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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Kinesiology
Specialization in Sport Management

M.S., Education
Specialization in Sport Administration

B.S., Physical Education
Specialization in Sport Management

Fort Hays State University
2001

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Utah State University, Logan, UT August 2020 – Present

Assistant Professor – Sport Management

Minor in Business Administration

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY August 2017 – July 2020

Assistant Professor – Sport Management

Ohio State University, Columbus, OH August 2014 – May 2017

Graduate Teaching Associate – Sport Industry

Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO August 2011 – June 2014

Assistant Athletic Director – Marketing

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL August 2003 – July 2011

Assistant Athletic Director – Event Management

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS August 2002 – July 2003

Facilities and Event Coordinator

FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor Utah State University 2020-present

Assist with administration of Sport Management master's program

Advise students

Review applications

Assist with curriculum design

Teach online courses for the Sport Management master's program

Sport Marketing

Sport Events and Facility Management

Financial Management of Sport

Sport Development and Sales

Intercollegiate Athletics Administration

Serve as a member of Faculty Senate

Serve as a member of Athletics Council

Advise the president on matters related to intercollegiate athletics

Helped launch the new Sport Management master's degree program

Assisted with creation of marketing materials

Advise on curriculum

Assistant Professor Ithaca College 2017-2020

Taught both in-person and online courses in the School of Business.

Introduction to Sport Management

Introduction to Business

Policy and Governance in Sport Organizations

College Sport

Sport Analytics

Facilities and Event Management

Served on department, school, and college-wide committees.

2019-2020	Faculty Council
2019-2020	General Education Revision Task Force
2018-2020	Co-chair - College-wide Curriculum Review Committee
2018-2020	Academic Calendar Committee
2018-2019	General Education Review Committee
2018-2019	Humanities and Sciences Dean Search Committee

Conducted and presented research.

Identified and analyzed relevant data to address problems or questions Interpreted results of data analysis

Communicated implications of data analysis results

Advised approximately 35 undergraduate students.

Assisted students with navigating the curriculum

Aided in professional pursuits

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Associate Ohio State University

2015-2016

Taught undergraduate, sport industry classes averaging 34 students. Classes consisted of mostly junior and senior sport industry majors. Responsible for developing the courses, assessing student outcomes, giving lectures, writing exams and quizzes, overseeing group projects, and recruiting guest speakers.

Assisted with graduate class housed in the Fisher College of Business and taught by the director of athletics. Helped facilitate guest speakers, write exams, and manage online content.

Courses taught:

College Sport
Leadership & Programming in the Sport Industry
Sport Marketing

Teaching Assistant

2016 (Fall)	Business of College Sports (BUSMHR 7605) Ohio State University
2015 (Fall)	Business of College Sports (BUSMHR 7605) Ohio State University

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My research interests include: 1) organizational effectiveness in intercollegiate athletics, 2) stakeholder theory through the lens of intercollegiate athletics, and 3) crisis communication as it relates to college and professional teams.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Levine, J. F., Hanna, C., & **Morton, J. T.** (2022) Legal considerations of COVID-19 on the future of study abroad programs in sport management. *Quinnipiac Law Review, 40*(2), 289-325.

Morton, J. T. & Hanna, C. (2021). Organizational effectiveness measures and their relationship to donor contributions. *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*, 15(1).

Hanna, C., & Morton, J. T. (2021). Unfinished Legacy: Kobe Bryant and His Support of Women's Basketball. *Journal of African American Studies*, *25*(2), 312-323.

Hanna, C., Thompson, R., & **Morton, J.T.** (2020). Houston college sport programs' Hurricane Harvey communication: A Twitter content analysis. *Journal of Emerging Sport Studies*.

Morton, J. T. & Pastore, D. L. (2020). Forecasting issues in NCAA division I FBS athletics. *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*. *14(1)*, 1-15.

Pastore, D. L., Dahlin, S., & **Morton, J. T.** (2019). Sport management faculty perspectives on mid-career mentoring and professional development. *Physical Educator*. *76*(4), 1102-1127.

Morton, J. T. (2019). College choice factors and organizational effectiveness in intercollegiate athletics. *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*, *13*(3), 185-194.

