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FOR
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2020 CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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Welcome and Information

Welcome to our FIRST ever CSKLS virtual conference hosted by California Baptist University!

The Christian Society for Kinesiology, Leisure, and Sport Studies (CSKLS) is an international community of Christian scholars and professionals committed to excellence in kinesiology, leisure, and sport through faith integration, professional development, mentoring, and fellowship.

For over 30 years, CSKLS has annually offered an outstanding array of keynote speakers, professional development workshops, uplifting worship experiences, and professional presentations given by its members and friends and we are certain that this years' conference will provide all of that in this unique format!

This year, we, like all of you, have had to make adjustments in the way we do life. Our board of directors has worked for months to plan this special virtual conference that will hopefully help our members connect and introduce our organization to those who are joining us for the first time. We invite you to go to our website at cskls.org and learn more about our organization, our history, our journal, our wealth of resources, and how to become a member or be more involved in this special group of people. We invite you to use the conference proceedings to further your involvement in this important professional organization.

Wayne Jacobs
CSKLS President

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CSKLS Mission Statement

CSKLS is an international community of Christian scholars and professionals committed to excellence in kinesiology, leisure, and sport through faith-integration, professional development, mentoring, and fellowship.

The Four Pillars of CSKLS

Faith integration
Professional development
Mentoring
Fellowship



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Conference Schedule

***** All times are Central Daylight Time. *****

Monday, June 8

7:00pm Social Hour ([Zoom Room](#))

Tuesday, June 9

9:00am Praise Workout ([Conference Ballroom](#))

9:45am Break

10:00am Welcome ([Conference Ballroom](#))

10:15am Devotional & Worship ([Conference Ballroom](#))

10:50am Break

11:00am Presentation block I: Christian Perspectives

→ *When in Rome ...* ([Davis Room](#))

→ *Success or failure? ...* ([Conference Ballroom](#))

11:50pm Lunch Break

12:10pm Keynote: Kevin Johnson ([Conference Ballroom](#))

1:00pm Break

1:10pm Presentation block II: Christian Interactions

→ *Examining ...* ([Miller Room](#))

→ *Take them to church ...* ([Davis Room](#))

→ *Tribeology ...* ([Conference Ballroom](#))

2:00pm Break

2:10pm Annual business meeting ([Conference Ballroom](#))

3:00pm Closing of 2020 Virtual Conference

Link to Rooms

Zoom Room - <https://endicott.zoom.us/j/9782322883>

Conference Ballroom – <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/morourke>

Miller Room – <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/amiller>

Davis Room – <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/tdavis>



Presentation Schedule

PRESENTATION SESSION I: 11-11:50PM (CDT)
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND SPORT

When in Rome: Examining faith branding in contemporary higher education

Jason W. Lee, University of North Florida, Mark L. Howard, Berry College, & Heath Hooper, Shorter University

Moderator: Matthew Ruiz, Lipscomb University

→ Room: [Davis Room](#) or <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/tdavis>

Success or failure? A look at a private-Christian university's move from the NAIA to NCAA Division II

Gary Johnson, Union University & Matt Brunet, Union University

Moderator: Jordan Schools, Johnson University

→ Room: [Conference Ballroom](#) or <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/morourke>

PRESENTATION SESSION II: 1:10-2:00PM (CDT)
CHRISTIAN INTERACTIONS IN KINESIOLOGY, LEISURE, AND SPORT STUDIES

Examining the training of volunteer youth sport coaches in church-based youth sport leagues

Chad Payn, Oklahoma Baptist University

Moderator: Lisa Freisen, California Baptist University

→ Room: [Miller Room](#) or <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/amiller>

Take them to church: Sport branding and faith integration

Jason W. Lee, University of North Florida & Laci McRee, East Texas Baptist University

Moderator: Matt Hoven, University of Alberta

→ Room: [Davis Room](#) or <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/tdavis>

Tribeology workshop

Karla Medina, Master Trainer of Sudar Tiano Group Fitness, State Training Officer for the Connecticut Police Academy

