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Director, Institute for Coaching Excellence
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Department of Sport Management
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EDUCATION

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA: Ph.D. in Business Administration, Sport Concentration, July, 2016

Dissertation: "Organizational Membership and the Formation of Dissonant Identities"

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY: M.S. in Elementary Education, Jun 2005

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY: B.A., May 2003

Latin Major, Correlate Sequence in German Studies

General and Departmental Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, May 2003

Thesis (Distinction): "Roman Matron or Wicked Woman? Roman Historians and the Linguistic and Social Limits of Gender Identity"

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Organizational and Social Identities
 - Sport for Social Change
 - Marginalized Groups and Sport
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SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Refereed Publications

Alonso Restrepo, **Wegner, C.**, & Suarez, C. E. (in press) Cultural Responsiveness in Sport-Based Youth Development. *Journal of Sport For Development* 13(2), 13-38.

Wegner, C. E., Clark, B. S., Francis, J., & Holmes, D. (2025). Gender is not enough: rethinking the construct in leisure research. *Leisure Studies*, 1-15.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/02614367.2025.2495273>

- Lee, W., Jones, G. J., & **Wegner, C.** (2023). It's all relative: examining the influence of social identity on sport-based youth development. *Sport Management Review*, 1-21.
- Su, Y., Guo, X., **Wegner, C.**, & Baker, T. (2023). The new wave of influencers: Examining college athlete identities and the role of homophily and parasocial relationships in leveraging name, image, and likeness. *Journal of Sport Management*, 37(5), 371-388.
- Taylor, E., Sveinson, K., **Wegner, C.**, Jones, G., & Heffernan, C. (2022). Exploring Perceptions of Prototypical Leadership and Gender Encoding Bias among Aspiring Female Athletes. *Leisure Sciences*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01490400.2022.2149642>
- Wegner, C.E.**, Millar, P., Bopp, T., Kerwin, S. (2023) Understanding experiences with capacity building in the SFD context. *Sport Management Review*, 26(3), 426-447. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14413523.2022.2106722>
- Hyun, M., Jee, W. F., **Wegner, C.E.**, Jordan, J. S., Du, J., & Oh, T. (2022). Self-Serving Bias in Performance Goal Achievement Appraisals: Evidence from Long-Distance Runners. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 13, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.762436>
- Zhou, R.[§], Kaplanidou, K., & **Wegner, C.E.** (2021). Social capital from sport event participation: scale development and validation. *Leisure Studies*, 40(5), 612-627.
- Alonso Restrepo, J.[§], & **Wegner, C.E.** (2021). Outcomes of NFL Europa on community sport clubs. *Managing Sport and Leisure*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23750472.2020.1856709>
- Jones, G. J., Taylor, E., **Wegner, C.E.**, Lopez, C., Kennedy, H., & Pizzo, A. (2021). Examining the Efficacy of a Government-Led Sport for Development and Peace Event. *Journal of Sport Management*, 36(1), 56-67.
- Jones, G.J., Taylor, E., **Wegner, C.E.**, Lopez, C., Kennedy, H. & Pizzo, A. (2021) Cultivating “safe spaces” through a community sport-for-development (SFD) event: implications for acculturation, *Sport Management Review*, DOI: 10.1080/14413523.2021.1879559
- Wegner, C. E.**, Bopp, T., & Jones, G. J. (2021). Programmatic strategies for optimal interactions in a youth sport for development context. *Managing Sport and Leisure*, DOI: 10.1080/23750472.2020.1776146
- Wegner, C. E.**, Baker, B. J., & Jones, G. J. (2020). Organizational Identity Development in Sport Volunteers. *Journal of Sport Management*, 35(4), 327-337.
- Wegner, C.E.**, Lawrence-Benedict, H., Jordan, J.S., & O'Reilly, N. (2020). Commercialized Fitness Clubs: Gender and Competitive Athletic Identities. *International Journal of Sport Management*, 21, 151-173.
- Wegner, C. E.**, King, C., & Jordan, J. S. (2020). The role of organizational membership in overcoming dissonant sport activity identities. *Sport Management Review*. 23, 455-468.
- Wegner, C.E.**, Delia, E. B., & Baker, B. J. (2020). Fan response to the identity threat of potential

team relocation. *Sport Management Review*, 23, 215-228

Wegner, C.E., Jones, G. J., & Jordan, J. S. (2019). Voluntary sensemaking: the identity formation process of volunteers in sport organizations. *European Sport Management Quarterly*, 19(5), 625-644.

