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 (Second Floor Foyer)

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Featured Presentation

**Hope: Looking at the Sport Enhancement Debate in a New Way** (Baines, Second Floor)
- Tracy Trothen, Queens University, Ontario
Chair—John White, Baylor University

Panel Discussion

**The Varieties of Protestant Experience with Sport in the 20th Century U.S.** (Cowden, Third Floor)
  —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
Chair—Barry Hankins, Baylor University

Colloquium Sessions

**Growing Faith in Student Athletes** (Houston, Third Floor)
- “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
Chair—Jeter Basden, Baylor University
Religion of “The Beautiful Game” (Claypool, Third Floor)
• “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
Chair—David Wilmington, Baylor University

Seeing Sports in Literature and Film (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
• “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
Chair—Stephen Barnes, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Sports as Contemplative Leisure (Gregory, Second Floor)
• “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
Chair—Walton Padelford, Union University

The Moral Import of Sports (Fentress, Second Floor)
• “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
Chair—Michael Beaty, Baylor University

2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Break
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Featured Panel

**Gender and Faith in American Sports** (Baines, Second Floor)
- Paula McGee, Former Basketball Player, Agent, Public Theologian
- Marcia Mount Shoop, Independent Scholar
Chair—Elise Edwards, Baylor University

Panel Discussion

**Stewardship of Creation: The Environmental Context for the Intersection of Faith and Recreation** (Cowden, Third Floor)
- Christopher Wynveen, Baylor University
- Brooklyn Wynveen, Sam Houston State University
- Susan Bratton, Baylor University
Chair—Dale Connally, Baylor University

Colloquium Sessions

**Sports Shaping Public Life** (Claypool, Third Floor)
- “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
Chair—Brian Clayton, Gonzaga University

**Playing Well and Playing Fair** (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
- “Created to Play: Thoughts On Play, Competition, Sport, and the Christian Life”
  —K. Erik Thoennes, Biola University
  —Dennis Feltwell, Pasco-Hernando State College
- “A Declaration on Sport and the Christian Life”
  —Valerie Gin, Gordon College and Brian Bolt, Calvin College
Chair—Justin Barnard, Union University

**Faith Lessons from Games** (Gregory, Second Floor)
- “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
Chair—Mitchell Neubert, Baylor University
The Church and Competition (Houston, Third Floor)
- “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
Chair—Barry Harvey, Baylor University

Sport as Religion (Fentress, Second Floor)
- “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
Chair—William Bellinger, Baylor University

4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Break

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Reception (White, Second Floor)

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Welcoming Remarks (Barfield, Second Floor)

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

“On Temples, Stadiums, and Fabulous Theologies: An Augustinian Take on the Games We Play”
- James K. A. Smith, Gary and Henrietta Byker Chair in Applied Reformed Theology and Worldview, 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 (Baines, Second Floor)
- “What if Mo’ Ballers were White? The Influence of Race in Efforts to Compensate College Athletes”
  — Emmett Gill, University of Texas, San Antonio
- “Reading Sheryl Swoopes and Reading Ourselves: A Closer Look at the ‘Coming Out’ of Sheryl Swoopes”
  — Paula McGee, Former Basketball Player, Agent, Public Theologian
- “(Er)Racing the Lines: Surfacing the Marks of White Culture in College Revenue Sports”
  — Marcia W. Mount Shoop, Independent Scholar
Chair—Jerry Park, Baylor University

Undergraduate Student Research Panel (Cowden, Third Floor)
- 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 (Houston, Third Floor)
- 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

Athletes as Ideas and Idols (Claypool, Third Floor)
- “Thinking Christianly about Sport and the Body: A View from the Academic Ranks”
  — Sean Sullivan, California Baptist University
  — Jeffrey Kurtz, Denison University
- “Glimpses of Tom Brown: Muscular Christian Values in Contemporary American Sport”
  — Andrew Meyer, Baylor University
Chair—Olivia Carroll, Baylor University

Transcendence and Immanence in Sports (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
- “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
Chair—Nathan Cartagena, Baylor University
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**Break**

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

**Plenary Panel** (Barfield, Second Floor)

“Faith, Media, and Sports”
- Chris Broussard, ESPN
- Lisa Fenn, Sports Feature Producer
Chair—Ed Uszynski, Athletes in Action

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch** (Barfield, Second Floor)

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**W. H. Brian, Jr. Family Plenary Panel** (Barfield, Second Floor)

“Higher Education and College Athletics”
- Dutch Baughman, Division 1A Athletic Directors’ Association
- Nina King, Duke University
- Judge Ken Starr, Baylor University
- Grant Teaff, Baylor University
Moderator—L. Gregory Jones, Duke Divinity School and Baylor University

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Panel Discussions**

**The Death of Football** (Baines, Second Floor)
- John Wilson, *Books and Culture*
- Matthew Lee Anderson, University of Oxford
- Matthew C. Millsap, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Muscular Without Christianity: Morality and the Future of American Sport (Gregory, Second Floor)
- Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado
- Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University
- Carter Turner, Radford University
Chair—Bill Neilson, Baylor University

Colloquium Presentations

Idolatry and Spectators (Fentress, Second Floor)
- “Golden Calves, Heisman Trophies, and Cur a 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
Chair—Roger Olson, Baylor University

Virtue and Vice on the Field of Play (Cowden, Third Floor)
- “Is Sportsmanship a Theological Virtue?”
  —Thomas Pearson, The University of Texas, Pan American
  —Jason Smith, Vanderbilt University
- “Should I Pray for a Baylor Victory?”
  —Gideon Jeffrey, Saint Louis University
Chair—Douglas Henry, Baylor University

