

Ashleigh Huffman

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

2007-present

- Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise and Sport Sciences -
- Concentration: Sport Studies
- Specialization: Socio-cultural Foundations of Sport
- Cognate: Cultural Studies
- Anticipated graduation - May 2011
- Dissertation Topic: Using sport to build community: Service-learning with Iraqi refugees
- 4.00 GPA

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

2005-2007

- Master of Science in Sport Studies (emphasis in Sport Management)
- 4.00 GPA

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

2001-2005

- Bachelor of Science in Physical Education
- 3.99 GPA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Associate

The Department of Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport Studies

The University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN

August 2010 - present

As a Graduate Teaching Associate (GTA), I am responsible for teaching two undergraduate courses: (1) Sport Studies 337 *Women in Sport: An International Perspective* and (2) Recreation/Sport Management 380 *Service-Learning: Sport and Community Development*. Both classes are focused on international issues and emphasize global understanding. Specifically, *Women in Sport* is dedicated to understanding the intersections of politics, religion, history, and culture and how those intersections impact female sport participation in different countries around the world. *Service-learning: Sport and Community Development* is a new class that I co-developed with a colleague, Sarah Hillyer. The class is designed to experientially use sport, physical activity, recreation, and exercise as a way to build community, to foster social inclusion, and to encourage healthy living with the local Iraqi refugee population.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Physical Education Activity Program (PEAP)

The University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN

August 2006 - August 2007

As a graduate teaching assistant in the PEAP program, I taught six different physical activity courses, which included tennis, volleyball, walking, weight training, beginning swimming, and advanced swimming. During that time, I instructed over 150 students.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Editorial Assistant - *Quest* - Knoxville, TN
January 2006 - January 2007**

As an editorial assistant with the international academic journal *Quest*, I was responsible for logistical coordination of all manuscripts submitted. Upon reviewing the manuscript per the submissions guidelines, I would then pass along the manuscript to the Editor, Dr. Joy T. DeSensi for review. She would return the manuscript to me with names of reviewers, at which point I was responsible for making copies, sending the manuscripts, coordinating with authors and reviewers, and ensuring that deadlines were met. This position required extensive use of Microsoft Office software, email, and other means of communication. In 2006, we received approximately 50 manuscript submissions.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed:

Huffman, A., Hillyer, S.J., & DeSensi, J. (2010). SPORT 4 PEACE. *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal* (accepted with revision).

Invited:

Hillyer, S.J. & Huffman, A. (2010). Mission Accomplished: Using Sport to Bring Women Together in the Heart of the Middle East. *National Association for Girls and Women in Sport Position Paper Series*.

Huffman, A. (2007). Sport and Coexistence in Israel: The Sport for Life Peace Camp. *The Chronicle of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education*, 18(3), 3-5.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed:

Bell, H. & Huffman, A. (2010). *A Proactive Solution: ADVANCE Student-Athlete Orientation*. National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. Salt Lake City, UT. Published abstract.

Huffman, A. (2008). *Sport for Life Peace Camp: Exploring sport for females within the Israeli-Palestinian context*. Copenhagen Summer Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark. Published abstract.

Huffman, A. & DeSensi, J.T. (2008). *Sport for Life: A Model for International/Intercultural Infusion*. National Association for Kinesiology and Education in Higher Education, Albuquerque, NM. Published abstract.

Huffman, A. & Hillyer, S.J. (2007). *Sport for Life Peace Camp--A Weapon of Mass Instruction: Developing Dialogue and Diplomacy for Arab and Israeli Girls Through Sport*. American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Baltimore, MD. Published abstract.

Hillyer, S.J. & Huffman, A. (2006). *What's Being Done for Muslim Women in Sport? Women, Gender, and Sport in Africa*, Athens, OH. Published abstract.

Huffman, A. & Hillyer, S.J. (2006). *Sport for Life: Solidarity Between Arab and Israeli Communities*. North American Society for Sport Sociology, Vancouver, BC. Published abstract.

Huffman, A. (2006). *Exploring the Role of Sport to Promote Peace in International Settings*. College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Student Colloquium, Knoxville, TN.

Adams-Blair, H.R. & Huffman, A. (2004). *Kentucky Leads the Nation in Inactivity!* Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Ft. Mitchell, KY. Published abstract.

Invited:

Hillyer, S.J. & Huffman, A. (2009). *Sport 4 Peace*. Guest presenter, University of Tennessee College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences Board of Visitors, Knoxville, TN.

Huffman, A. (2009). *Understanding Academic Compliance and NCAA By-Laws*. Presentation to graduate students enrolled in PHE 869: Organization and Administration of Sport, Richmond, KY.

Huffman, A. (2009). *Learning ethnography: My research process*. Presentation to graduate students enrolled in CSE 560: Introduction to Qualitative Research in Education, Knoxville, TN.

Hillyer, S.J. & Huffman, A. (2008). *Sport 4 Peace*. Guest presenter, University of Tennessee College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences Board of Visitors, Knoxville, TN.

Hillyer, S.J. & Huffman, A. (2007). *Sport for Life Peace Camp*. Special Summer Program at the Knoxville Jewish Community Center, Knoxville, TN.

Hillyer, S.J. & Huffman, A. (2007). *Women's Sport Initiatives in Israel and Iran*. Knoxville Business Women's Group, Knoxville, TN.