Jones, G. J., **Wegner, C. E.**, Bunds, K. S., Edwards, M. B., & Bocarro, J. N. (2018). Examining the environmental characteristics of shared leadership in a sport-for-development organization. *Journal of Sport Management*, 32(2), 82-95.

Wegner, C., Jordan J., Funk, D. & Clark, B. (2016) Black Girls Run: Facilitating a Connection for Black Women to the “White” Sport of Running. *Journal of Sport Management*, 30, 382-395

Wegner, C., Ridinger, L., Jordan, J., & Funk, D. (2015). Get Serious: Gender and Constraints to Long-Distance Running. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 47(3), 305-321

Inoue, Y., **Wegner, C.**, Jordan, S. & Funk, D. (2015). Relationship Between Self-Determined Motivation and Developmental Outcomes in Sport-Based Positive Youth Development, *Journal of Applied Sport Psychology*, 27(4), 371-383

Refereed Conference Presentations

Wegner, C. E., Kwak, D. H., Ryder, A., & DeLuca, J.R. (2025) Leveling the Playing Field: An Interactive Workshop on Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Sport Management Peer Review Procedures. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management. San Diego, CA. June.

Francis, J. & **Wegner, C.E.** (*advisor*) (2024) Funding Sport-Based Youth Development Programs in the Global North and Global South. Presented at the European Association for Sport Management. Paris, France. September.

Francis, J. & **Wegner, C.E.** (*advisor*) (2024) Students, Faculty, and Practitioners: The Impact of Social Class on Sport-for-Development Advancement through a Conceptual Framework. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management. Minneapolis, MN. June.

Wegner, C.E., Diaz-Artiles, A., Allen, J., Domingo, C., & Seidler, R. (2024) B-SURE: Boosting Spaceflight Underrepresented Equity. Presented at the NASA Human Research Program Investigators' Workshop. Galveston, TX. February.

Wegner, C.E., Clark, B.S., Francis, J. & Holmes, D. (2023) Gender is not Enough: Rethinking the Construct in Leisure Research. Presented at the World Leisure Conference. Dunedin, New Zealand. December.

Francis, J., **Wegner, C.E.**, & Jones, G.J. (2024) Examining Youth Sport Development Research In The Global North And Global South: An Integrative Review. Presented at the European Association for Sport Management. Belfast, Ireland. September.

- Wegner, C.E.,** Millar, P., Bopp, T. (2022) Understanding Experiences With Capacity Building In The SFD Context. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management. Atlanta, GA. June.
- Alonso-Restrepo, J. & **Wegner, C.E.** (2022). The Experiences of a United States Sport-Based Youth Development Organization with Cultural Responsiveness. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management. Atlanta, GA. June.
- Taylor, E., **Wegner, C.**, Sveinson, K., Jones, G. (2019) Leadership Trait Perception and Transference for Aspiring Female Leaders. Presented at the European Association for Sport Management. Seville, Spain. September.
- Wegner, C.E.,** Bopp, T., & Jones, G.J. (2019) Evaluation of a Sport Based Youth Development Adhocracy. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management. New Orleans, LA. May.
- Wegner, C.** & Schuil, B. (2018). Preserving the hegemony: Performance and policing of gender conformity in online autosport. Presented at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport. Vancouver, CA. November.
- Wegner, C.E.,** Bopp, T., & Jones, G.J. (2018) Environmental and Programmatic Interaction in a Youth Sport for Development Context. Presented at the European Association for Sport Management. Malmo, Sweden. September.
- Jones, G.J. & **Wegner, C.E.** (2018) Leveraging Sport-Based Social Identity to Facilitate Positive Cross-Group Interactions: A Mixed Methods Approach. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Halifax, NS.
- Jones, G.J., **Wegner, C.E.,** & Schlaefler, R. (2018) An Examination of Youth Sport and Self-Regulation across Three Domains. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Halifax, NS.
- Kang, S., Anderson, A.J., Svensson, P.G. (advisor), Dixon, M. (advisor), & **Wegner, C.E. (advisor)** (2018). Exploring Unintended Negative Consequences in Refugee-Focused Sport for Development Programs. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Halifax, NS.
- Jones, G.J., **Wegner, C.,** & Bunds, K. (2017) An examination of a principal-agent funding relationship involving a SFD organization. Presented at the European Association for Sport Management. Bern, Switzerland. September.
- Wegner, C.** & Baker B. (2016) Outcomes of Organizational Identification in Volunteers. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Denver, CO. June.
- Huml, E., Newell, E., Smith, N. & **Wegner, C.** (2016) Apply-Accept-Survive: The Experience of First-year Faculty in Sport Management. Presented at the North American Society for Sport

Management Conference. Denver, CO. June.

