
SPEAKER BIOS

Steven P. Broglio, PhD, ATC, is an associate professor of Kinesiology and director of the NeuroSport Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. His research is focused on improving athlete health and safety through the prevention, early recognition and treatment of sport-related concussions. He is currently investigating the biomechanics of concussion in high school athletes and the acute and chronic outcomes following injury. Broglio has received nearly \$2 million in grant support from private foundations and federal agencies. In 2011, he was awarded the National Athletic Trainers' Association Young Investigator Award. He is chair of NATA's position statement on concussion management to be published in the March 2014 *Journal of Athletic Training*.

Douglas J. Casa, PhD, ATC, FACSM, FNATA, is chief operating officer of the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI), which opened in 2010, and director of Athletic Training Education, Department of Kinesiology at the University of Connecticut. His passion for the study of exertional heat stroke started in 1985 when he suffered an exertional heat stroke while running a 10K race. His ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent needless tragedy during sport and physical activity. KSI serves the public to work toward preventing sudden death in sport by education, advocacy, public policy, research, media outreach and publications. Additionally, Casa is the editor of the book: "Preventing Sudden Death in Sport and Physical Activity."

Dawn Comstock, PhD, is associate professor, Epidemiology, at the Colorado School of Public Health, Pediatric Injury Prevention, Education, and Research (PIPER) Program. She is dedicated to research and the epidemiology of injury among the physically active. Her work focuses on the study of sports, recreation and leisure time activity-related injuries among children and adolescents as well as the life-long health benefits associated with an active childhood. Comstock is considered one of the country's leading experts on youth sports and injury surveillance, and her studies have had wide-reaching impact and attention across the national landscape.

Bill Curran is the director of Student Activities and Athletic Programs for Fairfax County Public Schools. In this capacity, he and his staff work collaboratively with local school and central office administrators to orchestrate the school division's interscholastic athletic programs, coach's education program, school clubs, middle school afterschool activities and athletic training program. A standout high school and college athlete, Curran spent many years teaching and coaching football and wrestling at the high school level as well as serving as a middle school assistant principal and high school activities director. Through all of these experiences, he developed a deep appreciation for the realities associated with promoting the health and safety of young athletes.

Anthony Lawrence Davis, Sr. has coached both men and women in college, high school, AAU and recreational teams. A graduate of Washington Bible College and basketball coach for 14 years, he is currently the girls' varsity head coach for basketball at H.D. Woodson High School in Washington, DC. Previously, Davis coached at Woodstream Christian Academy and Montrose Christian School. He is highly respected by the staff and teams at HDWHS.

Timothy Liam Epstein, JD, is partner/chair of the Sports Law Group at SmithAmundsen and a law professor at Loyola University. He serves on the Fetzer Council on Sports, the selection committee for the Tillman Military Scholars and the Sports Law Institute. Epstein is an “AV Preeminent Rated” attorney and serves as general counsel to events including the Pitchfork Music Festival and Life is Beautiful. He lectures on sports law matters at institutions such as Duke and the University of Chicago and is featured in publications from *ESPN the Magazine* to *The New York Times*. He is listed in the *Sports Law Expert Witness Directory* and has served as a legal analyst for ABC, Fox and WGN.

Tom Farrey is director of the Aspen Institute’s Sports & Society Program, the mission of which is to convene leaders and inspire solutions that help sport serve the public interest, with a focus on developing healthy children and communities. In 2013, the program launched Project Play, an initiative that will identify breakthrough strategies and propose a platform for stakeholders to get and keep more kids active in sport into their teenage years. He is also an ESPN enterprise reporter whose work on Outside the Lines has won the highest honors in television journalism. His 2008 book, “Game On: The All-American Race to Make Champions of Our Children,” is a leading work on modern youth sports and serves as a required text at universities from Florida to Oregon.

Brian Hainline, MD, is chief medical officer, National Collegiate Athletic Association. He oversees the NCAA Sport Science Institute, a national center of excellence whose mission is to promote and develop safety, excellence and wellness in college student-athletes and to foster life-long physical and mental development. Hainline is also a clinical professor of Neurology at NYU Langone Medical Center. Hainline is chair of the International Tennis Federation Sports Science & Medicine Commission; has served on the New York State Medical Advisory Board and USOC Sports Medicine Committee and was a founding member of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Neurology Sports Neurology Section.

