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San José State University’s Institute for the Study of Sport, Society and Social change
In January 2017, SJSU launched the Institute for the Study of Sport, Society and Social Change.

San Jose State occupies a unique niche in the history of sport and social change—because of its people. The university is the birthplace of the Olympic Project for Human Rights (OPHR), a movement led by Harry Edwards that culminated in the iconic protest of Olympic medalists Tommie Smith and John Carlos.

The legacy of equity and social justice is a part of SJSU’s DNA. The university was founded on education for all and providing a voice for those who may otherwise remain silent. The ISSSSC honors this legacy and continues the dialogue about athlete activism and the influence of sport in effecting positive social change.

As our nation confronts and explores deeply complex social issues, it is critical that we continue to challenge the boundaries of sport and activism. Sport offers the occasion to pose big questions, not just of athletes, but also of ourselves and provide enlightened perspectives.

The Institute for the Study of Sport, Society and Social Change is dedicated to research, analysis and education at the intersection of sport and society.
Classroom and Beyond: Sport Education, Graduate School and Internships
Topics of Conversation

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Sport and Social Change
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Sport has the power to change the world.
It has the power to inspire.
It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does.
It speaks to youth in a language they understand.
Sport can create hope where once there was only despair.
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SPORT SOCIAL WORK FACT SHEET

What Is Sport Social Work?

- Sport Social Work focuses on the unique individual and environmental needs of athletes and promotes social justice and social change across sports.

What Is the role of a Sport Social Worker in College Sports?

- Provide clinical services and performance enhancing services to student-athletes. Sport Social Workers are equipped to address depression, anxiety, bipolar, substance abuse, and eating disorders as well as a litany of other mental health challenges that can be exacerbated by sports.
- Offer program development services to athletic departments in areas such as sports performance, transitions, career development, substance use, post traumatic growth and other programs for student-athletes groups.
- Participate in multi-disciplinary behavioral teams that include athletic trainers, sports psychologists, and team physicians to promote the health and well-being of student-athletes.
- Some Sport Social Workers are athletic department staff members while others may be employed by an outside vendor or university counseling department to work exclusively with student-athletes.

How are we unique?

- Sport Social Workers are equipped to help student-athletes and athletic departments navigate systems including criminal justice, foster care, continued, family, and peer networks that some student-athletes continue to interact with upon their arrival to college campuses.
- Sport Social Workers use strength-based and biopsychosocial approaches in their work with student-athletes and athletic departments.
- Values and ethics established by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) guide Sport Social Workers.

Example of a Sport Professional Career: Sport Social Worker

Do you have a Sport Social Worker on your staff? Click the link to learn more

https://www.aswjs.org/

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Jackson, Lauren Michele. Vulture: “What Is an Anti-Racist Reading List For?”

Race and Sport Texts: Written by ISSSSC Board Members and Faculty Affiliates
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