rise of the Youth Sports Industrial Complex”
—Adam Metz, Alum Creek Church
- “Ideal Parental Conversations and Behaviors in Youth Sport”
—Skylar Bareford, Greenville College
- “The Other Gospel: Youth Activities as the Last Acceptable Cult”
—Pam Watts, Harris Creek Baptist Church

Session 24

- “The Need for Theological Discipleship within Sports Ministry: Getting Behind the X’s and O’s”
—Robin Drake, Baylor University
- “Chaplaincy Major Sporting Events”
—Armenio Anjos, Baylor University
- “Foundations of Pastoral Care: Recovering the Spirit of Chaplaincy in Professional Sport”
—Brad Kenney, CrossTraining Ministries

Session 25

- “It’s On Us: Changing the Game on Sexual Assault”
—Erin Payseur, Baylor University and Eddie Labid, Baylor University
- “Big Ballers, Shot Callers, and Leaky School Roofs”
—Fred Johnson III, Hope College
- “The Role of Christian Institutions in Preserving the Spirit of College Athletics”
—Charles McDaniel, Baylor University

Session 26

- “Wilderness Accidents as Agents of Change Recreationally, Relationally and Intrapersonally for Recreationists”
—Kelli McMahan, Baylor University
- “A Geography of Hope: Why We Need that Wild Country”
—Eric Howell, DaySpring Baptist Church
- “Backpacking and the Quest for Meaning”
—William Marsh, Westminster Christian High School

Session 27

- “The Aesthetics of Sport: Human Limits, Athletics, and the Inversion of Tragedy”
—Stephen Barnes, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- “The De-Personalization of the Athlete in Fantasy Sport Leagues”
—Robert McDonald, Gonzaga University
- “The Encouragement of Spectators: The Cloud of Witnesses in Hebrews 12”
—David Calhoun, Gonzaga University

12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Featured Panels

Athletes in the Arena

Sports and the American Church

- Johnny Derouen, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Marcia Mount Shoop, Independent Scholar
- Jeff Warren, Park Cities Baptist Church

3:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Featured Presentation

- “Flow, Sport and Spirit”
—Patrick Kelly, SJ, Seattle University

Featured Panel

- Daniel McMahon, DeMatha Catholic High School

5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Vespers

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Plenary Speaker

- L. Gregory Jones, Duke Divinity School