Moderator: Jordan Schools, Johnson University

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Presentation Abstracts

When in Rome: Examining faith branding in contemporary higher education

Jason W. Lee

University of North Florida

Mark L. Howard

Berry College

Heath Hooper

Shorter University

Perceptions of higher education institutions serve as a “principal aspect in building the brand image of the respective institution” (Lee, Miloch, Kraft, & Tatum, 2008, p.178), and as such, schools are to be cognizant of the messages that they convey and how stakeholders view them. This is particularly important for Christian higher education institutions as they seek to convey compelling messages that resonate with desired audiences while testifying to the mission and values of the institution (i.e., conveying messages of Christian ethos and adherence to tenants of Christian faith). Using case study methodology, branding considerations at two Christian-based higher education institutions will be presented through detailing the application and integration of Christian faith in higher education. The profiled institutions were strategically selected as they are located in the same geographic area in the Southeastern United States, while still demonstrating points of distinction associated with the respective academic brands—including the application if academic program marketing and intercollegiate branding considerations. Points of distinction include messages conveyed through brand communication strategies pertaining to institutional identification and Christian identification. Such points of comparison are significant as the schools operate in a competitive market as they vie for students, resources, and reputation.

Faith-based institutions, including their relevant academic and intercollegiate athletic programs, can benefit from strategic branding and image enhancement practices and those tasked with branding implementation need to be mindful of the various challenges that exist. While institutions are able to implement practices reflecting sound brand management implementation, some are hampered by ineffective branding initiatives that lack congruence and uniformity generate complications that hinder institutional marketing efforts and differentiation strategies while affecting the overall strategic vision of the school (DiGisi, 2004; Lee & McRee, 2019). Such principles will be examined through an open forum for discourse for faith-based institutional considerations and strategies.

→ Room: *Davis Room* or <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/tdavis>



Success or failure? A Look at a private-Christian university's move from the NAIA to NCAA Division II

Gary Johnson
Union University

Matt Brunet
Union University

From the early 2000's to present, multiple private-Christian universities have chosen to move from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Many of those schools have chosen NCAA Division II based on size and fit. Union University began the move in 2011-2012 and were approved for membership by the NCAA D2 membership committee in the summer of 2014. Union became members of the GulfSouth Conference, composed of schools from Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. The researchers for this presentation will look at the athletic performance of the athletic programs at Union University in the 5 years (2006-2011) prior to moving and compare that to the athletic performance of the same programs during the first 5 years (2014-2019) of NCAA membership. They will also report statistics related to enrollment, budget, and coaching turnover.

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*Examining the training of volunteer youth sport coaches in church-based
youth sport leagues*

Chad Payn

Oklahoma Baptist University

Church-based youth sports ministries offer youth sports to the community with the mission to share a faith message. The purpose of this study was to understand faith-based youth sports leaders' volunteer coach training methods and attitudes. Positive youth development (PYD) is intentionally using sports skills and lessons to teach productive life skills. Research demonstrates the importance of intentional coach training to promote PYD. An online survey was created using QuestionPro and received via email by 291 sports ministers in the United States. The survey internet link was available for three weeks and 32 sports ministers completed the survey resulting in an 11% response rate. Descriptive statistics was used to analyze the results using frequencies and percentages. Qualitative research was used on an open-ended question to find common themes in challenges sports ministers face in coach training. Results demonstrate the majority of sports ministers intentionally train volunteer youth sport coaches by requiring training with follow-up accountability. Results are further demonstrated in the amount of time each coach spends in formal and informal training. The content taught at coach training frequently reflects professional knowledge/skills and intrapersonal knowledge/skills. However, when comparing to previous research, more content should focus on interpersonal knowledge/skills, legal responsibilities, and risk management. Coach training is primarily taught with a hybrid of classroom and online formats. A mixture of content resources is used from publishers and churches that create their own materials.

