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ACADEMICS

Ph.D. Kinesiology (Sport Pedagogy)

The University of Alabama, 2025
PhD Advisor: Matthew Curtner-Smith, EdD

MRes Sport & International Development

University of Brighton, 2021
Distinction

BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching

University of Brighton, 2020
First Class Degree

QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- **Graduate Certificate in College Teaching**, The University of Alabama, 2023
- **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) B**, English FA, 2020
- **Mountain Biking Level One**, 2016
- **Bikeability Assistant**, 2016
- **Tennis Level One**, Lawn Tennis Association, 2013
- **Futsal Level One**, Football Association, 2013
- **Handball Level One**, England Handball, 2011
- **Health and Safety Course Certification**, 2008
- **Pool Plant Qualification**, 2007
- **Conflict Resolution**, Maybo, 2007
- **Risk Assessment Training**, Eastbourne Borough Council, 2007
- **Fire Risk Assessment Training**, Eastbourne Borough Council, 2007
- **Line Management Qualification**, 2006
- **Boxing Tutor Award**, England Amateur Boxing Association, 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of West Georgia, Assistant Professor, 2025-Present

In-Person:

- **PHED 3502 - Skills and Strategies in Target and Outdoor Activities**, Fall 2025
 - Created the course schedule, weekly lesson plans, lectures, and assignments for a group of undergraduate students. Delivered weekly lectures.
- **PHED 2000 – Applied Concepts of Fitness and Wellness**, Spring 2026
 - Design, create, and implement a hybrid class, weekly lesson plans, lectures, and assignments for a group of undergraduate students.

Online:

- **PHED 6675 (3 sections) - Current Issues and Trends in Health, Physical Education and Sport, Fall 2025**
 - Designed the course aligning with standards and recent advancements within the field. Created the course schedule, weekly modules, discussions, and assignments for graduate students.
- **PHED 7665 (3 sections) – Analysis of Research on Teaching in Health and Physical Education, Spring 2026**
 - Designed the course to investigate seminal and recent research within the field. Created the course schedule, weekly modules, discussions, and assignments for graduate students.

The University of Alabama, Instructor, 2021-2025

For each class:

- Created the course schedule, weekly lesson plans, lectures, and assignments for a group of undergraduate students.
- Delivered weekly lectures and supervised practical experience.

In-Person:

- **KIN 370 – Coaching Soccer, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024**
 - Redesigned the course aligning with the Football Association Four Corner Model standards and recent advancements within the field
- **KIN 306 – Teaching Invasion Games, Striking and Fielding, and Target Games, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025**
 - Through Hybrid Sport Education/TGfU & Ultimate Ball (Soccer, Football & Ultimate) using a constraints-based approach. Arranged and supervised the Clinical Experience.
- **KIN 350/351 – Secondary Curriculum & Clinical Experience, Fall 2021.**
 - Mentored undergraduate students through Sport Education & Soccer. Taught soccer content knowledge, effective teaching behaviours, and teaching styles.
- **KIN 101 – Physical Conditioning, Spring 2023**
- **KIN 155 - Self-Defense for Women Coordinator for 6 sections, Fall 2024, Spring 2025**
- **KIN 155 – Self-Defense for Women, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024**
- **KIN 167 – Running, Fall 2021**
- **KIN 103 – Soccer, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025**
- **KIN 145 – Racquetball, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2025**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **The Influence of Occupation Socialization on Coaches' Perception of Values-Based Coaching, 2024**, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
 - Completed the IRB application, recruitment materials, and participant recruitment.
 - Led semi-structured interviews and focus groups, narrative inquiry and completed thematic analysis for each.
- **United States Soccer Federation, 2023**, Chicago, IL and Tuscaloosa, AL
 - Coded coaching sessions to assess efficacy of age-level coaching soccer sessions using the Game Performance Assessment Instrument (GPAI).
- **Solent University, 2021**, Southampton (UK) and Tuscaloosa, AL
 - Led semi-structured interviews on how reflection is understood and used by university students on an applied coaching class.
- **An Assessment of the Efficacy of the Football 4 Peace Training Programme to Train Coaches to Deliver the Project in Multiple Settings, 2021**, University of Brighton, Brighton, England
 - Completed the IRB application, recruitment materials, and participant recruitment.
 - Led semi-structured interviews and focus groups and completed thematic analysis for each.
- **Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Value Based Coaching Coach Education Programme, 2020**, University of Brighton, Brighton, England
 - Led semi-structured interviews and completed thematic analysis for each.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Founder, Bourne 2 Coach**, East Sussex, England, 2019-2021
 - Offering football coaching in schools and for adults through a more holistic approach to the traditional methods and place the player at the center of the training.
- **Assistant Manager, Lewes Football Club Women**, East Sussex, England, 2015-2018
 - One of 22 professional assistant managers in the Football Association Women's top two divisions (Championship).
 - Attained promotion to the Women's Championship League.
 - Won Women's National League Plate (2017) & Sussex Challenge Cup (2018).
- **Community Development Manager, Lewes Football Club**, East Sussex, England, 2015-2017
 - Created and managed afterschool clubs and community engagement programs for various populations (i.e., individuals with disabilities and mental health disorders, veterans, etc.).
 - Delivering sessions in Infant, Primary & Secondary schools in England.
 - Created and led the Community Department of Lewes Football Club.
 - Secured funding for project management.
 - Managed the staff including scheduling, performance assessment, and payroll.

