

# Aaron W. Clopton

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## EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, *with Honors*** **2005**  
*The University of Kansas*  
Sports Administration  
*Cognate area:* Higher Education
- Master of Science in Education** **2002**  
*The University of Kansas*  
Sports Studies – Sport Sociology
- Bachelor of Science in Education** **1999**  
*The University of Kansas*  
Sports Science – Sport Management

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### TEACHING AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor** *Louisiana State University* **08/2008 – present**  
Department of Kinesiology
- Assistant Professor** *Marshall University* **07/2006 – 07/2008**  
Exercise Science, Sport, and Recreation Department
- Lecturer** *The Wichita State University* **01/2006 – 05/2006**  
Department of Kinesiology and Sport Studies
- Instructor** *The University of Kansas* **01/2006 – 05/2006**  
Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences Department
- Graduate Teaching Assistant** *The University of Kansas* **08/2003 – 12/2005**  
Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences Department

### SPORT INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- **Assistant Softball Coach** *Marshall University* **01/2007 – 06/2008**
  - Direct overall instruction and strategies related to pitching and catching
  - Assist in daily administrative duties
  - Assist in planning, organization, and administration of all scouting and recruiting activities
  - Coached pitcher selected for All-Region, Second Team

- **Assistant Softball Coach**                      *The University of Kansas*                      **08/2000 – 08/2003**
  - Direct overall instruction and strategies related to pitching and catching
  - Directed and Coordinated Team Travel, Tournaments, and KU Softball Camps and Clinics
  - Assisted in booster club administration and alumni relations
  - Assisted in planning, development, and fundraising of *Arrocha Ballpark*
  - In three years, coached two All-Big XII pitchers and Conference Freshman of the Year
  - Two pitchers drafted professionally
  
- **Administrative Assistant**  
**for Softball Operations**                      *The University of Kansas*                      **08/1999 – 08/2000**
  - Conducted game-day operations
  - Directed video operations and organization
  - Administered practice organization and administration
  - Assisted with recruiting administration and organization
  - Assisted coaching staff with alumni functions, booster club, and tournaments.
  - Managed daily facility operations
  
- **Color Commentator, KLWN Radio**                      Lawrence, KS                      03/2004 – 06/2006
- **Pro Staff Assistant, Eagle Bend Golf Course**                      Lawrence, KS                      03/2004 – 06/2006
- **Instructor, Florida State Softball Camp**                      Tallahassee, FL                      06/2001 – 07/2001
- **Sport Specialist, NYSP – University of Kansas**                      Lawrence, KS                      06/2000 – 07/2000
- **Volunteer Assistant Coach –**  
 Men's Basketball / Men's Golf, *Ottawa University*                      Ottawa, KS                      06/1998 – 11/1998
- **Student Manager, Kansas Jayhawk Softball**                      Lawrence, KS                      08/1997 – 08/1999
- **Intern, The Coach's Edge**                      Lawrence, KS                      09/1997 – 01/1999
- **Strength Trainer, KU FIT Team**                      Lawrence, KS                      08/1997 – 02/1998

## SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Refereed Manuscripts*

- Clopton, A.W.** (2007). Predicting a sense of community amongst students from the presence of intercollegiate athletics: What roles do gender and BCS-affiliation play in the relationship? *The Sport Management and Related Topics (SMART) Journal*, 4(1), 95-110.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2008). Southern comfort? Exploring regional differences in the impact of fan identification upon college students' sense of community. *Journal for the Study of Sports and Athletes in Education*, 2(1), 9-28.
- Clopton, A.W., Ryan T.D., & Sagas, M.** (2008). For love of the game: The mediating potential of job satisfaction of college coaches upon career satisfaction. *Journal of Contemporary Athletics*, 3(1), 93-110.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2008). College sports on campus: Uncovering the link between fan identification and sense of community. *International Journal of Sport Management*, 9(4), 343-362.

**Clopton, A.W.** (2008) From message to messenger? Assessing the impact of athletics on a college campus. *Journal for the Study of Sports and Athletes in Education*, 2(3), 299-320.