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Take them to church: Sport branding and faith integration

Jason W. Lee

University of North Florida

Laci McRee

East Texas Baptist University

Through the use of parallelism, the application of components of Christian faith and sport branding will be presented in a conceptual form that illustrates key academic components associated with sport marketing pedagogy and identifying strategies for faith integration. Utilizing the rhetorical device of parallelism, the examination of elements of the Christian worldview as applied to the academic context of sport marketing, and more specifically the key concepts of sport branding, session attendees will be presented a guide for appreciation, understanding, and application.

A model will be presented demonstrating how Christian educators, students, and practitioners can illustrate and implement impactful Christian practices through the study and application of sport marketing and branding principles. By presenting the conceptual brand communication model that examines branding "tent poles" consisting of *Identity, Image, Ethos, Stewardship, Evangelism, and Transformation*. Each of these tent poles will be detailed in a manner that juxtaposes the broader construct defining the commonality associated with the Christian worldview through the alliteration of the notion of themes illuminate in the bible. In this sense, the model will be presented in a format that foundational knowledge of sport branding application when applied to a Christian context, individuals can resonate with connection points based on foundational Christian knowledge and understanding. Application strategies will be provided illustrating how the provided framework can be implemented for faith-based universities, churches, church-based groups, church-based sports programs, and parachurch organizations. A specific application involving defining one's "personal brand" and incorporating it with integration to the "Great Commission" will be detailed in the session. Additionally, this professional session is to provide an open forum for the discussion of relevant practices, strategies, and future considerations associated with this conceptualization.

→ Room: [Davis Room](#) or <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/tdavis>



*Tribeology workshop***Karla Medina***Sudor Taino Group Fitness*

In the biblical times, there were 12 tribes that all moved and thought differently. Learn to explore your tribe on a spiritual, mental and physical level to help find what moves them individually and collectively in a way that God is calling you to do. Learn to fuse together different exercise genres, techniques and methods for one on one training, group classes, workshops or presentations. Explore your unique flow, transitions and progression strategies that are not dependent on a set plan, choreography or rule but more of a spirit, mind and body approach to fitness.

→ Room: *Conference Ballroom* or <https://calbaptist.webex.com/meet/morourke>



Keynote Speaker Biography



KEVIN JOHNSON is a former professional motocross, supercross, Arenacross, and freestyle motocross athlete. He competed professionally from 2001-2012. Most of his career was riding for Team Faith Racing Ministries. With the support of Team Faith and their sponsors, Kevin was able to race and perform all over the world. Throughout his career he had many ups and downs. The highlights include winning the Speed and Style event at X Games in 2008, winning 16 Arenacross main events, finishing inside the top 5 in points in 5 consecutive seasons of Arenacross, finishing inside the top 5 in multiple 250 Supercross main events, and winning Canadian Outdoor National events. Along the way, he had some adversity including multiple broken bones, knee issues, dislocations, concussions, and internal injuries that resulted in surgeries and hospital stays. Through it all, he found his peace and joy not in the sport he participated in, but in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As an athlete, you are only as good as your last event; or so they say. Throughout the highs and lows, Kevin relied on the truth of God's word to light his path and found his self-worth not in his abilities, but in the fact that he is a blood bought child of God. Since racing, Kevin has transitioned into Real Estate. Today he is one of the top Realtors in his Keller Williams office in Spring, Texas, just outside of Houston. He is married with five children, is the Board Chairman of Texas FCA Motocross, and is still involved with Team Faith Racing Ministries as a board member.

Keynote Title: "The Blessings of the Lord through Victory and Defeat"

CSKLS Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 2.10-3.00p (CDT)

Agenda for the 2020 Business Meeting

Extracted from the Policy & Procedures Manual II.E. The president of the Society takes responsibility for this annual meeting held during the annual conference.