Neeru Jayanthi, MD, is an associate professor of Family Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation at Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. He is also the medical director of Primary Care Sports Medicine for the Loyola University Health System and the director of Loyola’s new Tennis Medicine program. Jayanthi also serves on the board of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and is involved in the Aspen Institute’s Project Play national initiative. He has been a team physician for Loyola University Chicago athletics for more than 10 years and also is a team physician of several area high schools. He regularly manages and conducts research on sports-related injuries and illnesses in elite-level and recreational athletes.

Terri Lakowski, Esq., is the CEO of Active Policy Solutions and an expert on youth sports policy in the US. She has created and implemented strategic policy planning, lobbying, coalition building and education and outreach to renown organizations working on issues relating to sport, youth development, health and fitness, Title IX and gender equity and civil rights. Prior to starting Active Policy Solutions, she served as the public policy director for the Women’s Sports Foundation. Lakowski earned her Juris Doctorate from American University-Washington College of Law, and her bachelor’s degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Lauren Long, co-founder, Concussion Connection, is an Oklahoma native who had one passion: soccer. The desire to be the best provided many opportunities: state tournaments, college showcases and eventually the opportunity to play in college. Long accepted a scholarship to play for MidAmerica Nazarene University (Olathe, KS). Known for physical play in the air, she would do anything to win. That determination came with a price: countless sub-concussive hits to the head and at least a dozen concussions. Unable to overcome the lingering symptoms, Long walked away from soccer in 2007 at 21. Today, diagnosed with chronic post-concussion syndrome, she dedicates herself to educating athletes on concussions. Long has agreed to donate her brain to the Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy at Boston University.

Timothy Neal, MS, ATC, assistant director of athletics for sports medicine and adjunct professor at Syracuse University, has represented the National Athletic Trainers' Association as liaison to the NCAA Football Rules Committee. Neal worked closely with NCAA, was a panelist at its Concussion in Sports Medicine Management Summit and authored the catastrophic incident and mental health sections of the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook. He was recently selected to serve on the NCAA Mental Health Care Task Force. He chaired the Inter-Association Task Force that developed the 2013 consensus statement, "Recommendations for Developing a Plan to Recognize and Refer Student Athletes with Psychological Concerns at the Collegiate Level" as published in the October 2013 *Journal of Athletic Training*.

Riana Pryor, MS, ATC, is the director of Research at the Korey Stringer Institute and a doctoral student at the University of Connecticut. She currently teaches in the athletic training education program at the University of Connecticut and is a certified athletic trainer with experience at the Division III collegiate and high school levels and at mass medical tent events. Pryor's research interests include human thermoregulation in uncompensable heat stress, body cooling techniques, exertional heat illness prevention and education regarding the prevention of catastrophic injury and sudden death in sport. Most recently, she is working with the National Athletic Trainers' Association to determine the extent of athletic training services in the secondary school setting.

John Reynolds, MS, ATC, VATL, currently serves as administrator for the Fairfax County Public Schools Athletic Training Program. Prior to becoming the program's administrator, he spent 16 years as a secondary school athletic trainer at George C. Marshall High School in Fairfax County. As the program administrator, he works closely with the school division's 50 certified athletic trainers, local school administrators and central office officials to promote effective, comprehensive care for more than 28,000 student athletic participants annually. In recent years, Reynolds served as president of the Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association and was a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Secondary School Athletic Trainers' Committee. He currently serves on the Virginia High School League's Sports Medicine Advisory and Coaches Education Committees and has worked extensively with the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Health in promoting awareness about youth sports safety.

Samantha Sanderson, co-founder, Concussion Connection, was born and raised in Columbus, OH and an avid soccer player. In years of competition during high school and college, she suffered multiple concussions. As a result, Sanderson experienced daily headaches, light sensitivity, vertigo, nystagmus, memory problems, emotional instability, and a steep decline in grades. She recovered and graduated in 2009, but only two months before her graduate program suffered a concussion from whiplash. While most symptoms have resolved, Sanderson deals with lingering anxiety, hand tremor and visual difficulties. Now entering the second year of her graduate program, she plans to devote herself to reaching athletes dealing with the effects of concussion.

James L. Thornton, MA, ATC, CES, is president of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and head athletic trainer and director of sports medicine/athletic training services at Clarion University of Pennsylvania where he has worked since 1990. He has an extensive background of 30 years in college athletics. Thornton is a member of the faculty at Clarion University and the adjunct faculty at California University of Pennsylvania. He oversees a department of three full-time athletic trainers, two certified graduate assistants and 20 athletic training students through the collaborative athletic training education program of California University of Pennsylvania. Since 1997, he has also served as liaison to the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee.