

2009 NOMINATIONS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD

FACULTY NOMINATIONS

Adrian Burgos, Jr., Associate Professor, US History

I write to nominate myself for the Athletic Board. I am an associate professor in the History Department with an established record of service on and off campus. For the past four years I have served as the assistant director of graduate studies in the History Department and presently I am on the Advisory Committee for IPRH. In addition to serving on History Department and Latino Studies program committees, I have also served on several university and college level committees in my seven years on campus--including on the search committee for director of CDMS and for Latino Studies Director Search Committee. Beyond Illinois, my service includes a term (elected) as co-chair for the Latino Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), work on editorial boards of two scholarly journals, a member of the 2009 Programming Committee for the Organization of American Historians, and as a member of the nomination and voting committees for the National Baseball Hall of Fame's 2006 special election on the Negro Leagues.

My scholarly work has long been engaged with sport as a critical site of research and public engagement. In 2007 I published "Playing America's Game: Baseball, Latinos, and the Color Line" which was awarded the best Latino Book Award by LASA and was a finalist for the 2008 Seymour Medal for the best baseball book (selected annually by the Society of American Baseball Researchers). I have also been a consultant on museum exhibitions (including Baseball Hall of Fame's "Viva Baseball" which opens this Memorial Day) and for several documentaries on sport (including last year's Roberto Clemente episode of PBS's American Experience and Ken Burns' "The Tenth Inning" scheduled for PBS airing in spring 2010). My teaching of courses on race and sport such as "Baseball and Integration" has been recognized by students for inclusion on the "Incomplete List of Teachers Rated as Excellent." Moreover, there is also a deeply personal connection I have to collegiate sports. I played varsity baseball (co-captain senior year) in my undergraduate days at Vassar College (Div III program) and my work study position was as the assistant to the Athletic Director where my responsibilities included compiling and updating eligibility forms for the NCAA and assisting the Sports Information Director with production of press releases. This experience as a scholar athlete remains part of what drives my continuing research and everyday interests in educating others in the important place of sport in educational settings and in our society as a whole.

Margaret S. Kelley, Associate Professor, Sociology Department, nominated by Anna-Maria Marshall, Acting Head, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

I am writing to nominate Margaret S. Kelley of the Sociology Department to the Athletic Board. Kelley is uniquely qualified to serve as an advisor on both the operational and fiscal aspects of UIUC's sports program. Although Kelley is a relatively recent arrival at the University of Illinois, she brings with her a wealth of experience from serving on the Big Twelve Athletics Council at the University of Oklahoma (also an advisory council to the university president) for three years before arriving on campus. Last year she chaired the Gender Equity and Sportsmanship Committee and wrote a substantial report addressing the athletics department's progress in that area. During her term on the Athletics Council, she also chaired the Academic Integrity Committee and served on the Academic Review Sub-committee. Finally, she herself was a Division I athlete while she was in college; she played volleyball for Wichita State University. Her personal experiences and her work on behalf of the athletics department of a high profile Big Twelve school would allow her to hit the ground running on our own Athletic Board.

In addition to her experience in the Big Twelve, Kelley's research and scholarly interests are directly related to matters of interest to UIUC's Athletic Board. With a research agenda that mainly focuses on the connection between drugs and crime, her most recent projects have investigated the problem of alcohol use on college campuses. Kelley has several papers in progress that explore the relationship between high school athletic

participation and juvenile delinquency. She is also working on a book project that proposes a multi-method exploratory study designed to elicit understanding of the sporting experience at the margins. That is, rather than focusing on the high-profile college athlete, her work will expand the lens of what it means to have a relationship to sport, both as a fan and as a direct participant at the local level. Her general research goal is to identify, describe, and explain the underlying order of marginal sports participation.