- I. Welcome and opening prayer
- II. Administrative Items
 - a. Introduction of the Board of Directors (BOD)
 - b. Approval of the 2019 minutes and 2019-2020 Treasurer's report
 - c. Report on the activities of the BOD during 2019-2020
- III. Recognition of retiring BOD members, new BOD members, and past-presidents
- IV. CSKLS Awards presentation
- V. Board priorities for 2020-2021
- VI. Introduction of the 2021 CSKLS Conference in Nashville, TN, at Lipscomb University.
- VII. Additional Items
 - a. Bylaw changes
 - b. General announcements
- VIII. Closing prayer and adjournment



Minutes from 2019 Annual Business Meeting at Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI



CSKLS Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 25, 2019, 3:37-5:08 p.m. (EDT)

2nd Global Congress on Sport & Christianity (Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI)

Attendees: Wayne Jacobs, Andy Meyer, Steve Waller, Matthew Ruiz, Landon Huffman, Matt Hoven, Monica O'Rourke, Lori Peters, Stan Peters, Jordan Schools, Rob Thomas, Julie Powell, Laci McRee, Zachary Smith, Lauren Beasley, Emily Johnson, Julie Walton, Valerie Gin, Graham Hatcher, Chad Payne, Marc Apkarian, Alyssa Harris, Diane Wiese-Bjornstal, Hal Wilson, Glen Van Andel, Gloria Van Andel, Tom Visker, Dickie Hill, Lorraine Wilson, Vern Wendt, Jens Omli, Grace Zimmerman, Joseph Hwa-suk Oh, Kristen Pickens, Lindsay Edwards, Lori Adams

- I. Welcome and opening prayer led by CSKLS President **Wayne Jacobs**
 - a. Meeting began at approximately 3:37 p.m. (EDT) with introduction of attendees as well as the current CSKLS Board of Directors.
 - b. Wayne recognized first-time and multi-year attendees.
 - c. Attendees were encouraged to join the CSKLS listserv.
- II. Administrative items
 - a. Introduction of Board of Directors
 - I. **Wayne** (President) formally introduced the current CSKLS Board of Directors in attendance including **Andy Meyer** (President-Elect), **Steve Waller** (Past-President), **Matthew Ruiz** (Treasurer), **Landon Huffman** (Secretary), **Monica O'Rourke** (Member At-Large), **Lori Peters** (Member At-Large), **Matt Hoven** (Member At-Large), and **Jordan Schools** (Student Member At-Large).
 - b. CSKLS 2018 Annual Business Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report
 - I. Minutes as submitted by **Andy Meyer** were a motion; **Steve Waller** seconded the motion; no discussion from attendees and minutes were approved.
 - II. **Matthew Ruiz** has assumed the role of Treasurer and manages the day-to-day custodial functions and banking responsibilities.
 - III. The formal Treasurer's report is not yet available (no vote occurred), but the checking account has a balance of approximately \$11,000 and the Gordon-Dahl Fund has approximately \$8,500. These amounts are representative of a typical CSKLS' fiscal year. The CSKLS articles of incorporation will remain in Michigan.
 - c. Report on the Activities of the BOD during 2018-2019
 - I. **Wayne** presented highlights of the past year's BOD activities including new branding initiatives (including a new logo), strategic discussions of the vision of CSKLS for the next 30 years given the transition of leadership and membership, creating a Communication Team which launched social media initiatives and a newsletter, increased mentorship opportunities (more faculty members are needed to serve as mentors!), and migrated the J-CSKLS platform to the University of Tennessee's bpress infrastructure (<https://trace.tennessee.edu/jcskls/>).
- III. Recognition of Retiring BOD Members, Award Winners, New BOD Members and Past-Presidents
 - a. **Wayne** recognized **Trevor Egli**, **Julie Powell**, and **Steve Waller** for their service to the CSKLS BOD having completed their terms of office.
 - b. Award winners included:
 - I. Distinguished Service Award – **Glen Van Andel**
 - II. Literary Award – **Val Gin**