Athletics, Belonging, and Identity (Claypool, Third Floor)
- “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
Chair—Ron Cook, Baylor University

Sports, the Individual, and the Community (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
- “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 Holznienkemper, Baylor University
- “Kierkegaard and Sport: Navigating the Tension between a Kingdom Ethic and Sport Allegiances”
  —Cindy White, Athletes in Action
Chair—Adam Myers, Baylor University
The Ethics of Rivalry (Houston, Third Floor)
  •  “Is Competition Christian?”
     —Martin Batts, LeTourneau University
  •  “The Need for Theological Discipleship within Sports Ministry: Getting Behind the X’s and O’s”
     —Robin Drake, Baylor University
Chair—Blake McAllister, Baylor University

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Break

6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Dinner (Barfield, Second Floor)

7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

Evening Plenary Session (Barfield, Second Floor)

Carl F. H. Henry Lecture

“Out of Left Field: The Symbolic Universe of Sports in North America”
  •  Randall Balmer, John Phillips Chair in Religion and Chair, Department of Religion, Dartmouth College
Saturday, November 7

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Panel Discussion

**Undergraduate Student Research Panel** (Cowden, Third Floor)
- Students of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
  Chair—Brent Gibson, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Colloquium Presentations

**Global Perspectives on Sports** (Baines, Second Floor)
- “Football as a Language for Evangelism in Nigeria”
  —Felix Enegho, 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
- “Can Church Sport Programs Help Immigrant Ethnic Minority Groups? An Acculturation Perspective”
  —Stephen Shin, Belmont University
  Chair—Scott Ryan, Baylor University

**Sports Ministry with Athletes I** (Houston, Third Floor)
- “The Long Arc of the Coach/Athlete Relationship: Until Death Do We Part?”
  —Gil Stafford, Episcopal Diocese of Arizona and Marlene Bjornsrud, Alliance of Women’s Coaches
- “Identity Formation in Sport Chaplaincy: Why It Matters”
  —Steven Waller, University of Tennessee
  Chair—Nick Werse, Baylor University

**Sporting Definitions of Social Boundaries** (Claypool, Third Floor)
- “The Athlete, the Artist, and the Archer: Male-Making in James Dickey’s *Deliverance*”
  —Stephen Weathers, Abilene Christian University
  —Dani Price, Baylor University
- “Race, Blindness, and Theologies of Sport”
  —Nicholas Mayrand, University of Dayton
  Chair—Rebecca Poe Hays, Baylor University

**The Shaping of Athletes** (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
- “Sport as Spiritual Formation”
  —Douglas McLaughlin, California State University, Northridge
- “Soccer, Improvisation, and Virtue Ethics Formation”
  —David Wilmington, Baylor University
  Chair—David Cramer, 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
(Baines, Second Floor)
—Paul Heintzmann, University of Ottawa
Respondent—Scott Shafer, Texas A&M University
Chair—Dale Connally, Baylor University

Colloquium Presentations

Cooperation and Connectivity (Gregory, Second Floor)
• “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
Chair—Donald Schmeltekopf, Baylor University

Training the Next Generation (Cowden, Third Floor)
• “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
Chair—Curt Kruschwitz, First Baptist Church, Waco

Sports Ministry with Athletes II (Houston, Third Floor)
• “Major Sporting Events Chaplaincy: Identity, Role, Function, and Practices”
  —Armenio Anjos, Baylor University
• “Foundations of Pastoral Care: Recovering the Spirit of Chaplaincy in Professional Sport”
  —Brad Kenney, CrossTraining Ministries
Chair—Cindy White, Athletes in Action
Athletics and Education: Uneasy Allies? (Claypool, Third Floor)

- “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

Chair—Alina Beary, Baylor University

Into the Wild (Fentress, Second Floor)

- “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

Chair—Andrew Meyer, Baylor University

Aesthetics and the Athletic Audience (Lipscomb, Third Floor)

- “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

Chair—Karl Aho, Baylor University

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Featured Presentation

Flow, Sport and Spirit (Cowden, Third Floor)

- Patrick Kelly, SJ, Seattle University

Chair—Robert Kruschwitz, Baylor University
Featured Panel

Sports and the American Church (Houston, Third Floor)
- Johnny Derouen, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Marcia Mount Shoop, Independent Scholar
- Jeff Warren, Park Cities Baptist Church
Chair—Robert Creech, Baylor University

3:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Featured Panels

Athletes in the Arena (Cowden, Third Floor)
- Haley Burton, Lubbock Christian University
- Camden Duzenack, Dallas Baptist University
- Robin Landrith, Baylor University
- Austin McDaniel, University of Tulsa
- Makena Schroder, Texas Christian University
Chair—Ed Uszynski, Athletes in Action

Culture, Competition, and Vulnerability: Taking Responsibility in a Broken System
(Houston, Third Floor)
- Stephen Danley, Rutgers University-Camden
- Ibrahim Jaaber, Color Me Muslim
- Daniel McMahon, DeMatha Catholic High School
Chair—Tom Hibbs, Baylor University

5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Vespers (Foyer of Meditation, Armstrong Browning Library)

6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Dinner (Barfield, Second Floor)
7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

**William Carey Crane Scholars Lecture** (Barfield, Second Floor)

- L. Gregory Jones, Senior Strategist for Leadership Education and Ruth W. and A. Morris Williams, Jr. Professor of Christian Ministry, Duke Divinity School and Senior Advisor, Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University

9:00 p.m.

**Dr. Pepper Float Reception** (Barfield, Second Floor)