

Cultural Contexts and “Sporting Bodies”: a reflection on DePauw 1997

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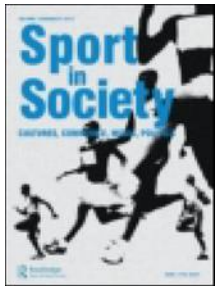
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Anthropological Approach

“The purpose of anthropology is to make the world safe for human difference”



Sport in Society

Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics

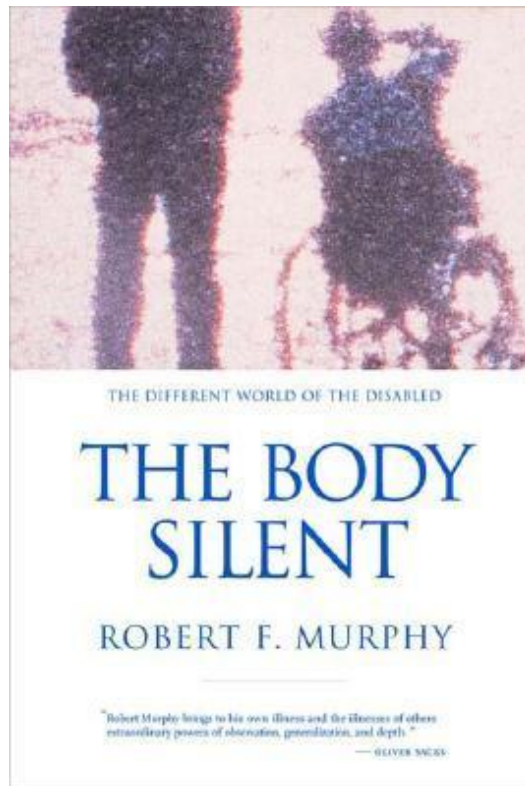
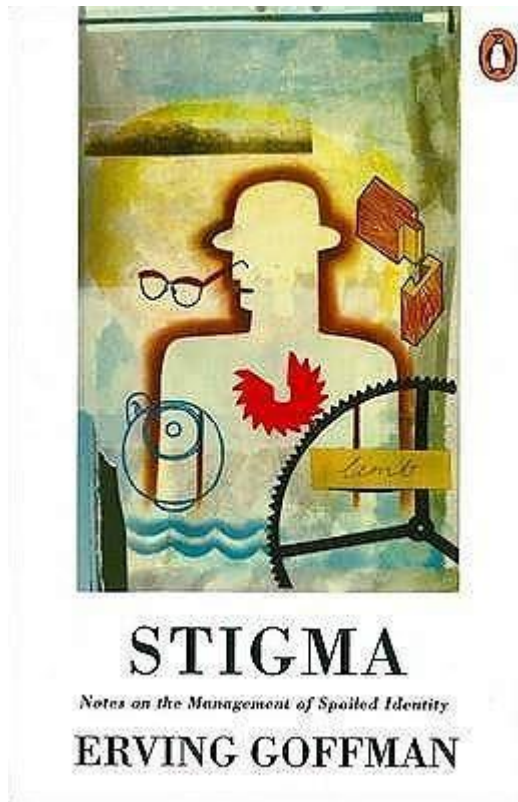
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Athlete, anthropologist and advocate: moving towards a lifeworld where difference is celebrated

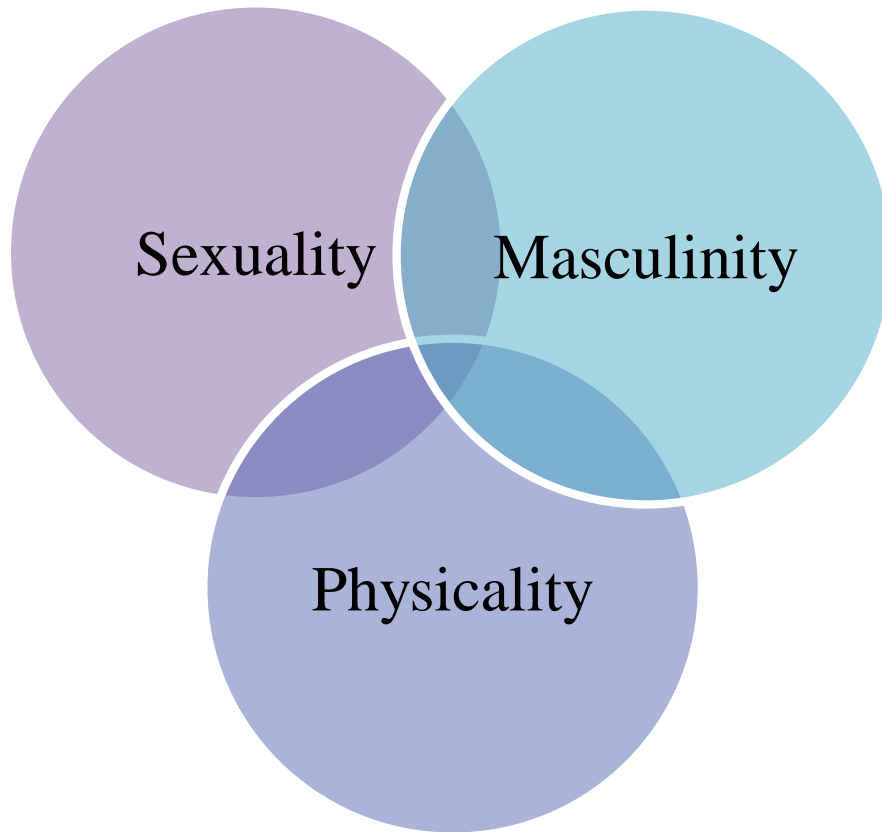
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Foundational Thinking



A Framework for Marginality in Sport

(DePauw 1997: 22)



- The start of investigations into embodied (dis)ability sport
- It has allowed me throughout my career to focus on issues related to social justice within parasport

An agenda for Social Justice

- Social Justice – conceptualisation of a society where justice is achieved in practice as well within the confines of legislation and policy development.
 - Marginal people are often stigmatized in part because of multiple discrimination and human rights violations
- In political philosophy it is often assumed that, suitably informed, we can overcome epistemic gaps through the exercise of moral imagination.

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Who's In and Who Is Out? Legitimate Bodies Within the Paralympic Games

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This paper explores issues surrounding the inclusion of impaired bodies within the Paralympic Games. To achieve this aim we use empirical data gathered from semistructured interviews held with a range of Paralympic stakeholders. The back-

The Ableism and Pistorius Factor

Ableism – The practices and dominant attitudes in society that devalue and limit the potential of persons with disabilities. A set of practices and beliefs that assign inferior value (worth) to people who have developmental, emotional, physical or psychiatric disabilities.

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- Unilateral is better than bilateral

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CHALLENGING 'NORMALCY': POSSIBILITIES AND PITFALLS OF PARALYMPIC BODIES

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The Social Empowerment of Difference

The Potential Influence of Para sport

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Summary

- DePauw's legacy
 - Robust critiques of (dis) ability sport
 - Increased focus on marginalised bodies
 - A 'call to arms' that social scientist working in this field need to ask tough questions of the Paralympic movement



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