

Erik Smith

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Fall 2022 – Summer 2026 | Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida: Sport Management, Ph.D.

- *Dissertation title:* “Investigating Black male college students’ sense of belonging and sense of place in campus recreational fitness spaces”
- *Advisor:* Dr. Michael D. Giardina, Professor, Florida State University

Spring 2020 – Fall 2021 | University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida: Communication, M.A.

Fall 2016 – Fall 2019 | University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida: English - Creative Writing, B. A.

- *Minor(s):* Writing and Rhetoric; Digital Media

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Spring 2025 | American Heart Association: Basic Life Support Program (CPR & AED)

Fall 2021 | National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM)

- *Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)*
- *Group Personal Training Specialization (GPT)*
- *Youth Exercise Specialist (YES)*

EMPLOYMENT

Fall 2026 – Present | **Visiting Teaching Faculty I:** *Department of Sport Management, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.* Contributed instructional work to the department’s undergraduate sport management program through a 4-4 teaching load; displayed teaching expertise in the department’s core content areas (i.e., media and culture studies and management); exhibited a strong proficiency in Canvas LSM to support effective course design; integrated technology in teaching to drive student engagement and enhance learning; demonstrated a strong commitment to teaching excellence and student mentorship.

Spring 2025 – Summer 2026 | **Personal Trainer:** *Premier Health and Fitness Center, Tallahassee, Florida.* Demonstrated a thorough knowledge on the fundamental principles of strength and conditioning training, and a working knowledge of all cardiovascular and free weight training equipment; created and implemented personalized workout programs for personal training clients; executed personal training agreement contracts between clients and Premier Health and Fitness Center; maintained a courteous and professional attitude with members and clients.

Fall 2022 – Summer 2026 | Graduate Teaching Assistant: *Department of Sport Management, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida:* Formulated various lesson plans, syllabi and course objectives to successfully instruct sport management classes; served as course support for other faculty members through grading, interacting with students, and creating course material; enforced strict class, school, and state rules.

Summer 2022 | Pat Leonard Student Recreation Center Manager: *Pat Leonard Student Recreation Center, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina:* Converted recreational spaces to suit varying athletic configurations; wrote, edited and revised employee manuals and digitized old records, prepared beginning of the year training material (topics ranged from professional development to team building); worked as Operations Supervisor, overseeing student staff and performing walkthroughs of the recreational facility; performed a complete building inspection of the Pat Leonard Student Recreation Center.

Spring 2022 – Summer 2022, Spring 2019 – Fall 2019 | Personal Statement Reviewer/Editor: *Pre-health and Pre-Law Advising Office at UCF, Orlando, Florida:* Reviewed and edited the grammar and content of students' application documents such as personal statements, autobiographies, resumes and secondary reviews; conducted in-depth reviews using Microsoft Word editing functions such as "track changes" and "comments;" planned and executed one-on-one conferences with students if requested.

Spring 2020 – Fall 2021 | Graduate Teaching Assistant: *Nicholson School of Communication and Media, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida:* Collaborated with instructors to maximize learning experiences of students including but not limited to: scoring assignments, developing instructional content, and meeting with students; teach communication courses; established a strong rapport with students and faculty within the school; enforced strict class, school, and state rules.

Summer 2021 | Technical Writing Intern: *McKesson Corporation, Richmond, Virginia:* Drafted new and edited and updated out-of-date standard operating procedures (SOPs) and work instructions (WIs); uploaded and structured SOPs and WIs within Zavanta software; worked alongside distribution operations professionals to improve current warehouse procedures.

Spring 2018 – Spring 2019 | Member Services Representative: *UCF Recreation and Wellness Center, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida:* Responded to questions and concerns of patrons quickly and efficiently; performed maintenance on and took inventory of athletic equipment; communicated vital facility and health information to patrons.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT

Institution: Florida State University – Department of Sport Management

Fall 2026 | Sport Governance (SPM 4604), Ethics in Sport (SPM 4204)

Spring 2026, Fall 2025 | Facility and Event Management (SPM 4104)

Fall 2026, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023 | Sport History (SPM 4011)

Summer 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022 | Basic Weight Training (PEM 1131)

Fall 2022 | Flag Football (PEL 1646) & Walking for Fitness (PEM 1148)

Institution: University of Central Florida – Nicholson School of Communication and Media

Fall 2021 | Fundamentals of Oral Presentations (SPC 1608)

