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Academic outputs currently under review / in press:


Doyle, J., Lock, D., Filo, K., Funk, D., & McDonald, H. (in press). ‘I was there from the start’: The identity maintenance strategies used by fans to combat the threat of losing. Sport Management Review.


Moll, T., Rees, T., Freeman, P. (under review). Visible-invisible support and performance in novice golfers. Psychology of Sport and Exercise. IF 2.65;


**External Research Grant Bidding Activity:**

Bailey, R., (Historic Environment Scotland), Manley (Bath), Silk (Bournemouth) & Wang (Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, Suzhou, People’s Republic of China). Producing/Consuming ‘Romantic Scotland’: Exhibitions, Heritage, Nation & the Chinese Market. Submitted to AHRC (RED ID: 9401). (£353,390; Value to Bournemouth. £59,468)

Breitbarth, T., "#SocialResponsibility in #Football: Mapping Perceptions and Expectations through Social Media Conversations across Europe", UEFA Research Grant Programme, EUR 13,000, RED 9439. FUNDED


Freeman, P., & Rees, T. (2016--SUBMITTED). Evaluating the content and impact of brief, online educational resources about supplement use in sport. WADA 2017 Social Science Research Grant Program. £26,306. RED 9679;


**Doctoral Milestones:**

Dr Nicola De Martini Ugolotti: Successful completion of minor corrections following PhD Viva (18th April, 2016).

Sam Price - PhD Transfer (Supervisors, Jo Mayoh & Andy Adams)

Mark Stevens - successful initial review (Supervisor, Tim Rees)

Professor Michael Silk: Appointed External Phd Examiner for Amanda De Lisio (University of Toronto) & External PhD Committee Member for Devra Waldman (University of British Columbia)

**International Conferences:**


Breitbarth, T. Invited to conference “Internationalization and Quality Assurance in German Higher Education”, 30th July/1st July 2016, Berlin, organised by German Academic Exchange Service and sponsored by Federal Ministry of Education and Research and Erasmus+


Burgess, L. & Gavin, J.P. The incidence of injuries and the epidemiology of osteoarthritis in retired amateur rugby union males (mini oral). Research and Impact in Active Ageing Symposium, University of Cumbria, Lancaster; Friday 24th June 2016.

Gavin, J.P. Immins, T. & Wainwright, T. Stair negotiation as a rehabilitation intervention for enhancing recovery following orthopaedic surgery: a systematic review (mini oral). Research and Impact in Active Ageing Symposium, University of Cumbria, Lancaster; Friday 24th June 2016.


Other Outputs / Public Engagement:

Dr Dean Allen was interviewed by the Benoni Times (Johannesburg), The Bolander (Western Cape) and WhaleCoast FM (South Africa): http://www.spreaker.com/user/wcfm96/dean-allen-speaks-to-u3a

Dr Allen also undertook a book tour through South Africa & Zimbabwe (comprising 17 public book talks throughout South Africa and Zimbabwe)


Breitbarth, T, Invited full-day workshop on “CSR and sport management” for CSR managers of Bundesliga Foundation and German Bundesliga clubs as part of a German Chamber of Commerce special certification programme.


International Peer Esteem Markers:

Dr Dean Allen was a finalist for 2016 Alan Paton Award for non-fiction Book of the Year in South Africa (Empire, War and Cricket in South Africa – May 2016). He also hosted / mc’d the West Somerset Sport Awards evening, West Somerset School / Minehead Cricket Club, June 2016

Dr Tim Breitbarth will also be serving as Scientific Chair 2017, European Association for Sport Management conference, Track Chair, 20th Environmental and Sustainability Management Accounting Network Conference 2016, Track Chair and Scientific Committee, 2016 European Association for Sport Management Conference, and on the Organising Committee, 2nd German CSR Communications Congress 2017.

Editorships & Editorial Boards

Dr Tim Breitbath serves on the Editorial Board of 'Sports Business Management: an International Journal'

Dr Ian Jones serves on the Editorial Board of Leisure Studies

Dr Dan Lock serves on the Editorial Board of European Sport Management Quarterly and Sport Management Review.

Professor Tim Rees serves on the Editorial Board of the Sport and Exercise Psychology Review

Dr Richard Shipway is Regional Editor (Europe) for the International Journal of Event and Festival Management and Reviews and Commentaries Editor for the Journal of Sport and Tourism

Professor Michael Silk serves as Managing Editor for Leisure Studies (Taylor & Francis) and on the Editorial Boards of Communication & Sport, International Review for the Sociology of Sport, Journal of Sport & Tourism.

Journal Special Issues:

Dr Tim Breitbath is editing a special issue of Journal of Public Affairs: Breitbarth, T, Schaltegger, S & Mahon, J., "The marketing and public affairs of sustainability", Scheduled for 2017. 2)

Dr Dan Lock is editing a Special Issue of the Journal of Sport Management: Sport Consumer Behavior Research: 'Improving Our Game.' (with Karg, A., & Pritchard, M.)

Professor Michael Silk, along with Emma Rich, Brad Millington & Anthony Bush (all Bath) are editing a special issue of Leisure Studies on 'Digital Culture & Young People' (due for publication, Vol 6 2016).

Peer Review:

Academic Staff in the Department provided peer review for the following journals:


Staff also reviewed book proposals for Routledge & Palgrave.
Edited Books:


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Coming Soon:

Pop-Up Summer Events: Keep an eye out on the web / social media / email for a couple of exciting BU SPARC ‘pop-up’ summer events!

Autumn Seminars: Featuring Professor Brett Smith (Birmingham), Tim Hollingsworth (CEO, Paralympics GB), Professor John Amis (Edinburgh) & Dr Marc De Rond (Cambridge, Judge Business School).

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