**Clopton, A.W.** & Sagas, M. (2009). Shattering the glass ceiling? Examining the impact of perceived gender discrimination on promotional opportunities of male and female coaches in women's athletics. *International Journal of Sport Management*, 10(1), 1-13.

**Clopton, A.W.** & Sagas, M. (in press, 2009). Gender, support, and satisfaction: Viewing relational demography in the coaching profession. Accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Sport Management*.

**Refereed Abstracts**

**Clopton, A.W.**, Ryan, T.D., & Finch, B. L. (in press, 2009). *Gender differences in college athletics impact upon social capital*. Abstract accepted for publication in the *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 80(S).

Finch, B. L., & **Clopton, A.W.** (in press, 2009). *Examining racial differences in social capital development among college student-athletes*. Abstract accepted for publication in the *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 80(S).

**Clopton, A.W.**, & Finch, B. L. (in press, 2009). *Vicarious connection of athletics into university identification, adjustment of students*. Abstract accepted for publication in the *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 80(S).

Finch, B. L., & **Clopton, A.W.** (in press, 2009). *Investigating social capital differences between college athletes and non-athletes*. Abstract accepted for publication in the *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 80(S).

**Clopton, A.W.** (in press, 2009). *Using race to examine coaching intentions among student athletes*. Abstract accepted for publication in the *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 80(S).

**Clopton, A.W.** (2008). Examining the relationship between college sport and sense of community. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 79 (S), A-89-90.

**Clopton, A.W.** & Sagas, M. (2008). Race and gender effects upon perceived discrimination amongst college coaches. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 79 (S), A-90-91.

**Clopton, A.W.** & LaPoint, J.D. (2008). Investigating the impact of student fan identification upon university attachment. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 79 (S), A-90.

Ryan T.D., Sagas, M., & **Clopton, A. W.** (2007). Work-family conflict as a mediator between job stressors and organizational turnover intent. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 78 (S), A-116-117.

- Clopton, A.W.**, Ryan T.D., & Sagas, M. (2007). Examining the role of job satisfaction as a mediator on selected work-outcomes of college coaches. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 78 (S), A-108-109.
- Finch, B.L., Sagas, M., **Clopton, A.W.**, & Thornton, J. (2007). Factors influencing college student-athlete overall satisfaction. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 78 (S). A-116-117.
- Thompson, M.A. & **Clopton, A.W.** (2007). Critical influences on college students' smoking behaviors. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 78 (S).
- Clopton, A.W.**, Sagas, M., & Sosa, J. (2006). Exploring the role of gender in the head coach-supervisor dyad and the subsequent levels of support and satisfaction. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 77 (S), 106.

**Book Review**

- Clopton, A.W.** (2005). Book review of Rammer jammer yellow hammer: A journey into the heart of fan mania. By. St. John, W. *Sociology of Sport Journal*. 22(4). 518 – 520.

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

- Clopton, A.W.** (in review). One for the Team: The Impact of Community upon Students as Fans and Academic and Social Integration. Manuscript submitted for publication in *The Review of Higher Education*.
- Ryan, T.D. & **Clopton, A.W.** (in review). Improving response rates in web surveys: A 2 x 2 experiment. Manuscript submitted for publication in the *Applied Research in Coaching and Athletics Annual*.
- Clopton, A.W.** & Finch, B.L. (in review). Are college students 'bowling alone'? Examining the contribution of fan identification to the social capital of college students. Manuscript submitted for publication in the *Journal of Sport Management*.
- Ryan, T.D. & **Clopton, A.W.** (in review) Relationships between supervisory support, coaching satisfaction, and life satisfaction. Manuscript submitted for publication in *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*.
- Clopton, A.W.** (in review). The impact of intercollegiate athletic participation upon sense of community across multiple levels of competition. Manuscript submitted for publication in the *International Journal of Sport Management*.
- Clopton, A.W.**, & Bourke, B (in review). Perceptions of the impact of intercollegiate athletics along race and athlete status. Manuscript submitted for publication in the *College Student Affairs Journal*.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### *Refereed*