Wegner, C., Clark, B., & Jordan, J. (2015) Creating a Runner: Black Girls Run! and a Collective Identity. Presented at National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference Research Session. Las Vegas, NV, September.

Wegner, C., & Jordan, J. (advisor) (2015) Organizational Identity in a Volunteer-Based, Dispersed Identification Process. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Ottawa, Canada, June.

Brandon-Lai, S., & **Wegner, C. (2014)** Member Willingness to Pay in Non-Profit Sport Organizations. Presented at the Sport Marketing Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA, October.

Wegner, C., Clark, B., & Blair, D. (2014) Constraint Negotiation through a Running Group for Black Women. Presented at the Leisure Research Symposium. Charlotte, NC, October. **Winner of Best Student Abstract.**

Inoue, Y., **Wegner, C., Jordan, J., & Funk, D. (2014)** Positive Youth Development Through Sport: Role of Self-Determined Motivation. Presented at the European Association of Sport Management Conference. Coventry, UK, September.

Wegner, C. & Jordan, J. (advisor) (2014) Black Girls Run: Identity Creation Within a National Running Group for Black Women. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM) Conference. Pittsburgh, PA, May. **Winner of the 2014 NASSM Student Research Competition.**

Wegner, C., & Jordan, J. (advisor) (2014) It Depends: A Contextual Evaluation of a Youth Sport and Development Program. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Pittsburgh, PA, May.

Wegner, C., Jordan J. (advisor), & Funk, D. (advisor) (2013). Run Like a Girl: Gender Differences in the Psychosocial Attitudes of Recreational Runners. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Austin, TX, May.

Wegner, C., & Inoue, Y. (2013). Run for Your Life: A Developmental Program Assessment of an After-School Running Program. Presented at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Austin, TX, May.

Non-Refereed Publications

Houchen, D., **Wegner, C., Moss, S., Jackson, C., Brown, R., Staples, A., Alonso, J., & Bryant, B. (2021).** Ensuring the summer thrive: Addressing the needs of children, youth and families for summer opportunities in Alachua County. Submitted and presented to the Children's Trust of Alachua County. Alachua County, Fl. Youth Development Research-Practice Partnership.

Houchen, D., **Wegner, C., Pringle, R., Bopp, T., Mosely, D., & King, N. (2019).** Investing in

System-wide Care for Alachua County Youth: A Research Statement. Submitted to the Better-Out-of-School-Time (BOOST) Alliance. Alachua County, FL.

Wegner, C., Bopp, T., & Alonso, J.^g (2020). An Evaluation of the USTAF Capacity Building Program. Submitted to the United States Tennis Association Foundation, Orlando, FL.

Wegner, C., Bopp, T., & Alonso, J.^g (2020). An Evaluation of the USTAF Capacity Building Program: A Supplemental Report. Submitted to the United States Tennis Association Foundation, Orlando, FL.

Wegner, C., Bopp, T., & Alonso, J.^g (2019). *A program evaluation of NJTL chapters*. Submitted to the United States Tennis Association Foundation, Orlando, FL.

Kaplanidou, K, **Wegner, C.**, Dohlinting, E. (2018). *Final Report: The 2018 Amateur Boys Basketball National Champtionships*. Submitted to the Gainesville Sports Commission.

Kaplanidou, K, **Wegner, C.**, Cho, I. (2018). *2018 Easton Foundations Gator Cup: Spectator and participant survey*. Submitted to the Gainesville Sports Commission.

Kaplanidou, K, **Wegner, C.**, Cho, I. (2018). *Final Report: 2018 FHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships*. Submitted to the Gainesville Sports Commission.

Book Chapters

Peterson, B., & **Wegner, C.** (2023). Fighting on Twitter: How Online Trolling Affects Offline Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Motorsport. In Naess, H.E. & Chadwick, S., Eds. *The Future of Motorsports: Business, Politics and Society*, 122.