Finally, Kelley has a demonstrated record of excellence in service, offering leadership both here on campus and in the field of Sociology. Kelley has a demonstrated service record in national academic organizations. She recently served as Chair of the Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Section of the American Sociological Association and prior to that as Chair of the Division on Drugs and Alcohol of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. And although she is a new addition to Sociology, she has already assumed two important leadership roles in the department. First, she has been working as Chair of the Curriculum Committee to specify the department's areas of specialization and revise the graduate curriculum – a long overdue project in which she has made significant progress. In addition, she is serving a member of a third-year review committee for a junior colleague.

In sum, Kelley has a unique set of qualifications that make her an excellent candidate for the Athletic Board. I enthusiastically recommend her inclusion on the Senate's list of nominees for appointment to the Athletic Board.

Mary Mallory, Head, Government Documents Library, and Associate Professor of Library Administration

I would like to nominate myself for the Athletic Board. I am interested in the overall operations, processes, and programs carried out by the Board and its committees. My specific interests are in the athletes' educational experiences, their physical and mental health, and, most of all, their future career opportunities as college graduates. Although Illinois already does this well, I am also interested in community and alumni involvement in Illinois sports events and related activities as a form of university public engagement. Illinois sports present a tremendous arena in which the campus, local community, and state residents can be brought together in support of this land grant institution and its missions. The Fighting Illini Scholar-Athlete Banquet, which I have had the pleasure of attending a few times, is one example.

In my position as Head of the Government Documents Library, I have helped at least 10,000 undergraduate, professional, and graduate students discover and use international, United States, Canadian, other national-level government, and Illinois state government information for course assignments and research. I have also assisted faculty, CU community members, congressional district citizens, and international visitors in their government information needs. I am able to find and interpret present and past laws, policy, regulations, rules, and reports, as well as statistical information, in a wide range of topics. Government information is published on nearly every subject imaginable, even sports. In managing the operations and services of the Government Documents Library, I have built collections, monitored departmental budgets, trained and supervised personnel, and taught numerous instruction sessions. In addition to Illinois, I have held professional positions at Columbia, Harvard, and in the corporate sector. Due to my experiences and skills, I think I would make valuable contributions to the Athletic Board, its goals, and its broad range of constituents.

I have served as vice-chair of the Senate Executive Committee, and also served on the following Senate committees: University Senates Conference, Library, General University Policy, Honorary Degrees, and Public Engagement. I chaired both the Honorary Degrees and Public Engagement committees. I was elected by the Senate membership to serve on the Chancellor's Search Committee, 2004-2005. Since 2007, I have been a member of the campus Conflict Review Committee, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. In the Library, I am currently a member of the Bylaws Committee; previously, I chaired the Library's EEO Committee. I am active in the American Library Association (ALA), in particular, its Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), and am serving for a three-year term in an elected office, that of GODORT councilor on ALA Council. Council is the governing body of the ALA, and it establishes policies to plan and carry out programs and activities of the Association. I am also active in the CIC Heads of Government Publications peer group.

I am a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. For over a decade, I have been a member of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). I grew up a fan of the Detroit Tigers, but over the years I have expanded my loyalties in terms of both sports interests and teams.

Thomas S. Ulen, Swanlund Chair, Director, Illinois Program in Law and Economics nominated by Matt Wheeler, Professor of Biotechnology and Developmental Biology, Department of Animal Sciences

Professor Ulen joined the faculty in the Department of Economics in 1977. He has taught at the College of Law since 1982. His scholarly interest is the economic analysis of law, often characterized as the most important innovation in legal scholarship in the past 100 years. He has stayed involved in undergraduate teaching through the Discovery and the Campus Honors Programs. He has written over 90 articles for professional journals and authored or co-authored four books, one of which is the leading text in law and economics. In Spring, 2003, Professor Ulen had the great honor of being named a Swanlund Chair by the campus. Professor Ulen was a member of the founding Board of Directors of the American Law and Economics Association and has served as a member of the editorial board of several professional journals. He is a co-organizer of the Midwest Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting at the College of Law. A prolific writer and researcher, Professor Ulen has contributed four entries—on regulation generally, quantity regulation, price regulation, and quality regulation—for the *Oxford Economic History of the United States* (forthcoming) and a chapter entitled, “The Limits of Law for Imperfectly Rational Actors” for *Law and Irrational Behavior* (Francesco Parisi, ed., University of Chicago Press, 2003). In addition, he is editing a book of legal humor, and expanding his recent *Illinois Law Review* article, “A Nobel Prize in Legal Science,” into a book.