- Ryan, T.D., Sagas, M., & **Clopton, A.W.** (2009). *Exploring religiosity and the college coach*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual scholarly conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Clopton, A.W.** & Finch, B.L. (2009). *Assessing the impact of athletics success upon perceived external prestige of colleges and universities through internal stakeholders*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Columbia, SC.
- Ryan, T.D., & **Clopton, A.W.** (2009). *Work-family wellness: The sum of work-family variables*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Columbia, SC.
- Clopton, A.W.**, Ryan, T.D., & Finch, B. L. (2009). *Gender differences in college athletics impact upon social capital*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Tampa, FL.
- Finch, B. L., & **Clopton, A.W.** (2009). *Examining racial differences in social capital development among college student-athletes*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Tampa, FL.
- Clopton, A.W.**, & Finch, B. L. (2009). *Vicarious connection of athletics into university identification, adjustment of students*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Tampa, FL.
- Finch, B. L., & **Clopton, A.W.** (2009). *Investigating social capital differences between college athletes and non-athletes*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Tampa, FL.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2009). *Using race to examine coaching intentions among student athletes*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Tampa, FL.
- Clopton, A.W.** & Waltemyer, S. (2008). *Gender differences in perceived coaching efficacy among student-athletes*. Paper presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Denver, CO.
- Clopton, A.W.** & Finch, B.L. (2008). *College sport and social capital: Are students 'bowling alone'?* Paper presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Toronto, OT, CA.

- Ryan, T.D., **Clopton, A.W.**, & Irwin, R.L. (2008). *Super support! A supportive supervisor, life satisfaction, and the mediating presence of coaching satisfaction*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Toronto, OT, CA.
- Clopton, A.W.**, Finch, B.L., & Ryan, T.D. (2008). *Perceptions of the impact of intercollegiate athletics along race and athlete status*. Poster presented at the inaugural scholarly conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Memphis, TN.
- Clopton, A.W.** & Finch, B.L. (2008). *Bridging social capital: Using intercollegiate athletics to generate social networks on campus*. Poster presented at the inaugural scholarly conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Memphis, TN.
- Clopton, A.W.** & Ryan, T.D. (2008). *Identity and community: Assessing the impact of athletics on campus*. Poster presented at the inaugural scholarly conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Memphis, TN.
- Ryan, T.D. & **Clopton, A.W.** (2008). *Perceived gender differences for work-family conflict in college coaches*. Poster presented at the inaugural scholarly conference for the College Sport Research Institute, Memphis, TN.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2008). *Examining the relationship between college sport and sense of community*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Ft.Worth, TX.
- Clopton, A.W.** & Sagas, M. (2008). *Race and gender effects upon perceived discrimination amongst college coaches*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Ft.Worth, TX.
- Clopton, A.W.** & LaPoint, J.D. (2008). *Investigating the impact of student fan identification upon university attachment*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Ft.Worth, TX.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2007). *College sport and fan identification: Are there regional differences?* Paper presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Waltemyer, S., Sosa, J., & **Clopton, A.W.** (2007). *Internet coverage of deviant behavior in sport*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2007). *The use of fan identification to encourage academic and social integration: Is it possible?* Poster presented at the annual conference for the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Louisville, KY.

- Clopton, A.W.** (2007). *Salient factors influencing game-day football attendance at BCS programs: A twenty-year window*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for Sport Management, Miami, FL.
- Clopton, A.W.**, Ryan, T.D., & Sagas, M. (2007). *Examining the role of job satisfaction as mediator on selected work-outcomes of college coaches*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Baltimore, MD.
- Thompson, M.A. & **Clopton, A.W.** (2007). *Critical influences on college students' smoking behaviors*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Baltimore, MD.
- Finch, B.L., Sagas, M., **Clopton, A.W.**, & Thornton, J. (2007). *Factors influencing college student-athlete overall satisfaction*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Baltimore, MD.
- Ryan, T.D., Sagas, M., & **Clopton, A.W.** (2007). *Work-family conflict as a mediator between job stressors and organizational turnover intent*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Baltimore, MD.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2006). *Preparing future sport managers: Preferred outcomes for sport management graduates*. Paper presented at annual conference for the West Virginia Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Huntington, WV.
- Clopton, A.W.**, Sagas, M., & Sosa, J. (2006). *Exploring the role of gender in the head coach-supervisor dyad and the subsequent levels of support and satisfaction*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2005). *Exploring the role of athletics on students' sense of community*. Paper presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Sagas, M. & **Clopton, A.W.** (2005). *Truth in perceptions? Exploring the perceived gender discrimination among coaches*. Paper presented at the annual conference for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Winston-Salem, NC.