Hanna, C. & Morton, J. T. (2019). Urban Meyer Needs an Image Repair Coach. *Journal of Global Sport Management*. DOI: 10.1080/24704067.2019.1604076

Morton, J. T. & Pastore, D. L. (2019). An examination of the present and predictions for the future of intercollegiate athletics. *Journal of Higher Education Athletics & Innovation*, 1(5), 48-81.

Morton, J. T. (2017). Impact of student fees on winning in the NCAA. *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*, 11(2), 73-82.

Manuscripts Under Revision

Hanna, C., Thompson, R., & **Morton, J.T.** (under revision). You know the words: A content analysis of college fight songs. Submitted to *Journal of Emerging Sport Studies*.

Manuscripts Under Review

Morton, J. T., Levine, J. F., & Hanna, C. (under review) Sport Management Study Abroad and International Exchange Program Innovation for a Post COVID-19 Era. *International Journal of Business in Sports, Tourism & Hospitality Management*.

Manuscripts In Progress

Morton, J. T., Trauntvein, N., & Peterson, T. (in progress). The state of accreditation and assessment in Sport Management programs in the United States. Targeting the *Sport Management Education Journal*.

Morton, J. T., Hanna, C. & Jensen, J. (in progress) An examination of coaching hires in the National Football League. Targeting the *Journal of Applied Sport Management*.

Book Reviews

Morton, James T., (2021). The Myth of the Amateur: A History of College Athletic Scholarships. *Journal of Sport Management*.

Morton, J. T. (2018). Book Review: Invisible Seasons: Title IX and the Fight for Equity in College Sports. *Journal of Sport Management*, *32*(3), 314.

Morton, J. T. (2017). Book Review: Unwinding Madness: What Went Wrong With College Sports and How to Fix It. *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*, 10, xiv-xvi.

Morton, J. T. (2016). Book Review: Leadership in Sport. *International Journal of Sport Communication*, *9*(2), 244-246.

Scholarly Presentations

Hanna, C., & **Morton, J. T.** (2019). Urban Meyer Needs an Image Repair Coach. Presented at the 2019 annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, New Orleans, LA.

Hanna, C., & **Morton, J. T.** (2019). We Sing to Thee: A Content Analysis of College Alma Maters. Presented at the 2019 annual conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Columbia, SC.

Hanna, C., & **Morton, J. T.** (2019). You Know the Words: A Content Analysis of College Fight Songs. Presented at the 2019 annual conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Columbia, SC.

Morton, J. T. (2018). An examination of the present and predictions for the future of intercollegiate athletics. Presented at the 2018 annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Morton, J. T. (2018). Impact of Prior Practical Experience on Sport Management Professors' Research and Teaching. Presented at the 2018 annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Morton, J. T. (2018). Forecasting issues in NCAA Division I FBS Athletics. Presented at the 2018 annual conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Columbia, SC.

Hanna, C., Thompson, R., & **Morton, J.T.** (2018). How Houston handled Harvey: An analysis of Houston college sport team tweets. Presented at the 2018 annual conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Columbia, SC.

Hanna, C., Thompson, R., & **Morton, J.T.** (2018). How Houston handled Harvey: An analysis of Houston professional sport team tweets. Presented at the 2018 annual conference for the International Association for Communication and Sport, Bloomington, IN.

Pastore, D. L., Dahlin, S., & **Morton, J. T.** (2016). Sport management faculty perspectives on mid-career mentoring and professional development. Presented at the 2016 annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Orlando, FL.

Morton, J. T. (2016). College choice factors and organizational effectiveness in intercollegiate athletics. Presented at the 2016 annual conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Columbia, SC.

Morton, J. T. (2016). Structural design and organizational effectiveness in intercollegiate athletics. Presented at the 2016 annual conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Columbia, SC.

Morton, J. T. (2015). Benefits of successful athletics in higher education. Presented at the 2015 annual conference for the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Sandusky, OH.

Fraina, M., & **Morton, J. T.** (2015). Mentoring of minority and female student-athletes. Presented at the 2015 annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Ottawa, Canada.

Morton, J. T. (2015). The impact of student fees on winning in the NCAA. Presented at the 2015 annual conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Columbia, SC.

Morton, J. T. (2015). NCAA governance and student-athlete salience. Presented at the 2015 annual Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology Research Forum, Columbus, OH.

