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ACADEMIC POSITION

University of New Mexico - Albuquerque, New Mexico

Chair, Honors College, 2020-Present
Professor, Honors College, 2023-Present
Director, Lobo Scholars Program, 2013-Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Georgetown University, History, Washington D.C., September 2008
M.A., California State University, Fullerton, History, Fullerton, CA, May 2002
B.A., Point Loma Nazarene University, History/Pol Science, San Diego, CA, May 1999

RESEARCH

Books

The Strenuous Life: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of the Modern American Athlete, Diversion Books, August 2019. Paperback 2020.
When Baseball Went White: Reconstruction, Reconciliation and Dreams of a 'National Pastime,' University of Nebraska Press, June 2014. Paperback 2020.
**Winner: SABR Research Award, 2015*

Edited Books

Philly Sports: A History of the Teams, Games and Athletes from Rocky's Town, co-edited with David Wiggins, University of Arkansas Press, Spring 2016.
Separate Games: Sport in the African-American Community during the Era of Racial Segregation and Beyond, co-edited with David Wiggins, University of Arkansas Press, Fall 2016.
**Winner: North American Society for Sport History, Best Anthology, 2016*

Recent Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

Swanson, Ryan. "Theodore Roosevelt: Father of a Sporting Nation," in *Sports and the American Presidency* (Edinburgh, Scotland: Edinburgh University Press, Ltd, 2022).
Swanson, Ryan. "A Dumping Ground for Tramp Athletes: The Rise and Fall of the Border Intercollegiate Athletic Conference," *Journal of Arizona History*, Vol. 62, No. 4 (Winter 2021), 445-465.
Swanson, Ryan and Allison B. Smith. "COVID-19 and the Cutting of College Athletic Teams," *Sport in Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics*, Vol. 23, Issue 11 (2020), 1724-1735.
Swanson, Ryan. "Albert G. Spalding and the Business of Baseball," in *Sport in Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics*, Special issue "Sports Entrepreneurs and the Shaping of the Sports World," (2020).
Swanson, Ryan. "The Wild West of Pedagogy: Thoughts on Teaching Sports History," in *The Routledge History of American Sport* (New York: Routledge Press, 2017), 30-43.
Swanson, Ryan. "Cleaning Up the Wild and Wooly West: The Washington Nationals' 1867 Baseball Tour," *Ohio Valley History*, Vol. 15, 3 (Fall 2015), 23-42.

In Progress/Forthcoming

Swanson, Ryan. *The Greatness Tax: Building (and Rebuilding) America's Elite Athletes*. Book project, in progress.

Swanson, Ryan. "Six Guns Hockey and Bart Simpson Baseball: The Checkered Legacy of Professional Sports in a Periphery State," under review, *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*.
 Swanson, Ryan. "A Case for Collaboration: Honors and Athletics at the Research University," Journal manuscript, in progress.

Popular Writing

Since earning tenure, I have published more than twenty historical pieces and articles in public-facing spaces, such as the *Washington Post*, *Baseball-Reference.com*, *College Football News (USA Today Sports)*, *Mountain West Wire*, *TopDrawer Soccer*, *the History New Network*, and *The National Pastime Museum*. These pieces include:

"The Long Road to Jackie Robinson: 19th Century Pioneers of Baseball," *Baseball-Reference.com*

"Why the Latest Effort to Make Youth Football Safer Could Fail," *Washington Post*

"Want to Clean Up College Athletics, Pay the Players," *Washington Post*

"The Decision: Inside New Mexico's Final Season," (a five-part series) *TopDrawer Soccer*

"Melania Trump Just Restarted a 100-Year-Old Political Controversy: The White House Tennis Court," *History News Network*

"Betrayal, Pre-Emptive Strikes, and "The Project:" BYU's Messy Exit From Mountain West Conference," *Mountain West Wire*

For links to these and the rest of my pieces, visit: <http://www.ryanswanson21.com>

Recent Invited/Funded Lectures

"Never a Champion: TR's Bumbling but Beautiful Athletic Quest," Dickinson State University, September 16, 2022.

"TR: Athlete?" Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, (Virtual Presentation) September 28, 2021.

"Theodore Roosevelt and the Making of the American Athlete," Adams State University, November 13, 2019.

"The History of Baseball in New Mexico," Fort Bayard Preservation Society Symposium on Baseball, October 2019.

"Athletics, Leadership, and the Military," Academy Scholars Program, United States Air Force Academy, April 3, 2018.

Recent Presentations

"A College Sports Doomsday Machine? An Historical Analysis of Public Protests Surrounding the Matter of College Athletic Department Debt," with Dr. John Barnes, *College Sports Research Institute*, Columbia, SC, March 2023.

"Simply No Choice:" The Long History of Blaming Title IX for Athletic Program Cuts," *Organization of American Historians*, Boston, MA, April 2022.

"Building Campus Connections in Order to Foster Equity and Inclusion in Undergraduate Research," with Dr. Jeannie Baca, *Centering Diversity, Equity + Inclusion, Council on Undergraduate Research*, Online Conference, June 2021.

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Adobe Digital Literacy Award, Center for Teaching and Learning, UNM, 2022

Adobe Faculty Fellow, UNM, 2021-2022

AAGE Faculty Fellow in Undergraduate Research, UNM, 2019-2020.

Winner, Best Anthology, *Separate Games*, North American Society for Sport History, 2016

Nominated, New Teacher of the Year Award, UNM, Spring 2016.

Winner, Research Award, *When Baseball Went White*, Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), 2015

Provost Recognition for Excellence in General Education Instruction – GMU, Summer 2012, Spring 2012, Summer 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2007