#### **Media Mentions**

- Clopton, A.W.** (2007, January 31). *Mayo case highlights sportsmanship and discipline*. Interviewed by Long, G. (Anchor/Reporter) for news feature on Channel 13, WOWK, Huntington, WV.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2006, June 11). *Sandlots have all blown away*. Interviewed by Haskin, K. (Columnist), The Topeka Capital-Journal, Topeka, KS.

***Non-Refereed***

- Clopton, A.W.** (2006, October 26-29). Sport management workshop organizer at the annual conference for the West Virginia Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Huntington, WV.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2006, October 27). Panel moderator for discussion over sport management curriculum at the annual conference for the West Virginia Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Huntington, WV.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2006, June 21). *Negotiating employment for the 'first job.'* Invited presentation for University of Kansas, HSES 890: Seminar in Sport Administration.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2006, January 13). *Young age as an asset.* Invited presentation for the University of Kansas New Graduate Teaching Assistant Conference.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2006, January 13). *You, the students, and the professor.* Invited presentation for the University of Kansas New Graduate Teaching Assistant Conference.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2005, December 6). *Good for whom? Conducting sport in an educational setting.* Invited presentation for Wichita State University, KSS 760: Sport in Society.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2005, December 7). *Pertinent issues in intercollegiate athletics fundraising today.* Invited presentation for Wichita State University, KSS 528: Sport Finance.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2005, August 18). *Classroom management.* Invited presentation for the University of Kansas New Graduate Teaching Assistant Conference.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2005, August 18). *Preparing for class.* Invited presentation for the University of Kansas New Graduate Teaching Assistant Conference.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2004, October 17). *Sports spectatorship in today's society.* Invited presentation for the Universalist-Unitarians of Kansas Discussion Forum.
- Clopton, A.W.** (2002, January 26). *Coaching pitchers: Beginning and advanced concepts in pitching fundamentals.* Invited presentation at the annual conference for the Oklahoma State High School Fastpitch Coaches Association.

**SERVICE**Louisiana State University

- Department of Kinesiology *Advisory* Committee
- Department of Kinesiology *Graduate* Committee
- *Faculty Advisor*, LSU Student Organization for Sport Management

Marshall University

- College of Education and Human Services *Strategic Planning* Committee
- College of Education and Human Services *Diversity* Committee

- Marshall University *Core Foundation Ad Hoc* Committee
- *Chair*, College of Education and Human Services *Planning and Review* Committee
- College of Education and Human Services *Graduate Program* Committee
- Marshall University *Faculty Evaluation and Compensation Ad Hoc* Committee
- *Faculty Advisor*, *Thundering Herd Sport Management & Marketing Club*
- *Chair*, ESSR *Sport Management Faculty Search* Committee
- College of Education and Human Services *Summer Research Award* Committee
- Marshall University *Faculty Senate Athletic* Committee
- College of Education and Human Services *Leadership Design Team*

*The University of Kansas*

- University of Kansas School of Education *Graduate Studies* Committee
- KU Running Club Advisor
- University of Kansas Graduate School *Strategic Planning* Committee
  - ◆ *Graduate Student Support* Subcommittee
- Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences *Faculty Search* Committee
- Served on Search Committees for numerous coaching vacancies

*National/International*

- AAHPERD, Research Consortium Annual Convention Program - *Reviewer*
- National Fastpitch Coaches Association – *Education and Publications* Committee
- North American Society for the Sociology of Sport – *Outstanding Book Award* Committee