- **Duty Manager, Eastbourne Borough Council, East Sussex, England, 2002-2015**
 - Managed the income, bookings, and maintenance of the 3G facility.
 - Secured funding for project management.
 - Designed and implemented new community engagement activities.
 - Organized the staff schedule and staff training.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Peer Reviewer for Journals**
 - International Sport Coaching Journal, 2025.
- **Head Coach, Women's Club Soccer, The University of Alabama, 2022-2024**
 - Finished second place in the club soccer league to make the SCSA Region II Championship in 2022 and 2023. Successful Nationals bid 2023.
- **Coach, Football 4 Peace, Northern Ireland, Israel, The Gambia, 2019-Present**
 - Mentored and trained a group of Tier One coaches.
- **1st Team Coach, Women's Football, The University of Brighton, 2019-2021**
 - Competed in Division 2 of the British Universities & College leagues.
- **Assistant Manager, Lewes Football Club, Men's Development Squad East Sussex, England, 2014-2016**
 - Won the Sussex Intermediate Cup (2016).
- **Manager, Eastbourne Ladies, East Sussex, England, 2008-2015**
 - Attained promotion to the Southeast Counties Women's Football League (2014).
 - Won the Sussex Challenge Trophy (2012).
 - Won the Sussex County Women and Girls Football League Cup (2011 and 2012).
 - Placed first in the Sussex County Women and County Girls Football League (2012).
- **Chairman, Eastbourne Ladies and Girls Football Club, East Sussex, England, 2005-2020**
 - Managed the entirety of the Football Club.
 - Duties and responsibilities included but were not limited to: maintained Club charter, managed budget and finances, led the Executive Board, and safeguarding.
- **Welfare Officer, Eastbourne Ladies and Girls Football Club and Lewes Football Club, East Sussex, England, 2005-2020**
 - Completed background checks and led the hiring process for prospective coaches.
 - Functioned as the point of contact for all players and coaches.
 - Managed training status of staff.
 - Maintained club records and club charter.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- **Senate Committee for Undergraduate Programs Committee, Representative for College of Education –University of West Georgia, 2025-Present**
 - Curriculum-related revisions, additions, or deletions.
- **Executive Board - Treasurer, College of Education – Graduate School Organization of The University of Alabama, 2024-Present**
 - Manage budgets and organize requests.

