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

## Online:

- PHED 6675 (3 sections) Current Issues and Trends in Health, 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.

# 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
  - o 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.
  - o 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
  - o Completed the IRB application, recruitment materials, and participant recruitment.
  - Led semi-structured interviews and focus groups, narrative inquiry and competed thematic analysis for each.
- United States Soccer Federation, 2023, Chicago, IL and Tuscaloosa, AL
  - o 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
  - o 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
  - o 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).
  - o Attained promotion to the Women's Championship League.
  - Won the Sussex Challenge Cup (2018).
  - o Won the Women's National League Plate (2017).
- 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.).
  - o Delivering sessions in Infant, Primary & Secondary schools in England.
  - o Created and led the Community Department of Lewes Football Club.
  - o Secured funding for project management.
  - o Managed the staff including scheduling, performance assessment, and payroll.
- Duty Manager, Eastbourne Borough Council, East Sussex, England, 2002-2015
  - o Managed the income, bookings, and maintenance of the 3G facility.
  - o Secured funding for project management.
  - o Designed and implemented new community engagement activities.
  - o Organized the staff schedule and staff training.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 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
  - o Mentored and trained a group of Tier One coaches.

- Assistant Manager, Lewes Football Club, Men's Development Squad East Sussex, England, 2014-2016
  - o Won the Sussex Intermediate Cup (2016).
- Manager, Eastbourne Ladies, East Sussex, England, 2008-2015
  - o Attained promotion to the Southeast Counties Women's Football League (2014).
  - Won the Sussex Challenge Trophy (2012).
  - o 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
  - o Managed the entirety of the Football Club.
  - o 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
  - o Completed background checks and led the hiring process for prospective coaches.
  - o Functioned as the point of contact for all players and coaches.
  - o Managed training status of staff.
  - o Maintained club records and club charter.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Executive Board Treasurer, College of Education Graduate School Organization of The University of Alabama, 2024-Present
  - o Manage budgets and organize requests.
  - o Managing travel funding allocation for members.
  - o Assisting executive board policies and governance.
- Board, College of Education Graduate School Organization of The University of Alabama, 2023-2024
  - o Attending meetings of the College of Education Graduate Student Organization.
  - O Design, plan and implement events.
  - o Assisting in member recruitment and retention.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Peer-Reviewed Oral Presentations

- Thompson J, **Wolecki AM**. The PhD Roadmap Challenges, Opportunities & Benefits of Pursuing Graduate Studies. 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. *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.
- 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.
- 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.

## Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

- 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.

# **Invited Presentations**

- 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. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1123/jtpe.2023-0198">https://doi.org/10.1123/jtpe.2023-0198</a>

### **GRANTS AND FUNDING**

- Wolecki AM. (2017) Developing an Outreach Programme for Young Disabled Adults.
  - o Sussex Community Foundation Comic Relief Grant (£500)
- Wolecki AM. (2017) Creating Male and Female Veterans' Football Teams.
  - O Sussex County Football Association (£1000)
- Wolecki AM. (2017) Lewes Football Club: Grow the Game.
  - o 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.
  - o Mars, Incorporated Just Play Grant (£300)
- **Wolecki AM**. (2013) *Implementation of Street Cricket in the Eastbourne Sports Park.* 
  - o Active Sussex Get Active Grant (£1000)
- **Wolecki AM**. (2012) *Refurbishing the Eastbourne Borough Council 3G Pitch*.
  - o Football Foundation Facilities Grant (£20,000)

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **ASAHPERD**, since 2021
- 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