Jones, G. J., **Wegner, C.E.**, Nols, Z., & Tjønnndal, A. (2022). Intraorganizational factors associated with social entrepreneurship and social innovation in SDP organizations. In P. G. Svensson, M. McSweeney, L. Hayhurst, and P. Safai (Eds.) *Social innovation, entrepreneurship, and sport for development and peace*. New York: Routledge.

FUNDED RESEARCH

- (Co-I) Translational Research Institute for Space Health. B-SURE: Boosting Spaceflight Underrepresented Researcher Equity; July, 2022-Sept. 2023 (\$450,000).
- (PI) Aces in Motion Contract. Aces in Motion Program Evaluation; renewed yearly Fall, 2021-2024 (\$5,000 annually)
- (PI) Children’s Trust of Alachua County (CTAC) Contract. Alachua County Summer Needs Assessment; October, 2020. (\$50,000)
- (PI) United Way of North Central Florida Contact. Establishing foundations for a system-wide

youth development; May, 2020. (\$10,000)

- (PI) United States Tennis Association Foundation (USTAF) Contract. Chapter Evaluation Phase II. March, 2019. (\$24,512)
- (PI) United States Tennis Association Foundation (USTAF) Contract. National Junior Tennis and Learning Chapter (NJTL) Chapter Evaluation; June, 2018. (\$16,013)
- (Co-PI) Gainesville Sports Commission Contract. Sport Event Tourists in Alachua County: Evaluation of Spending patterns; May, 2017. (\$5,384.40)
- (PI) North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM) Doctoral Research Grant. The Importance of Group Dynamics in Volunteer Sport Organizations; May, 2015. (\$1,100)
- (PI) Diversity in Sport and Physical Activity Grant. The Creation of a Collective Identity through a National Runner Club for Black Women; September, 2013. (\$1,000)
- (PI) Young Scholars Seed Funding, Temple University. Black Girls Run: An Examination of a Non-Profit's Influence on Black Women's Running Participation; November, 2012. (\$2,500)

UNFUNDED RESEARCH

- (Co-I) Translational Research Institute for Space Health. FINISH: Fostering Innovation through New Investigators to Space Health; February, 2024 (\$500,000).
 - (Co-I) Department of State IDEAS Program: Voyage to Argentina. December, 2023 (\$35,000).
 - (Co-PI) The Center for Sport Leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University. Baseball for Social Justice in South Africa and the US; April, 2023 (\$120,640)
 - (Co-PI) UF 2018 Research Opportunity Seed Fund. Gators in Motion: A Sport-Based Youth Development Program for Personal and Physical Development, Community Engagement and Prevention of Youth Risk Behaviors and Violence; April, 2018 (\$98,848)
 - (Co-PI) UF-City of Gainesville Research Awards. Gators in Motion: Creating Positive Youth Development and Community Trust through Sport; March, 2017 (\$50,000)
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ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 1st Prize, Santander Awards for Internationalization: COIL UCV 2023-2024

- Exemplary Online Teaching Award: Inclusive Teaching Strategies, 2023
 - NASSM Research Fellow, 2023
 - NASSM Student Research Award, 2014
 - Best Student Abstract, Leisure Research Symposium, 2014
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RELEVANT SERVICE

- Associate Chair, Department of Sport Management, 2024-present
 - Director, Institute for Coaching Excellence, Department of Sport Management, 2023-present
 - UF Title IX in Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Member, 2022-2025
 - UF Recreational Sports Board, Member, 2022-present
 - NASSM Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member, 2022-2024
 - NASSM Diversity and Inclusion Co-chair, 2024-2026
 - Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Councilmember, University of Florida, 2020-2023
 - Ph.D. Program Coordinator, University of Florida, 2021-2023
 - First Generation Advocate, University of Florida, 2018-present
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TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Program Director/Faculty Lead

UF in Japan: Japanese Sport and Culture. Four-week six-credit Summer Study Abroad Program at the University of Florida.

SPM 3013: International Sport Management

SPM 4905: Japanese Cultural Sport Systems

Instructor of Record

SPM 3025 Diversity and Inclusion in Sport. Online and in person Undergraduate Elective. Fall, 2022-2023. University of Florida

SPM 3012 Sport and Society. Online Undergraduate Writing Class (6000 words). Fall, 2020-present. University of Florida

SPM 4940 Internship. Undergraduate requirement. Fall, 2020-present. University of Florida

SPM 5936 Sport Management Theories. Ph.D. Required Seminar. Spring, 2020-2023

SPM 6905 Nonprofit Management in Sport. Online Graduate Elective. Summer, 2018-

present. University of Florida.