- Managing travel funding allocation for members.
- Assisting executive board policies and governance.
- **Board, College of Education – Graduate School Organization of The University of Alabama, 2023-2024**
 - Attending meetings of the College of Education Graduate Student Organization.
 - Design, plan and implement events.
 - Assisting in member recruitment and retention.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Research Presentations

- **Wolecki AM**, Curtner-Smith MD. *“They Are Not Born in This World With Hate in Their Soul”: The Impact of Occupational Socialization on Coaches’ Understanding and Delivery of Values-Based Coaching in Northern Ireland.* SHAPE America National Convention, March 2026, Kansas City, MO.
- Dennis M, Sinelnikov OA, Peterson JT, Baek S, Lee W, Molska ND, **Wolecki AM**, Patronas F. *Training Teacher Educators through Practice-Based Teacher Education.* SHAPE America National Convention, March 2024, Cleveland, OH.
- Dennis M, Baek S, **Wolecki AM**, Lee W, Molska ND, Ryan RT, Curtner-Smith MD. *Secondary Organizational Socialization’s Influence on Early Career Faculty members’ PETE.* SHAPE America National Convention, April 2023, Seattle, WA.
- Sinelnikov OA, Dennis M, **Wolecki AM**, Peterson JT, Molska ND, Baek S, Lee W, Patronas F. *Becoming an effective mentor: Mentoring reflexivity.* SHAPE America National Convention, April 2023, Seattle WA.
- Dennis M, Sinelnikov OA, Baek S, **Wolecki AM**, Molska ND, Peterson JT, Lee W, Patronas F. *Mentoring Foci of D-Pee Students*, SHAPE American National Convention, April 2023, Seattle, WA.

Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

- **Wolecki AM**, Curtner-Smith MD. *“You Do Have That Resonance From Being Othered”: Influence of Occupational Socialization on Coaches’ Perceptions and Delivery of Values-Based Coaching in England.* SHAPE America National Convention, March 2026, Kansas City, MO.
- **Wolecki AM**. *Towards Coexistence in Divided Societies Through Values Based Coaching Pedagogy.* SHAPE America National Convention, April 2025, Baltimore, MD.
- **Wolecki AM**, Molska ND. *Becoming a Reflective Practitioner: The Efficacy of a Training Program.* SHAPE America National Convention, March 2024, Cleveland, OH.

Practitioner Presentations

- Thompson J, **Wolecki AM**, Brown B, Fukuhara R, Daly G. *Values Based Interviewing.* SHAPE America National Convention, March 2026, Kansas City, MO.
- Thompson J, **Wolecki AM**, Brown B, Fukuhara R, Daly G. *The PhD Roadmap - Challenges, Opportunities & Benefits of Pursuing Graduate Studies.* ASHPERD Fall Conference, November 2025, Birmingham, AL.

- Thompson J, **Wolecki AM**, Brown B, Fukuhara R, Daly G. *No Resources? No Problem! Games and Activities Designed to Overcome Marginalization in Physical Education (2)*. ASAHPERD Fall Conference, November 2025, Birmingham, AL.
- **Wolecki AM**. *The Invasion of TGfU*. GAHPERD Fall Conference, October 2025, Athens, GA.
- **Wolecki AM**, Thompson J, Molska ND, Lee W, Fukuhara R, Brown B, Woodruff E, Sinelnikov OA, Baxter D. *The Invasion of Ultimate Ball*. SHAPE America National Convention, April 2025, Baltimore, MD.
- Thompson J, **Wolecki AM**. “*Behavioral Qualities Interviewing*” *Professional Development*. SHAPE America National Convention, April 2025, Baltimore, MD.
- **Wolecki AM**, Thompson J, Sinelnikov OA. *Ultimate Ball! Invasion of TGfU*. ASAHPERD Fall Conference, November 2024, Birmingham, AL.
- Thompson J, **Wolecki AM**. *No resources? No problem! Games and activities designed to overcome marginalization in PE*. ASAHPERD Fall Conference, November 2024, Birmingham, AL.
- Brown B, Fukuhara R, Thompson J, **Wolecki AM**, Molska ND. *Safe Splash: Teaching Swimming Safely Beyond the Pool*. ASAHPERD Fall Conference, November 2024, Birmingham, AL.
- **Wolecki AM**. *Teaching Beyond Tactics and Technique*. Southern Tier Health and Physical Literacy Summit, February 2023, Birmingham, AL.
- **Wolecki AM**, Dennis M. *Stoolball – The Original Baseball and Softball*, Southern Tier Health and Physical Literacy Summit, February 2023, Birmingham, AL.
- Dennis M, Molska ND, **Wolecki AM**. *It’s All About Winning*. Southern Tier Health and Physical Literacy Summit, February 2023, Birmingham, AL.
- Dennis M, Molska ND, **Wolecki AM**. *The Good, The Bad, and the Competitive*. ASAHPERD Fall Conference, November 2022, Birmingham, AL.
- **Wolecki AM**. *Using a values based pedagogy in teaching sports*. Southern Tier Health and Physical Literacy Summit, February 2022, Birmingham, AL.