*Community*

- Louisiana Serve Commission – *Commissioner*
- Red Stick International Animation Festival – *Review Judge*
- Louisiana Public Broadcasting Pledge Drive
- Lawrence County, OH Voter Registration and Polling Drive
- First Presbyterian Church – *Finance* Committee

## **ACADEMIC ACTIVITY**

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Undergraduate**

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| • Administration of Physical Education and Sport | • History of Sport in America |
| • Coaching Individual and Dual Sports            | • Coaching of Basketball      |
| • Coaching of Football                           | • Officiating of Basketball   |
| • Coaching of Softball                           | • Sport Ethics                |
| • Seminar in Sport Management and Marketing      | • Sociology of Sport          |

#### **Graduate Courses**

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|---|--------------------------------|
| • Governance and Policy Development in Sport          | • Sport in the Social Process  |
| • Management Theory in Sport                          | • Sports Administration        |
| • Seminar in Intercollegiate Athletics Administration | • Ethics and Morality in Sport |

- Organizational Behavior and Development in Sport
- Administrative Issues in Kinesiology
- Social Issues in Sport
- Seminar in Sport Administration

### **Achievements/Appointments**

#### Louisiana State University

- *Division of Sport Management* – Leader
  - ◆ 2008 - present
- *College Sport Research Institute* (UNC-Chapel Hill) – Faculty Affiliate
  - ◆ 2008 - present
- *Journal for the Study of Sports and Athletes in Education* – Editorial Board Member
  - ◆ 2008 – present
- Awarded *Office of Research and Economic Development* Faculty Travel Grant (\$750)
- Awarded Associate Graduate Faculty Status: August 2008

#### Marshall University

- *Sport Management and Marketing* Undergraduate Coordinator
- Awarded Full Graduate Faculty Status: February 2008
- Awarded *College of Education Faculty Development Funds*
  - ◆ 2006 (\$500), 2007 (\$1,500)
- Awarded *Quinlan Endowment Fund for Research* (\$500)
  - ◆ 2006, 2007, 2008

#### The University of Kansas

- School of Education Dissertation of the Year
- Wayne Osness Doctoral Student of the Year
- Selected as “Outstanding GTA” by the *Center for Teaching Excellence*
- *Preparing Future Faculty* Fellow
- Awarded *School of Education Graduate Student Research Fund* (\$1,000)
- One of 50 graduate students nation-wide selected for the *2005 Public Policy Seminar* at the annual meeting for the *Association for the Study of Higher Education*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Awarded *Graduate Student Paper Presenter Travel Fund* (\$400)
- The *Marilyn Foster Borel Education* Scholarship
- The *Helen Walton Ellsworth* Scholarship

### **Master’s (Non-Thesis) Committee Membership**

#### Marshall University

- Conor Laffey, Summer 2008, MS Athletic Administration
- Henry Luton, Summer 2008, MS Athletic Administration
- Brian Citti, Summer 2008, MS Athletic Administration
- Ryan Mayle, Summer 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*
- Steven Wojcikowski, Summer 2008, MS Athletic Administration
- Matthew Witty, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration
- Brian Nelson, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*
- Peter Underwood, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*
- Jarrod Thomas, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*

- Mario Diaz, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*
- Keith Rouch, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*
- Leigh Wintter, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*
- Thomas Lane, Spring 2008, MS Athletic Administration – *Chair*
- Andrew Dorsey, Fall 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Melissa McNealy, Fall 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Jennifer Burkhart, Summer 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Lori Meierbachtol, Summer 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Shawn Pye, Spring 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Darryl Weston, Spring 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Jackie Babich, Spring 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Rob Heuer, Spring 2007, MS Athletic Administration
- Mary Pat Statler, Fall 2006, MS Athletic Administration

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM)

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

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National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA)

North American Society for Sport Sociology (NASSS)

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD)

West Virginia Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (WVAHPERD)

National Association for Sport and Physical Education – Sport Sociology Academy