



Webinar Series – Critical Issues in Collegiate Athletics
***How will the Evolving Landscape of College Athletics Affect
the USA Olympic Sports Development System?***

Thursday, October 17, 2024 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST

MEET OUR PANELISTS



DAVID WELCH SUGGS, JR., Ph.D. —Moderator, Associate Director, Carmical Sports Media Institute, University of Georgia. Dr. Suggs is a former journalist, policy advocate, and university administrator. He reported for Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal and The Chronicle of Higher Education and also served as associate director for the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and assistant to UGA president Michael F. Adams. He joined the journalism faculty at Georgia in 2011 and is the author of *A Place on the Team: The Triumph and Tragedy of Title IX*. His current research agenda includes college sports policy and how students (and athletes) acquire soft skills in higher education. He can be found on most social media platforms as @welchsuggs.



JOEY LYNNE CATERINICHIO, Nordic Ski Coach, former Nordic Manager, U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA). Caterinichio is a long-time committed leader of both her local ski community in Alaska and American skiing nationally as a racer, coach and sport developer. She is a member of the National Nordic Foundation Board of Directors, former President of the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage. 2020-2021 Al Merrill Nordic Award winner, which annually and nationally recognizes an individual or group involved with any aspect of Nordic skiing who demonstrates an exceptional level of commitment, leadership, and devotion to excellence



RUSSELL DINKINS, Executive Director, Tracksmith Foundation. Dinkins is a **national track and field advocate and movement leader.** In 2020 and 2021, Dinkins helped [save four Division I track and field programs](#) by leveraging media and historic applications of Title IX and other legal strategies to see the reinstatement of over 200 athletic opportunities. As a lifelong runner and participant in the sport from youth to the collegiate and pro levels, Dinkins knows first-hand how track and field can provide life-changing educational opportunities. His work strives to ensure that these educational pathways are maintained and continue to benefit racially and socioeconomically diverse populations.



MEG HANCOCK, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Health and Sport Sciences, University of Louisville. Dr. Hancock teaches courses in sports management and leadership, intercollegiate athletics, and social issues in sport. Most recently, she has been interviewed on the importance of college sports to the Olympic Games and USA national teams, the past and future relevance of Olympic Training Centers, and building sustainable funding sources for the Olympic pipeline. Her research areas include gender and diversity in sport organizations, the athlete experience in college sport, and sport and social change. Dr. Hancock's journal publications have included topics such as a global assessment of sport for development programs for girls and women, tackling bias in sport, athlete activism, and career experiences of intercollegiate athletic administrators.



DIONNE KOLLER, LL.M, J.D., Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Sport and the Law, University of Baltimore. Koller's scholarly focus is sports law, particularly in the areas of youth, Olympic and Paralympic, and education-based sports, and she is a frequent media commentator and consultant to state and federal legislatures on issues related to sports and the law. In 2021, Koller was appointed by Sen. Maria Cantwell to co-chair the Commission on the State of U.S. Olympic and Paralympics. She also has served as chair and as a member of the executive board for the Sports Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), is a member of the United States Anti-Doping Agency's Administrative Review Panel, and she is on the editorial board for the International Sports Law Journal.



B. DAVID RIDPATH, Ed.D., Professor of Sports Business, Ohio University College of Business. Dr. Ridpath's primary research areas include intercollegiate athletics administration, governance, rules compliance, college athlete academic achievement and graduation rates. Publications focus on the ethics and components of the NCAA legislative, enforcement, and governance process and the intersection of educationally-based sport development and delivery in the US with other developmental programs throughout the world. Dr. Ridpath is the author of *Tainted Glory: Marshal University, the NCAA, and One Man's Fight for Justice* and *Alternative Models of Sport Development in America: Solutions to a Crisis in Education and Public Health*. An accomplished scholar, he has over 70 national and international refereed presentations and 30 peer reviewed and edited academic articles in print.