

Author Biographies

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Bernard Franklin is the retired NCAA Executive Vice President/Chief Inclusion Officer. Prior to his 14 year tenure at the NCAA national office he served as the President at Virginia Union University. After becoming the NCAA president, Dr. Myles Brand hired Franklin as a member of his senior management team. Even though at the time Franklin was a university president, he knew he wanted to work with Brand because he could learn a lot from him. Brand taught Franklin some unforgettable lessons regarding leadership and integrity. Franklin is so thankful that Brand gave him the opportunity to serve the NCAA membership.

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Walter Harrison is President Emeritus of the University of Hartford, having led the University between 1998 and 2017. As a Professor of English, he has focused most of his research on baseball, its history, and its place in American culture. He served in NCAA governance from 2002 until 2014, serving as a member of the Division I board, and chairing the Executive Committee (now known as the Board of



Governors) between 2005-2007, the President’s Advisory Group (a predecessor of the current Presidential Forum) between 2005-2007, and the Committee on Academic Performance (now known as the Committee on Academics) from 2004-2014. In 2015 he received The NCAA President’s Gerald R. Ford Award for his “significant lifetime leadership as an advocate for intercollegiate athletics within higher education.” He has served as a member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics since 2014.

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John Thelin is a University Research Professor at the University of Kentucky. An alumnus of Brown University, he was a varsity wrestler and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 2006 he was selected for the Ivy League's 50th anniversary Hall of Fame of outstanding student-athlete alumni. He is author of *Games Colleges Play* and *A History of American Higher Education*, both published by Johns Hopkins University Press.

Peg Brand Weiser is Laureate Professor/Research Professor of Philosophy at the University of Arizona and Emerita Associate Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies at Indiana University. She is editor of *Beauty Unlimited* (2013) and *Beauty Matters* (2000), and a forthcoming collection of essays examining the Covid-19 pandemic entitled, *Albert Camus's The Plague: Philosophical Perspectives* (Oxford University Press). Her essay, "Changing Perceptions of Beautiful Bodies: The Athletic Agency Model," will appear in *Somaesthetics and Sport*, edited by Andrew Edgar and William Morgan (Brill Publishers).

David K. Wiggins is Professor Emeritus of Sport Studies at George Mason University. His research focuses on tracing the interconnection among race, sport, and American culture. Among his latest books is *More than a Game: A History of the African American Experience in Sport* (2018). He currently is Editor-in-Chief of *Kinesiology Review* and Editor of the *Sport, Culture, and Society Series* for The University of Arkansas Press. He is also Past-President of the North American Society for Sport History and served for a year as President of the NCAA Scholarly Colloquium.