Invited Guest Lecturer

Morton, J. T. (2016, November). Football game day operations. Event Management (SPM 310). Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, OH.

Morton, J. T. (2016, September). Delphi technique in sport management research. Graduate Research Methods and Design (SPM 530). Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, OH.

Morton, J. T. (2016, September). Organizational diversity and leadership. Organization and Management of Sport (SMGT 3800). Otterbein University, Westerville, OH.

Morton, J. T. (2016, September). Organizational change in intercollegiate athletics. Introduction to Sport Management (SPM 110). Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, OH.

Morton, J. T. (2016, September). Leadership and diversity. Under the Lights: Diversity in Sports Series. Otterbein University, Westerville, OH.

Morton, J. T. (2015, October). Leadership in sport. Organization and Management of Sport (SMGT 3800). Otterbein University, Westerville, OH.

Morton, J. T. (2015, October). Intercollegiate athletics events and facilities. Introduction to Sport Management (BUS 360). Capital University, Columbus, OH.

Morton, J. T. (2015, February). Differences in leadership for intercollegiate coaches and administrators. Coaching and Sport Leadership Development (HHK 100.1). Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH.

Guest Reviewer

2020	International Journal of Sport Management
2019	International Journal of Sport Management

2018	Event Management
2018	Journal of Intercollegiate Sport
2017	Journal of Intercollegiate Sport
2017	Event Management
2017	International Journal of Sport Management
2016	Ohio State University EHE Undergraduate Scholarship Essays
2015	Journal of Sport
2015	Ohio State University Denman Undergraduate Research Forum

Academic Awards

2017	Selected to participate in the Early Career Excellence Institute, Ithaca College
2016	J. Parker and Kathryn Webb Dinius Fellowship, Ohio State University
2015	Bell Fellowship, Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male,
	Ohio State University
2015	Doris M. and Clifford A Risley Scholarship, Ohio State University
2014	Graduate Enrichment Fellowship, Human Sciences, Ohio State University
2014	Kennedy HEC Scholarship, Kennedy Endowment, Ohio State University
2014	Oberteuffer Scholarship, Oberteuffer Fund, Ohio State University

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Assistant Athletic Director

United States Air Force Academy

2011-2014

- Coordinated with internal/external stakeholders to direct personnel and marketing operations for athletic department with 27 athletic teams to generate revenue in a saturated market
- ◆ Increased football season ticket sales 47% and brought in an all-time high in football ticket revenue
- ♦ Set the season ticket sales and revenue record for hockey
- ♦ Doubled the revenue generated from special interest group enrollments by increasing membership by over 3000
- ♦ Increased brand awareness utilizing collaborative skills to engage a broad representation of the local community
- ◆ Prepared and executed an approximately \$500,000 marketing budget

Assistant Athletic Director

University of Illinois

2005-2011

- ♦ Directed all aspects of event operations for over 150 events annually
- Project coordinator for over \$6 million worth of construction and renovations
- Assisted in the development of the strategic plan for the athletic department
- ♦ Developed and managed \$2 million event operations budget
- ♦ Hired, trained, assigned, evaluated, and developed full time personnel
- Worked with coaches regularly to schedule facilities for competitions and practices
- Negotiated contracts with local and state organizations to use athletic facilities

Event Coordinator

University of Illinois

2003-2005

♦ Managed game day operations for softball, swimming & diving, women's golf

- ♦ Assisted with game management of football, men's and women's basketball
- ♦ Aided in the administration of championship events for various sports
- ♦ Supervised game day event staff
- ♦ Coordinated student-athlete community service program
- ♦ Managed kids club program

Event Manager University of Kansas 2002-2003

- Game day operations manager for baseball, soccer, and volleyball
- Assistant game operations manager for football and men's and women's basketball
- Aided in the planning and management of all athletic events hosted in KU facilities
- ♦ Assisted associate director of facilities with day to day facility operations needs
- Planned, organized, and distributed all event management information

Associations

North American Society for Sport Management	2014-present
Emerging Leaders Development Program – Black Advisory Council	2012-2014
National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators	2011-2014
National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics	2003-2014
Collegiate Event and Facility Managers Association	2005-2011
National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security training	2008

Activities

Fort Hays State University Football Team

1997-2000

Varsity letter and scholarship award winner
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Conference academic team
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Conference football team