

# DR. MICAH DOBSON

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*Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Sport Management with nine years of experience in higher education. Teaches sport law, research methods, marketing, and facilities management, designing engaging curricula that connect theory to practice. Mentors students on academic and career planning while expanding community partnerships and pursuing international collaborations to build cultural competency and experiential learning.*

## EDUCATION

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### **Ph.D. in Sport Management**

*Northcentral University, La Jolla, California*

**Jul 2017 – May 2021**

- Dissertation: *Instructional and Non-Instructional Staff Perceptions on At-Risk Males in a Structured After-School Sport and Recreational Program: A Qualitative Study.*
- Honors: Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education | GPA: 3.90

### **M.S. in Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Management**

*North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina*

**Aug 2015 – May 2017**

- Specialized in recreation systems, sports marketing, and community athletic development (GPA: 3.5).

### **B.S. in Sport Management Administration**

*Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina*

**Aug 2011 – May 2015**

- Curriculum focused on athletic facilities, administrative sports marketing, and sport law (GPA: 3.5).

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### **Assistant Professor of Sport Management (Tenure-Track)**

*Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina*

**Aug 2025 – Present**

- Instructed core undergraduate courses including Sport Law, Sport Sociology & Ethics, Sport Facilities & Event Management, and Research Methods.
- Mentored student majors on career development, academic progression, and internship placements.
- Cultivated strategic community partnerships and led international sports competency exchange programs.

### **Lecturer (Parks, Recreation, Tourism, Sport Management)**

*North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina*

**Aug 2023 – Present**

- Delivered academic lectures, managed course syllabi, and evaluated undergraduate students in physical education and sport management.

### **Program Coordinator & Assistant Professor of Recreation Management**

*Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina*

**Aug 2021 – Aug 2025**

- Coordinated the Recreation Management program, overseeing curriculum design, accreditation requirements, and student advisement.
- Appointed as Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) to oversee academic integrity, compliance, and student-athlete welfare.

**Adjunct Instructor (Health/Physical Education)**

Forsyth Technical Community College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Aug 2022 – Present**

- Designed and facilitated physical education courses tailored to promote healthy lifestyle habits and wellness.

**Adjunct Instructor (Physical Education & Hospitality Tourism Management)**

Durham Technical Community College, Durham, North Carolina

**Aug 2017 – Present**

- Lectured on hospitality, tourism management, and physical education concepts to a diverse student population.

**Adjunct Instructor (Physical Education)**

Alamance Community College, Burlington, North Carolina

**Aug 2021 – Aug 2023**

- Delivered structured physical education instruction, promoting fitness habits and athletic wellness.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****Instructor of Record**

Delivered high-quality undergraduate instruction as the primary educator for the following courses across sport management, recreation, and wellness disciplines:

**Sport Management (SPM)**

- SPM 230: Introduction to Sport Management
- SPM 238: Principles of Community Engagement
- SPM 277: Psychological & Cultural Dimensions of Sport
- SPM 331: Sport Marketing
- SPM 333: Sport Facilities & Event Management
- SPM 335: International Sport Management
- SPM 338: Sport Management Research Methods I
- SPM 340: Leadership & Governance in Sports
- SPM 366: Sport Programming
- SPM 430: Sport Management Research Methods II
- SPM 434: Sport Law
- SPM 435: Sport Sociology & Ethics

**Recreation & Park Management (REC / PRT)**

- REC 201: Foundations of Leisure & Recreation
- REC 230: Introduction to Park Management
- REC 281: Principles & Techniques of Recreation Leadership
- REC 284: Outdoor Education & Camping
- REC 311: Commercial of Recreation & Tourism
- REC 382: Parks & Recreation Supervision
- REC 450: Legal Aspects of Recreation Administration
- REC 340: Recreation Parks & Diverse Populations
- REC 352: Event Planning
- REC 381: Planning & Administration of Social Recreation
- REC 495: Special Topics in Recreation
- PRT 238: Diversity & Inclusion in Recreation & Sport
- PRT 475: Recreation and Park Internship

**Physical Education & Wellness (PED / HEA)**

- PED 110: Fit & Well for Life
- HEA 110: Personal Health & Wellness

**PUBLICATIONS****Published Books**

- **Dobson, M. J. (2026).** *Developing inclusive physical education programs in the 21st century.* Routledge / Taylor & Francis Group. doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899

