

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**NAME:** Dr. Joseph A. Trumino, Ph.D.

**CURRENT POSITION:** Associate Professor  
Former Chair: Division of Social Science, 1997-2010  
College of Professional Studies, St. John's University

### **EDUCATION/DEGREES:**

Ph.D. in Sociology, CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 1991

Masters Degree Program in Sociology, Hunter College, CUNY, 1971-1973

B.A. in History, Fordham College, 1966

### **COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

1994 – Present	Associate Professor, College of Prof. Studies, St. John's University Division of Social Science Granted Tenure in March, 1994
1989 - 1994	Assistant Professor, College of Prof. Studies, St. John's University, Division of Social Science
1986 - 1988	Full Time Instructor, SUNY, Old Westbury Sociology Department
1978 - 1990	CUNY Fellow and Adjunct Instructor, Queens College and Brooklyn College, CUNY, Department of Sociology
1982 - 1989	Adjunct Instructor, New York University, Washington Square College and School of Continuing Education, Sociology Dept. and Social Science Dept.

## **RESEARCH**

The principle focus of my research, broadly speaking, has been in the areas of sport, at the group and community level, and sport and power, at the macro level. Methodologically, I have been a participant observer of a group of men who play softball on Sunday mornings in Queens, New York City for the past ten years or so. It has been in the last five years that I have begun to play **and** observe them sociologically, mostly with a symbolic interactionist-phenomenological perspective, but indebted also to Clifford Geertz's concept and method of "thick description." [See my article "Baseball, Cockfighting, and Democracy" for a demonstration of the applicability of Geertz concept for a deeper understanding of sport] Ethnographically speaking, my experience of playing with these men has been and continues to be a rich source of material for my writing and even theorizing. At the macro level, my research has been on the relationship between sport and the larger society. My recent paper, "Sport, Religion, Capitalism, and Power," is a prologue to what I envision as a larger work on the relationship between sport and society, especially relating to larger issues of how relations of power are filtered by and through sport. I view the work of theorists Antonio Gramsci on hegemony, Anthony Giddens on class structuration, as well as the work of Pierre Bourdieu and Richard Gruneau as key to this project. In this project, the bulk of my work is on the theoretical works of the above named authors, as well as more empirical works of contemporary and classic sociologists and historians such as C.L. R. James, E. P Thompson, Alan Tomlinson, John Sugden, Eric Hobsbaum, John Hargreaves, and others.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

I have two projects that I want to bring to fruition. **First**, based heavily on the articles I have written and presented at conferences over the last five years or so, I want to write a book on the sociological significance of sport, especially baseball, as it relates to culture, community, inequality of class, race/ethnicity, and gender, and social change. Such a book could serve as supplementary reading in a course in the Sociology of Sport, which I have been teaching at CPS for the last fifteen years or so. **Second**, I want to expand my paper, "Sport, Religion, Capitalism, and Power," into a book. The focus of the book would be on the complex relationship between sport and society, especially relations of power and social change. The relationship between religion and society (with Weber's *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* serving as a kind of base-line) would be the model from which the analysis would derive. Publishers such as Mellen, McFarland, and Routledge have already expressed an interest in this idea. Roger Williams of "Publish or Perish Agency" has also given me encouragement for the project, which he has agreed to edit.

**I. PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES:**

Trumino, J. "The Boys of Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall," *The Mid-Atlantic Almanack*, The Journal of the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, Volume 15, 2006, pp, 22-38.

**ON-LINE PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Trumino, J. "Jewell Avenue Fast Pitch Softball in Queens, New York City: Place, Function, and Community," AllAcademic (On-line publication) Peer reviewed paper given at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Aug. 2009.

Trumino, J. "Baseball, Cockfighting, and Culture," AllAcademic (August, 2007) Peer reviewed paper given at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Aug. 11-14 2007.

**PUBLICATION PENDING**

Trumino, J. "Sport, Religion, Capitalism, and Power," Paper submitted for publication at the request of journal editor, Eric Bain-Selbo, Ph.D., editor of "The International Journal of Religion and Sport," Mercer University Press, journal published in affiliation with the Center for Sport, Spirituality, and Religion at the University of Gloucestershire, UK

**OTHER RELEVANT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PUBLICATION:**

Offer, in writing, from **Mellen Press** of an advance of **\$2,000** to write a book on sport based on my presentation at the **Eastern Sociological Society in March, 2009**. I have previously been approached by representatives from both **Routledge Press** and **McFarland Press**.

Verbal offer by **Roger Williams** of "**Publish or Perish Agency**" to edit a book based on an expansion of my paper, "**Sport, Religion, Capitalism, and Power**. Offer and contact with Mr. Mr. Williams were made as a result of a talk he gave to a group of St. John's scholars at the D'Angelo Center in April, 2010.

**PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS:**

In **August 2010**, I will present a paper at a roundtable entitled, “**Religion, Sport, Capitalism, and Power,**” at the annual conference of the **American Sociological Association** in Atlanta, Georgia.

In **April 2010**, I presented a paper entitled, “**Religion, Sport, Capitalism, and Power,**” at the **40th Annual Popular/American Culture Association Conference** held in St. Louis, Missouri.

In **March 2010**, I presented a paper at a roundtable entitled, “**Praying and Playing in Economic Crisis**” at the **Eastern Sociological Society** meetings held in Boston, Mass.