- HLP 6535** **Research Methods in Sport Management.** Graduate Required Course. Fall, 2020, Spring, 2021. University of Florida
- LEI 4880** **Research Methods in Tourism, Recreation, and Sport Management.** Undergraduate Required Course. Fall, 2017. University of Florida
- SPM 6905** **Sociology of Organizations.** Ph.D. Elective Seminar. Spring, 2017, 2019. University of Florida
- SPM 6158** **Management and Leadership in Sport.** Graduate Required Course. Fall, 2016-present
- STHM 2211** **Organizational Strategy in Sport and Recreation.** Undergraduate Required Course. Fall, 2015. Temple University.
- STHM 1211** **Sport and Society.** Undergraduate Core Course. Fall, 2014. Temple University.
- STHM 3185** **Internship I.** Junior Internship. Spring, 2012. Temple University

Program and Course Development

- UF in Argentina: Global Sport Leaders.** One-week one-credit Spring Study Abroad Program at the University of Florida.
- UF in Japan: Japanese Sport and Culture.** Four-week Summer Study Abroad Program at the University of Florida.
- SPM 4905** **Japanese Cultural Sport Systems.** Three-credit course developed as part of the UF in Japan Study Abroad Program.
- SPM 3025** **Diversity and Inclusion in Sport.** Developed online undergraduate elective.
- SPM 5518** **Nonprofit Management in Sport.** Online Graduate Elective. University of Florida.

Invited Lectures

- HSC 4950** **Physical Activity and Community Health.** Undergraduate Course: “Reducing Disparities Through Sport.” Fall, 2020, Spring, 2021, Fall, 2021. University of Florida.
- GMS 6833** **Health Outcomes and Policy in Vulnerable Populations.** Graduate Course: “Reducing Disparities Through Sport.” Spring, 2017, 2018, 2019. University of Florida.
- BHAN 609** **Survey Research Methods.** Masters Course: “Surveys in the Real World.” Fall,

2015; Fall, 2020. University of Delaware (Department of Public Health)

Other Training

UF Passport to Great Teaching Global Teaching and Learning Certificate, earned Summer, 2024

UF Study Abroad Leadership Program, Spring, 2024

Semester-long course designed to train faculty to lead a study-abroad program

UF Virtual Exchange Training, Fall, 2023

A six-week course designed to help faculty build a virtual exchange program in their courses. Built a virtual exchange project that was executed in SPM 3012 in the Spring of 2024

Fox School of Business Teaching Academy. Summer, 2015

Doctoral certification course designed to build effective teaching skills through organization and delivery of courses.

Teaching Publication

Cintron, A. M., & Wegner, C. E., (2021). Bringing football back to campus: A case study on campus expansion and community pushback. In *SAGE Business Cases*. SAGE Publications, Ltd., <https://www.doi.org/10.4135/9781529764444>

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Temple University Sport Industry Research Center, Philadelphia, PA: Aug 2011 to Jul 2016

Managed the following projects:

- Students Run Philly Style (after-school running program) evaluation
- Black Girls Run! (BGR!; national running organization) membership analysis
- Sole Train (after-school running program) evaluation
- Women Bike PHL membership analysis
- CrossFit membership analysis

Assisted with data collection and report generation on the following additional commissioned industry reports:

- National Dog Show Event Analysis, 2013; 2014
- Philadelphia Food Fest Event Analysis, 2014
- Miami Marathon Event Analysis, 2012-2014
- Philadelphia Marathon Event Analysis, 2012-2014

Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET), Nagasaki, Japan: Aug 2007 – Aug 2011

- Sports Exchange Advisor (SEA)
- SEA and Non-Native English Speakers Representative for the National Association for Japan Exchange and Teaching (NAJET)

Vassar College Athletics, Poughkeepsie, NY: Aug 2005 – Jul 2007

- Assistant Women's Basketball Coach
- Equipment Manager

New York City Department of Education, Brooklyn, NY: Sep 2003 – Aug 2005

- Second Grade Teacher (New York State Permanent Certification, K-6)

After School Basketball Program at Public School 159, Brooklyn, NY: Feb 2004 – Jun 2005

- Founder and Director

Vassar Ford Scholars Program, Poughkeepsie, NY: Summer 2002

- Research Assistant for Dr. Eve D'Ambra (author) for *Roman Women (Cambridge Introduction to Roman Civilization)*, (Cambridge University Press, 2006)