Huffman, A., Hillyer, S.J., & Prewitt, T. (2007). *Sport for Life Peace Camp: Research Results*. Department of Exercise, Sport, and Leisure Studies Graduate Seminar, Knoxville, TN.

Huffman, A. (2004). *The Benefits of Fitness*. Guest Lecturer, Foley Middle School, Berea, KY.

Huffman, A. (2002). *The Mental Components of Injury Rehabilitation*. Guest Lecturer, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

Poster:

Huffman, A. (2007). *Sport 4 Peace - A Weapon of Mass Instruction*. University of Tennessee College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences Student Colloquium, Knoxville, TN.

Huffman, A. (2004). *Biomechanical Analysis of the High Jump*. Undergraduate Presenters Conference, Richmond, KY.

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

Sport 4 Peace. U.S. Bureau of Educational Affairs - SportsUnited (undisclosed amount). Funded. Summer 2009.

Huffman, A. & Hillyer, S.J. College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Ready for the World (\$6,000). Funded. Co-researcher. July 2008.

Huffman, A. W.K. McClure Fund for the Study of World Affairs (\$3,000). Funded. Primary researcher. July 2006.

Adams-Blair, HR & Huffman, A. Centers for Disease Control and Kentucky Department of Education. Physical Activity and Nutrition Integration. (\$20,000). Funded. Evaluation/Assessment Co-Coordinator. September 2004-April 2005.

Adams-Blair, HR & Huffman, A. Melpomene grant (\$5,226.99). Not funded. 2004.

SERVICE: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Assistant Director

Sport 4 Peace - Knoxville, TN

February 2005 - present

Sport 4 Peace, a division of Global Sports Partners, is a non-profit sports organization dedicated to improving the quality and availability of sporting opportunities for girls and women around the world. As the Assistant Director and primary researcher for Sport 4 Peace, I have participated in the following projects/capacities:

- **Service-learning with Iraqi refugees - Knoxville, TN (2010-present)** - Currently I am co-teaching a service-learning class that uses sport to assist Iraqi refugee families with their transition to the United States.
- **Iraq to America - Washington, D.C./Knoxville, TN (2009)** - Sport 4 Peace partnered with the U.S. Department of State in hosting a group of Iraqi girls basketball players in a sports exchange to the United States (I assisted in logistical coordination, community outreach, and securing sponsors/donations for the Knoxville portion of the project)
- **Knox Kicks: Kicking it around the globe - Knoxville, TN (2009, 2010)** - co-created a soccer camp *Knox Kicks* for local African and Middle Eastern refugee children.
- **Sport for Life Peace Camp - Netanya, Israel (2006)** - co-created the *Sport for Life Peace Camp* for Israeli and Palestinian girls - sport was used to create trust and respect between the two cultures so that larger issues like religious violence and ethnic discrimination could be discussed.
- **Wuhan Friendship Basketball Tour - Wuhan, China (2005)** - basketball participant in a cultural/sports exchange project with six Chinese universities - conducted skill development training sessions and participated in competitive play.

Additional Sport 4 Peace responsibilities include: data collection, transcription, grant writing, manuscript submissions, and national/international presentations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Leadership Consultant - National Consortium for Academics and Sport (NCAS)

University of Central Florida - Orlando, FL

August 2009 - present

As a leadership consultant for the NCAS, I facilitate educational training sessions for student-athletes, coaches, and athletics administration in the following programming areas: Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) and Branded a Leader (BAL). Both programs are designed to challenge student-athletes to think critically about difficult social situations and to equip them with the information and skills they need to make good decisions. Some of the topics covered include: gender

violence, public drunkenness, irresponsible computing, mental health, fighting, guns, street drugs, anti-hazing, and diversity/intolerance.

In addition to consulting on issues of leadership, I also serve as the Logistics Coordinator for NCAS. As the Logistics Coordinator, I communicate with the travel agent and other consultants to arrange flight, hotel, and car rental details.

Educational Coordinator - Football

**Thornton Athletics Student Life Center - The University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN
August 2008 - August 2010**

My primary responsibility at the Thornton Center was the academic advising of football student-athletes. As an educational coordinator, I conducted individual weekly meetings, implemented programming for at-risk students, advised students regarding progress toward degree and NCAA eligibility policies, and served as the primary liaison between coaches, faculty, administration, and parents. I also supervised 5 mentors per semester and coordinated mentoring, tutoring, and study sessions for approximately 40 football student-athletes each academic term.

In addition to advising, I also coordinated and submitted academic awards/postgraduate scholarship information for all student-athletes, which included communication with students, coaches, faculty, athletics, administration, the NCAA, the SEC, and various other organizations. And lastly, I served as the publications designer for all reports and printed materials.

**Graduate Assistant Academic Compliance - University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN
January 2007 - August 2008**

As a graduate assistant to the Academic Compliance Officer, my primary duty was the academic monitoring of approximately 450 student-athletes to ensure that they were academically compliant with the University of Tennessee, the Southeastern Conference (SEC), and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education
National Association of Athletic Academic Advisors

HONORS AND AWARDS

Major of the Year (2005) - The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD)

Most Outstanding Senior (2005) - Exercise and Sport Science Department

Most Outstanding Junior (2004) - Exercise and Sport Science Department

Ohio Valley Conference Academic Medal of Honor (2003, 2004, 2005)

Eastern Kentucky University President's List (2001-2005)

Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society

Mortar Board Honor Society