In **November 2009**, I presented a paper entitled, “**Capitalism, Religion, and Sport.**” at the **Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association** annual meeting, held in Boston, Mass..

In **August 2009**, I presented a paper entitled, “**Jewell Avenue Fast Pitch Softball in Queens, New York City: Place, Function, and Community**” at the annual conference of the **American Sociological Association** held in San Francisco.

In **April 2009**, I presented a paper entitled, “**The Latino Baseball Player: Toasted, Roasted, and Burned**” at the annual **Joint Conference of the Popular/American Culture Association** held in New Orleans.

In **March 2009**, I presented a paper entitled, **Major League Baseball and the Latino Ballplayer: Opportunity or Exploitation?**” at the **Eastern Sociological Society** annual meeting held in Baltimore, Maryland.

In **November 2008**, I presented a paper entitled, “**The Roots of Major League Baseball’s Increasingly Latino Workforce**” at the **Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association** annual meeting held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

In **March 2008**, I presented a paper entitled, **Diversity as a Step Beyond Integration But Miles from Equality: Jackie Robinson and the Lessons of History**” at the **Popular/American Culture Association** annual meeting held in San Francisco, Cal.

In **February 2008**, I presented a paper entitled, “**The Globalization of Labor in Major League Baseball**” at the **Eastern Sociological Society** annual meeting in New York City, NY.

In **November 2007**, I presented a paper entitled, “**Is Diversity in Sport and Society Synonymous With Equality?**” at the **Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association** annual meeting held in Philadelphia, PA.

In **August 2007**, I presented a paper entitled, “**Baseball, Cockfighting, and Culture**” at The **American Sociological Association** annual meeting held in New York City, NY.

In **June 2007**, I presented a paper entitled, “**The Boys of Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.**” at the **Nineteenth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture**, co-sponsored by the **National Baseball Hall of Fame** and the **State University of New York** in Cooperstown, NY.

In **April 2007**, I presented a paper entitled, “**Baseball, Cockfighting, and Democracy**” at the **Popular/American Culture Association** annual meeting held in Boston, Mass.

In **March 2007**, I presented a paper at a roundtable entitled, “**Baseball and Opportunity: Myth and Reality**” at the **Eastern Sociological Society** annual meeting in Philadelphia, Penn.

In **October 2006**, I presented a paper entitled, “**Baseball and the Perpetuation of the Myth of Equal Opportunity in America**” at the **Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association** annual meeting held in Baltimore, MD.

In **February 2006**, I presented a paper, entitled, “**Ball Field as Catalyst for Community Formation**” at the **Eastern Sociological Society** annual meeting in Boston, Mass.

In **November 2005**, I presented a paper entitled, “**The Boys of Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall**” at the **Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association** annual meeting in New Brunswick, NJ.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1988 - 1989 Worked as a consultant for the New York City Board of Education at its central headquarters at 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York. I assisted in evaluation research of Board programs. Most significant research was done with Cornell Medical Center staff, examining the impact of homelessness on students' educational success.
- 1986 Assisted in study examining differential rates of promotion among male vs female professors at CUNY.
- 1982 - 1983 Research assistant to Dr. M. Suffian for a study of differential patient care at NYC hospitals. Did interviews and observations of patients being treated for the disease known as Lupus
- 1980 - 1981 Served as Coordinator for the Urban Research and Strategy Center, a South Bronx-located Think Tank. Worked with New York City Councilman, Gerena Valentin and Political Sociologist, Stanley Aronowitz, and other New York City activists and intellectuals to formulate policy for the redevelopment of the South Bronx. I also coordinated the activities of the organization and worked as its liaison with other organizations.
- 1978-1979 Research Assistant to Dr. Neil Sullivan of Brooklyn College. Assisted in data collection and analysis for a study of racial and ethnic transition in a private home area of Flatbush, Brooklyn
- 1975-1978 Research Assisted to Professor John Goering, CUNY Graduate Center. Served as Bronx field coordinator for a study commissioned by the New York City Human Rights Commissioner, Eleanor Holmes Norton and the Office of the Mayor of NYC. Examined racial and ethnic transition and community efforts at stabilization and preservation. conducted inter- views with large number of public officials , representatives of private organizations, and local residents. Observed and participated in public and private community meetings and events.

**GRANTS/AWARDS:** None

**ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS:**

**Associate Editor** of *The Mid-Atlantic Almanack*, 2007-2008

**Area Chair** for the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, 2009 to present.

Awarded a Graduate Fellowship from Brooklyn College, 1979-1980

Awarded Graduate Fellowships from Queens College, from 1980-1984

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:**

The American Sociological Association

The Eastern Sociological Society

The Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association

The National Popular/American Culture Association

**SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY::**

Time constraints do not permit me to give the requisite information for this important area. However, very briefly, as Chair and faculty member of the Division of Social Science and the College of Professional Studies from 1998 until the present, I have been actively involved in most of the major endeavors of my Division and College, including:

- the **University Core Curriculum**,
- the creation of a new degree program, **The BS in Health and Human Services**.
- the directorship of the **Administrative Studies Program** and the **Health Service Administration Program**,
- participant in the **Rome Workshop of the University Writing Center**
- and many other events, committees, panels, lectures, etc. too many to enumerate.