**Published Book Chapters**

- **Dobson, M. (2026).** The Reconstruction of Raleigh, North Carolina: A Critical Analysis of Gentrification, Race, And Capitalism. In *De Gruyter Handbook of the Geographies of Race: A Multidisciplinary Global Perspective.* De Gruyter, Incorporated.
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026a).** Designing and Implementing Inclusive PE Programs. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 223–244). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-19

- **Dobson, M. J. (2026d).** Differentiation and Inclusion. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs in the 21st Century* (pp. 91–110). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-9
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026e).** Equal Access and Opportunity in PE. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs in the 21st Century* (pp. 145–158). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-13
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026f).** Equitable Sport and Recreation After-School Programming. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 178–195). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-15
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026g).** Evaluating and Improving Inclusive PE Practices. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 245–257). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-20
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026h).** Gender Equality in PE Programs. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 111–124). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-10
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026i).** Health and Wellness through PE. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 196–205). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-16
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026j).** History and Foundations of Physical Education (PE). In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 3–24). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-2
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026k).** Instructing Direct Language during Teaching Pedagogy. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 125–142). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-11
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026l).** Providing Essential PE Resources. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 159–177). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-14
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026m).** Providing Well-Being Outcomes through PE Programs. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 206–219). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-17
- **Dobson, M. J. (2026n).** The Role of Physical Educators in the 21st Century. In *Developing Inclusive Physical Education Programs* (pp. 38–58). doi.org/10.4324/9781003596899-4
- **Dobson, M. J. (2024).** Teaching for social justice through physical education in the context of US legislation and policies against critical race theory. In *Routledge Handbook of Sport, Leisure, and Social Justice* (1st ed., pp. 264–279). doi.org/10.4324/9781003389682-24

#### Published Articles

- **Dobson, M. (2025b).** African footballers and their role in community development and cultural activism. *African Journal of Sports and Physical Sciences*, 4(1), 32–47. doi.org/10.62154/ajsps.2025.04.01013
- **Dobson, M. J. (2025).** Negative Effects of Hate Crime on Athletes. *European Journal of Applied Sciences*, 13(03), 444–460. doi.org/10.14738/aivp.1303.18983
- **Dobson, M. J., & Rawlings, T. (2023).** Structuring after-school physical education programs that are engaging, diverse & inclusive. *International Journal of Physical Education, Sports and Health*, 10(6), 330–339. doi.org/10.22271/kheljournal.2023.v10.i6e.3181
- **Dobson, M. J. (2023).** Creating and implementing diverse physical education curriculum programs for undergraduate physical education teaching majors. *Journal of Physical Activity Research*, 8(1), 27–31. doi.org/10.12691/jpar-8-1-5

#### Works Under Review & In Progress

- **Dobson, M., & Bunzey, T. (n.d.).** *The Routledge Handbook of Hip Hop and Sport, Culture, and Activism* (1st ed.). Routledge (Book Under Review).
- **Bethea, J., Gilmour, H., & Dobson, M. (n.d.).** The Dual Identity: Understanding the Unique Challenges and Opportunities Facing Division I–III Athletic Coaches in Faculty Roles. *Journal of Sport Management* (Article Under Review).
- **Dobson, M. (n.d.-a).** Empowerment and Resistance: LGBTQIA+ African American Women in HBCU Sports. *International Journal of Gender and Women's Studies* (Article Under Review).
- **Dobson, M. J., & Lindsey, R. (2026).** NIL Equity at HBCUs: Student-Athlete Perceptions of NIL Opportunities and the Double Burden at HBCU Division I and II Institutions. *Journal of Sport Management* (Article Under Review).
- **NIL Policy and Black Athletes: Equity, Justice, and the Future of Black College Athletic Aspirations.** *Not Like Us: Public Policy, Power, Politics and the Black Experience*. Forbidden Knowledge: Black Education Collective (Chapter Under Review, 2026).

- **Supporting Student Success: Experiences, Strategies, and Recommendations for First-Generation College Students in Higher Education.** *Student Success: Reimagined, Renewed, and Redefined* (Chapter Under Review, 2026).
- **Fostering Community and Pride Among African American Boys Through Structured Activities.** *Journal of African American Males in Education (JAAME)* (Article Under Review, 2026).
- **The Role of Leisure in Promoting Mental Health and Resilience in Youth and Young Adults: A Systematic Review.** *European Journal of Applied Sciences* (Article Under Review, 2026).
- **Leveraging Recreation and Leisure Activities for Psychosocial Rehabilitation: An Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive Approach for Underrepresented Youth and Teens** (Chapter Under Review, 2024).