Invited Presentations

- **Wolecki AM**. *Sports for development: Creating meaningful impact*. University of West Georgia, November 2025.
- **Wolecki AM**. *My Dyslexia Story*. University of West Georgia, November 2025.
- **Wolecki AM**. *Research Methods in Sport Pedagogy*. Huntingdon College, October 2025.
- **Wolecki AM**. *Foundations of Community Engagement*. The University of Alabama, September 2024.
- **Wolecki AM**. *Action Research & Reflection CPD*. The University of Alabama, April 2023.
- **Wolecki AM**. *How to Deliver a Mental Health Programme in the Community*. Loughborough University, March 2016.

PEER-REVEIWED PUBLICATIONS

- Dennis M, Baek S, **Wolecki AM**., Lee W, Molska ND, Ryan RT, Curtner-Smith. MD. (2024). *Impact of Secondary Organizational Socialization on North American, Asian,*

and European Early Career Faculty Members' Delivery of Physical Education Teacher Education. Journal of Teaching in Physical Education. <https://doi.org/10.1123/jtpe.2023-0198>

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- **Wolecki AM.** (2017) *Developing an Outreach Programme for Young Disabled Adults.*
 - **Sussex Community Foundation** – Comic Relief Grant (£500)
- **Wolecki AM.** (2017) *Creating Male and Female Veterans' Football Teams.*
 - **Sussex County Football Association** - (£1000)
- **Wolecki AM.** (2017) *Lewes Football Club: Grow the Game.*
 - **Football Foundation** – Grow the Game Grant (£3000)
- **Wolecki AM.** (2016) *Football Therapy: Using Football to Promote Mental Wellbeing.*
 - **National Health Service, Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group** – Hastings and Rother Reducing Health Inequalities Fund (£4965)
- **Wolecki AM.** (2014-2015) *Promoting Women in Football.*
 - **Mars, Incorporated** – Just Play Grant (£300)
- **Wolecki AM.** (2013) *Implementation of Street Cricket in the Eastbourne Sports Park.*
 - **Active Sussex** – Get Active Grant (£1000)
- **Wolecki AM.** (2012) *Refurbishing the Eastbourne Borough Council 3G Pitch.*
 - **Football Foundation** – Facilities Grant (£20,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Wolecki AM.** (2024) *William W Taube Doctoral Scholarship*
 - The University of Alabama
- **Wolecki AM.** (2023) *TIF Scholarship*
 - Tuscaloosa International Friends

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **GAHPERD**, 2025 to present
- **ASAHPERD**, 2021 to 2025
- **SHAPE AMERICA**, since 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Omicron Delta Kappa (OΔK) Honor Society at The University of Alabama, 2025
- Exemplo Capstone Awards, Outstanding Graduate Student Organization, COE-GSO (Treasurer), The University of Alabama, 2025
- Nominated for the Graduate School Premier Award, The University of Alabama, 2025
- Outstanding Graduate Student for Sport Pedagogy, The University of Alabama, 2024
- Outstanding Graduate Student for Higher Education Administration -Teaching Certificate, The University of Alabama, 2024
- Outstanding Graduate Student for Sport Pedagogy, The University of Alabama, 2023