- III. President's Award – **Matthew Ruiz**
- c. This year has been a special year celebrating the 30-year anniversary of CSKLS with a tribute video as well as commemorative coin – we're all appreciative of 30 years of great leadership and stewardship.
- d. Mission and Fellowship were among the strengths and themes of CSKLS' past and present
- e. **Glen Van Andel, Tom Visker, and Dickie Hill** each spoke about the historical and contemporary challenges and opportunities facing CSKLS members. We are encouraged to uphold the pillars of CSKLS, pray continuously, and remain engaged with one another. Themes discussed included the need for cultivation of and an outlet for faith integration, sense of Christian community within higher education and Christian sport participation, and a safe place for young scholars and professionals to be encouraged, share goals and dreams, and embrace the struggle together.
- IV. Board Priorities for 2019-2020
 - a. **Wayne** gave an encouraging word that joy is our strength! We were encouraged to embrace joy and cultivate CSKLS as a fun organization to be engaged with – for students, faculty, scholarship, etc. We seek to build upon the “family reunion” environment of fellowship, supporting, caring, and loving one another in our respective spheres of influence.
 - b. Another theme that emerged was the significance of growing student engagement and effectively building-up the next generation of Christian scholars in kinesiology.
 - c. Refer to Appendix A for a brief SWOT analysis on the current state of CSKLS provided by **Wayne**.
 - d. Refer to Appendix B for a brief history of CSKLS (Lawrence, 2011)
- V. 2020 Conference at Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN)
 - a. **Matthew Ruiz** provided attendees a preview of the 2020 CSKLS Conference hosted at his home institution Lipscomb University. He is excited about hosting a “sequel” at Lipscomb / Nashville and hopes to build upon the success of the 2018 conference. More events are planned to experience downtown Nashville!
 - b. **Andy Meyer** provided an update that the Call for Papers is forthcoming and encouraged presenters at the Global Congress on Sport & Christianity to consider submitting their abstracts for the 2020 CSKLS Conference.
 - c. There is not currently a site for the 2021 CSKLS Conference so consider nominating your institution!
- VI. Additional Items
 - a. **Wayne** announced the establishment of a Student Scholarship to financially support students' engagement with the four pillars of CSKLS. This scholarship is intended to honor our past leaders while investing in our future leaders.
 - b. **Wayne** updated the CSKLS membership about a new marketing and branding kit / box that can be taken to professional conferences to promote CSKLS. Subsequently, the kit can be shipped to other CSKLS members to be utilized at other conferences.
- VII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment
 - a. **Wayne** concluded the meeting with a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:08 p.m. EDT (approximately 91-minute duration).

Respectfully submitted December 18, 2019 [to the Board of Directors],
 Landon Huffman
 Secretary, CSKLS



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+ - term renewed for 2020-2021

* - term ends at the 2020 conference

** - term begins at the 2020 conference

*** - resigning from Board at 2020 conference

++ - beginning one-year term at 2020 conference



Distinguished Service Award Winners

- 2006 – Dr. Glen Van Andel, Calvin College
- 2007 – Dr. Tom Visker, Bethel College
- 2008 – Dr. Bud Williams, Wheaton College
- 2009 – Dr. Paul Heintzman, University of Ottawa
- 2010 – Dr. Dale Connally, Baylor University
- 2011 – Dr. Jim Gustafson, Messiah College
- 2012 – Dr. Valerie Gin, Gordon College
- 2013 – Dr. Margaret Hothem, Gordon College;
– Dr. John Byl, Redeemer University College,
- 2014 – Dr. Dickie Hill, Abilene Christian University
- 2015 – Dr. Don De Graaf, Calvin College
- 2016 – Dr. Marcia Carter, Western Illinois
- 2017 – Cathy O'Keefe, Uni. of South Alabama (retired)
- 2018 – Chris Milner, Westmont College (retired)
- 2019 – Dr. Glen Van Andel, Calvin Uni. (retired)