Spring 2021 | Fundamentals of Technical Presentations (SPC 1603)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO INSTRUCTION

Institution: Florida State University – Department of Sport Management

Summer 2026 | GTA Course Mentor: Fundraising in Sport (SPM 6517)

Spring 2026 | GTA Course Mentor: Athlete Recruitment (SPM 5350)

Fall 2025 | GTA Course Mentor: Advanced Coaching (PET 5735)

Spring 2025 | GTA Course Mentor: Sport and Literature (SPM 4014)

Spring 2025 | GTA Course Mentor: Facility and Event Management (SPM 4104)

Fall 2024, Fall 2022 | GTA Course Mentor: Exploring Sport (IDS 3996)

Summer 2024, Summer 2023 | GTA Course Mentor: Sport and Film (SPM 4015)

Summer 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023 | GTA Course Mentor: Sport and Media (SPM 5405)

Spring 2023 | GTA Course Mentor: Sport History (SPM 4011)

Institution: University of Central Florida – Nicholson School of Communication and Media

Fall 2020 | GTA Course Assistant: Hispanics in Media in the U.S. (MMC 4303), *Knightly News* (RTV 4681), and History of American Journalism (JOU 3004)

Fall 2020, Spring 2020 | GTA Course Assistant: Electronic Journalism II (RTV 3304)

Spring 2020 | GTA Course Assistant: Knightly Latino (JOU 3951), Broadcast Announcing and Performance (RTV 3601), Development and Structure of Electronic Media (RTV 3007), and Contemporary Media Issues: Diversity in Media (MMC 4206)

Fall 2020, Fall 2019 | Guest Lecture: “Law School and Grad School Preparation”

RESEARCH AND ORIGINAL CREATIVE WORK

ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS

Summer 2024 | Smith, E. (2024). Reflecting on the parks and recreation implications of Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) v. Edge Fitness, LLC, et al., *Parks and Recreation Administration*, 42(2), 96-100. <https://doi.org/10.18666/JPra-2023-12086>

Spring 2023 | Smith, E. (2023). A friendly reminder to collegiate athletes: ‘The waiver’ is real. *Sports Litigation Alert*, 20(4). 7-8.

SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

Summer 2026 | Seifried, C. S., **Smith, E.**, Swanson, R., & Kellison, T. (Submitted). Athletic Fields at Iowa State University and the Idea of Place Attachment and Detachment. *Middle West Review*.

Summer 2026 | Peterson, R., Verty, V., & **Smith, E.** (Submitted). “I’m full of the blues, holy water too”: A Critical analysis of Black affect, embodiment, and the blues in *Sinners*. “*Cultural Studies <=> Critical Methodologies*.”

PRESENTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Fall 2025 | Peterson, R., Verty, V. P., & **Smith, E.** (2025). “A critical analysis of Black embodiment, blues, and dancing in *Sinners*.” **North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)**.

Fall 2024 | Smith, E. (2024). “Participating in an All-Black Varsity Lacrosse Team: A Performative Autoethnography.” **North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS)**.

Spring 2023 | Smith, E., & Yu, N. “From basketball court to cyberspace: A study of NBA players and their Instagram influence.” **Marvalene Hughes Research in Education Conference**.

ACCEPTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Summer 2026 | Smith, E. (2026). “Investigating Black male college students’ sense of belonging and sense of place in campus recreational fitness spaces.” **North American Society for Sport Management Annual Conference 2026**.

Spring 2025 | Smith, E. (2025). “The relationship between organizational culture and job satisfaction among campus recreation employees: A systematic review.” **Emerging Recreational Sports Leaders Conference (ERSL) 2025.**

Fall 2023 | Kinnally, W., Smith, E., & Collins, S. (2023). “College football fans on Twitter: Examining BIRGing, CORFing, and affective responses to rivalry, championship, and bowl games.” **Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).**

Spring 2023 | Smith, E., & Yu, N. “From basketball court to cyberspace: A study of NBA players and their Instagram influence.” **International Communication Association (ICA).**

SERVICE

Florida State University Department Service

2024-2025 | Member, Faculty Search Committee, Assistant/Associate Professor in Sport Management

MEMBERSHIPS

Fall 2024 – Present | North American Society for the Sociology of Sport

Fall 2025 – Summer 2026 | Stadium Managers Association

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fall 2019 | UCF Department of English Award: *Outstanding Essayist* - Selected by UCF English department faculty out of all the program’s graduating seniors after demonstrating the ability to craft compelling, high-quality creative nonfiction.