## GRANTS & FUNDED PROJECTS

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- **PI: Dobson, M., Co-PI: Moore, E.** (2022-2023). How the Implementation of a Recreation Equity-Based Afterschool Program Can Decrease Suspension Rates for Historically Underrepresented Youth When Provided a Shaw University MIND Mentor. *Shaw University, Center for Racial and Social Justice*. **Funded: \$10,000.**
- **Fellow: Dobson, M.** (2026-2027). Henry C. McBay Faculty Research Fellowship. *United Negro College Fund (UNCF)*. **Requested: \$20,000 (Under Review).**
- **JCSU & University of the Western Cape Collaboration.** (2026-2030). Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for International Sports Competency Exchange (Under Review).

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- **Dean's Excellence Award, Outstanding Faculty Research Award** (2026), JCSU College of Business & Professional Studies, Health & Human Performance.
- **Dr. Doris R. Corbett-Johnson Leaders for Our Future Award** (2025), SHAPE AMERICA.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

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- **Vaals University of Technology Public Lecture:** "VUT Beyond 60 Years: Inclusive Sports As A Catalyst For Social Change." Vanderbijlpark, South Africa (March 2026).
- **Vaal University of Technology Presentation:** "Conducting Scholarly Research." Vanderbijlpark, South Africa (March 2026).
- **Joint Conference Presentation:** "Bridging Continents Through Sport: Innovation, Inclusion, and Leadership in the Global Sports Landscape." University of Nairobi & Johnson C. Smith University Virtual Conference (October 2026) - Co-Presenter: Dr. Simon Munayi.
- **Conference Presentation:** "Perception of NIL Among College Students and Student-Athletes." North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) Annual Conference, Calgary, Canada (November 2026) - Co-Presenter: Dr. Robert Lindsey.
- **Conference Presentation:** "The Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion in Olympic Games: An Intersection Between Future Opportunities and Career Experiences for HBCU Student-Athletes." 18th International Conference on Sport & Society, Brazil (January 2027) & 34th EASM Conference, Greece (September 2026).
- **Research Presentation:** "Collaborative Pathways to Nature: Research and Partnerships." UNC-System Harnessing Nature: Promoting Student Well-being and Success (November 2025) - Co-Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Richmond Bryant.
- **NC-Sport Management Association (SMA) Presentation:** "Barriers Seeking Mental Health Services Among College Students and Student Athletes; Sport Anxiety; Knowledge/Attitudes Towards Concussions." Charlotte, North Carolina (October 2025).
- **University of South Carolina Athletics Drive-In Conference:** "Standing in the Gap: Understanding Today's Athlete & Their Academic Challenges." Co-Presenter: Ms. Courtney Washington (February 2024).
- **The Teaching Professor Conference Presentation:** "Creating and Implementing Diverse Physical Education Curriculum Programs for Undergraduate Physical Education Teaching Majors." New Orleans, Louisiana (June 2024).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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- **JCSU Lead Representative & Committee Member**, NFL HBCU Fellows Program (2025 – Present)
- **Committee Member**, JCSU Athletics Presidential Working Group (2025 – Present)
- **Dissertation Committee Member**, United States Sports University (2025 – Present)
- **Committee Member**, NCSU Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) (2024 – Present)
- **Budget Analyst**, Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Schools Athletic Department (2025 – Present)
- **Peer Reviewer & Lead Reviewer**, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) FAR Peer Review (2024)
- **Abstract/Presentation Reviewer**, SHAPE AMERICA (2024 – Present)
- **Grant/Scholarship Reviewer**, Durham Technical Community College Scholarship Foundation (2024 – Present)
- **Fellow**, NCAA Division II FAR Fellows Institute (2024)

## SCHOLARLY COMMITMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

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- **Reviewer**, *Journal of Leisure Studies* (2025 – Present)
- **Reviewer**, *SCHOLE: A Journal of Leisure Studies and Recreation Education* (2025 – Present)
- **Reviewer**, *The International Journal of Sport and Society* (2025 – Present)
- **Reviewer**, *Frontiers in Sports and Active Living* (2025 – Present)
- **Faculty Mentor**, NCSU College of Natural Resources, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) (2025 – Present)
- **Member**, Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) (2025 – Present)
- **Member**, The Academy of Leisure Sciences (2025 – Present)
- **Member**, North Carolina Recreation & Park Association (2024 – Present)
- **Member**, National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education (2023 – Present)
- **Member**, Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity (2025 – Present)

***References Available Upon Request***