Literary Award Winners

- 2006 – Dr. John Byl, Redeemer University College
- 2007 – Dr. Paul Heintzman, University of Ottawa,
- 2008 – Dr. Don De Graaf, Calvin College
- 2009 – Dr. Peter Walters, Wheaton College
- 2010 – Dr. Glen Van Andel, Calvin College
- 2011 – Dr. Gervais Deschenes, University du Quebec
a Chicoutimi
- 2012 – Dr. Nick Watson, York St. John
- 2013 – Dr. Melicia C. Whitt-Glover, Gramercy
Research Group
- 2014 – Dr. Karl Johnson, Cornell University
- 2016 – Dr. Hayden Ramsey, Notre Dame, Australia
– Dr. Paul Heintzman, University of Ottawa
- 2017 – Dr. Steven Waller, University of Tennessee
- 2018 – Dr. Leonard Doohan, Gonzaga University
- 2019 – Dr. Val Gin, Gordon College



Presidential Award Winners

- 2006 – Dr. John Byl, Redeemer University College
- 2007 – Dr. Julie Walton, Calvin College
- 2008 – Dr. Dale Connally, Baylor University
- 2009 – Dr. Dickie Hill, Abilene Christian University
- 2010 – Dr. Dale Connally, Baylor University
- 2011 – Dr. Don Lawrence, Azusa Pacific University
- 2012 – Dr. Glen Van Andel, Calvin College
- 2013 – Dr. Sue Walsh, Concordia University Chicago;
– Keith Walsh, Willow Creek Community Church
- 2014 – Dr. Jim Gustafson, Messiah College
- 2015 – Chris Milner, Westmont College
- 2017 – Dr. Monica O'Rourke, California Baptist Uni.
- 2018 – Dr. Matthew Ruiz, Lipscomb University
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CSKLS Emeriti Fellows

Inaugurated at the 2017 Conference at Lipscomb University, the Emeriti Fellows program honors current or past members of CSKLS who are now retired from full-time work and have been actively involved as a professional member of CSKLS for at least eight years during their professional career and have contributed significantly to the Society. Emeriti Fellows are eligible to vote and to hold office in the Society but are not required to pay annual dues.

- 2017 – John Byl, Redeemer University College
- 2017 – Jim Gustafson, Messiah College
- 2017 – Dickie Hill, Abilene Christian University
- 2017 – Peggy Hothem, Gordon College
- 2017 – Tony Ladd, Wheaton College
- 2017 – Don Lawrence, Azusa Pacific University
- 2017 – Karl Salscheider, Bemidji State University
- 2017 – Tim Voss, Trinity International University
- 2017 – Glen Van Andel, Calvin College
- 2017 – Julie Walton, Calvin College
- 2017 – Bud Williams, Wheaton College



Past Conferences

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| <p>1989 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
 <i>(Begins as a leisure studies conference)</i></p> <p>1990 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>1991 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>1992 - Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, ID
 <i>(CCCU sponsored conference expanded from leisure studies to all HPERDS)</i></p> <p>1993 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>1994 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>1995 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>1996 - Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA</p> <p>1997 - Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA</p> <p>1998 - Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA</p> <p>1999 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
 <i>(10th anniversary)</i></p> <p>2000 - Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA</p> <p>2001 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>2002 - Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL</p> <p>2003 - Redeemer College, Ontario, Canada</p> <p>2004 - Baylor University, Waco, TX
 <i>(15th anniversary; Christianity and the Soul of the University Conference; CSKLS organizes into formal professional society)</i></p> <p>2005 - Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA</p> <p>2006 - Gordon College, Wenham, MA</p> <p>2007 - Trinity International University, Chicago, IL</p> <p>2008 - Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA</p> <p>2009 - University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
 <i>(20th anniversary)</i></p> | <p>2010 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>2011 - College of the Ozarks, Branson, MO</p> <p>2012 - Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN</p> <p>2013 - Baylor University, Waco, TX</p> <p>2014 - Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA
 <i>(25th anniversary)</i></p> <p>2015 - Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI</p> <p>2016 - Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA</p> <p>2017 - Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN</p> <p>2018 - Judson University, Elgin, IL</p> <p>2019 - Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI
 <i>(30th anniversary; in conjunction with the 2nd Global Congress on Sport & Christianity)</i></p> <p>2020 - Virtual Conference via California Baptist University
 <i>(Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2020 conference was hosted virtually)</i></p> <p>2021 - Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN</p> <p>2022 - TBD</p> |
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Past Presidents

- Glen Van Andel, Calvin College (2004-2005)
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 Bud Williams, Wheaton College (2006-2007)
 Julie Walton, Calvin College (2007-2008)
 Dale Connally, Baylor University (2008-2009)
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 Tim Voss, Trinity International University (2010-2011)
 Peter Walters, Wheaton College (2011-2012)
 Valerie Gin, Gordon College (2012-2013)
 Tom Visker, Bethel College (2013-2015)
 Matthew Ruiz, Lipscomb University (2015-2017)
 Steven Waller, University of Tennessee (2017-2019)

Current President:

Wayne Jacobs, LeTourneau University (2019-2021)

President-Elect:

Andrew Meyers, Baylor University (2021-2023)

Past Secretary/Treasurers

- Glen Van Andel, Calvin College (2010-2018)
 Tom Visker, Dordt Col.; Bethel Col. (2004-2010)

Past Board Members

- David Bender (Student), Lipscomb University (2016-2017)
 Joe Cole, Trevecca Nazarene University (2004-2005)
 Dale Connally, Baylor University (2012-2015)
 April Crommett, Cedarville University (2014-2017)
 Trevor Egli, Johnson University (2016-2019)
 Valerie Gin, Gordon College (2005-2008; 2009-2012)
 Jim Gustafson, Messiah College (2006-2009)
 Cathy Headley, Judson University (2015-2018)
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 Don Hoeck, College of the Ozarks (2010-2013)
 Peggy Hothem, Gordon College (2010-2013)
 Matt Hoven, University of Alberta (2019-2020)
 Karen Jacobs, LeTourneau University (2017-2020)
 Wayne Jacobs, LeTourneau University (2013-2016)
 Tony Ladd, Wheaton College (2004-2005)
 Don Lawrence, Azusa Pacific University (2008-2010)
 Chris Milner, Westmont College (2004-2005; 2013-16)
 Julie Powell, Union University (2016-2019)
 Jack Reimer, Trinity Western University (2009-2012)
 Matthew Ruiz, Huntington University (2011-2014)
 Jordan Schools (Student), University of Tennessee (2019-2020)
 Jessica Ventura, Gordon Col.; Endicott Col. (2018-2020)
 Steven Waller, University of Tennessee (2012-2015)
 Sue Walsh, Concordia University Chicago (2011-2014)
 Peter Walters, Wheaton College (2008-2011)
 Julie Walton, Calvin College (2005-2009)
 Melicia Whitt-Glover, Gramercy Research Group (2014-2017)
 Aly Williams, Indiana Wesleyan University (2013-2014)
 Bud Williams, Wheaton College (2004-2008)
 Lorraine Wilson, Abilene Christian University (2010-2012)





First Call for Presentations • 2021 Annual Conference
June 14-17, 2021 • Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee

Please submit your proposal via e-mail to Andrew Meyer at Andrew_Meyer@Baylor.edu

Initial deadline for professional proposals: February 5, 2021
Initial deadline for student proposals: April 2, 2021

Society members seek to:

- Provide opportunities for personal and professional growth within a Christian context.
- Promote research and information that will contribute to the health and well-being of all people, image bearers of their Creator God, by supporting and encouraging Christian professionals in the disciplines of kinesiology, leisure, and sport studies.
- Influence and renew secular culture by integrating Christian faith within our disciplines in research, publications, public presentations, and professional interactions.

Purpose of the annual conference:

- Share current research and pedagogical ideas in kinesiology, leisure, and sport studies.
- Provide fellowship opportunities to connect with other believers.
- Foster professional collaborative opportunities, all with an emphasis in faith integration.

Conference objectives:

- Develop and contribute faith-integrated scholarly work to those in higher education and the Church in our related disciplines.
- Strengthen Christian professional relationships and foster collaborative scholarly efforts.
- Provide quality presentations to meet professional development needs.
- Share faith-integration pedagogical approaches.

Presentation proposals:

I. Presentation Tracks

The conference is organized into the three primary fields represented by CSKLS and a student track. All entail scholarly works that are distinctively Christian in their approach to issues of faith and learning. Tracks 1, 2, 3 are 30-45-minute sessions; Track 4 is a 20-minute session.



TRACK 1 -- Kinesiology (*includes exercise physiology, physical education, movement science, health and wellness, and sport performance*)

TRACK 2 -- Leisure Studies (*includes community recreation, therapeutic recreation, outdoor recreation, parks, and tourism*)

TRACK 3 – Sport Studies (*including dance, sport management, sport psychology, and social sport studies*)

TRACK 4—Student Track (*includes kinesiology, leisure, and sport studies topics*)

II. Proposals must contain the following elements

1. Title of presentation
2. Presenter(s) information (name, title, institution, address, email, phone)
3. Abstract (not to exceed 300 words)
4. Christian Perspective* (not to exceed 100 words; explains how the Christian worldview and faith integration inform the presentation)
2. Learning Outcomes (3 succinctly written)

**Empirical presentations are highly encouraged. If your presentation is strictly empirical please complete proposal elements 1, 2, 3, & 5.*

III. Submission of Proposals

All proposals must be completed using the [form found on the cskls.org website](#) and submitted via email to Andrew_Meyer@Baylor.edu.

IV. Acceptance of Presentations

Only complete proposals will be eligible to be reviewed by the Program Committee through a blind, rolling review. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be made via email by no later than **March 5, 2021** for non-student proposals. Selections will be made according to:

1. Appropriateness of content for the desired session.
2. Demonstrated organization of material and learning outcomes.

Presentations which were accepted for 2020 but not delivered are automatically rolled over to 2021.

Presenters must register for the conference. Conference registration information with further information is available at <http://www.cskls.org>. Click on conference. We encourage all presenters to become members of CSKLS also.



About the 2021 Conference Site



Lipscomb University (www.lipscomb.edu) is pleased to host the 32st annual CSKLS Conference June 14-17, 2021. Since 2021 marks the first “regular” CSKLS Annual Conference since Judson University in 2018, we’ve added one additional day to the conference calendar! This addition will allow us to offer even more of what makes CSKLS great. In addition to more peer-reviewed presentations and enhanced opportunities for fellowship and community, we are planning 1) several outstanding keynote sessions highlighting topics that are of special interest to all conferees, 2) professional development and mentorship opportunities, and 3) time in one of America’s premier cities for entertainment, food, music, and art – *Nashville, Tennessee*. Presentations and topics will be announced as the final program takes shape in late March of 2021.

Lipscomb was founded in Nashville in 1891 by David Lipscomb and James A. Harding who believed that a truly educated individual of their time could not be so without attention given to spiritual growth as well as academics. The university is still a place of academic rigor and spiritual growth with more than 4,600 students enrolled at the university and another 1200 at the K-12 Academy. Students choose from eight bachelor's degrees in 78 majors or 145 areas of undergraduate study, several pre-professional programs, and an accelerated evening and online adult degree program for those who wish to complete their undergraduate degrees. Lipscomb also offers master's degrees, education specialist degrees, and doctorate degrees in 58 fields of study.

Situated just south of downtown Nashville in a wooded suburb with easy access to interstates, shopping, food, and, of course, music, Lipscomb offers an idyllic location for the 2021 conference. Music City, USA awaits! Plan on bringing your family to enjoy this Southern destination. Travelers to the area can easily fly into Nashville International Airport (BNA). Please let us know if you have questions about the conference or travel to the Nashville area. Use the “Contact Us” button on the cskls.org website or send an email to matthew.ruiz@lipscomb.edu or david.bender@lipscomb.edu.

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