Professor Ulen has served on and chaired several major campus committees and activities. In 1995, he served on the presidential search committee to find a successor to Stanley O. Ikenberry. In 2000-2001 he chaired the Chancellor Search Committee for this campus. Professor Ulen was a member of the founding Board of Directors of the American Law and Economics Association and has served as a member of the editorial board of several professional journals. Professor Ulen has been involved in sports all his life as a participant and a fan. He won three varsity letters in rowing in college and, like many in the university community he has coached his sons' baseball, basketball, and soccer teams. He believes that there is a strong and important connection between excellence in sports and excellence in all phases of one's life. The lessons of competition and of sportsmanship, of doing your best and of winning and losing with grace, are some of the most important teaching that the University does. He would be an important asset to policy formation and management issues that face a major undertaking such as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. If Professor Ulen is selected for the Board, he would make especially strong contributions as a member of the Academic Progress and Eligibility Committee (APEC), the Financial Management Committee as well as the Public Affairs Committee. The APEC Committee is the most important element of faculty oversight on the Board.

STUDENT NOMINATIONS

Emily Ganschietz, Junior in the College of LAS

I am currently a mat aid for the University of Illinois wrestling team and in the fall I have for the past two seasons been a blockhead for Block I. Blockheads make sure that the student section is not doing anything that is redeeming inappropriate. Also, lead the chants and songs during the game as well as make sure people know how to do the card stunts at half time. I am very interested in policy and management issues that deal with the Big Ten athletic program. As my high school finally gets people actually on teams I become more interested because I went to high school with them and our friends with them. Michelle Bartsch that is on the Illinois Volleyball team is one from my high school.

I have great time management skills. I also have great listening skills with dealing with others problems or getting critique myself. I am part of Colleges Against Cancer, which I hold the logistics chair position. We put on Relay for Life very spring, this year is March 13. Also put on other fundraisers for American Cancer Society

with Pancake Dinner, Protect Your Balls Dodgeball tournament (Prostate Cancer Research), Breast Cancer Awareness, etc. Besides fund raising we do volunteer work and make cards for Veterans for the holidays and children in hospitals. I am also a Student Senator for the College of LAS. I believe I would be a great asset to this board and would love to be a part of it. I have great leadership qualities and experiences! I hope you consider me one of the nominees. Thank you! Please feel free to email me (egansch2@illinois.edu) if you have any questions.

Lance Kingston, Graduate student, Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Resident Assistant and Predoc Fellow, Mechanical Science & Engineering; nominated by Patrick T. Lynch, Graduate student, Mechanical Engineering

Lance Kingston is lifelong Fighting Illini Fan who has been attending athletic events regularly for 15 years and as a student for the past 6 years. He is a season ticket holder for basketball as well as football, and is well versed in all the Illini teams. Lance takes pride that Illini teams not only excel as athletes, but also as scholars, and recognizes and embraces that duality. He was a vocal supporter and defender of the DIA a couple months ago when some other student senators were critical of the tutoring facility (after the article in the *Chicago Tribune*). His other interests are in fan access, by keeping admission to non-revenue generating sports free and expanding access to the Big Ten Network.

Lance is a student leader who currently serves in the ISS and the U-C Senate. His ISS attendance is exemplary, and he is the vice-chair of the student rights committee and was critical in the '08-'09 *Know Your Rights* Campaign. He is unafraid of asking tough questions. In the U-C Senate, Lance is a member of the Committee on Conduct Governance and the Committee on Public Engagement, and would also bring that related experience as well.

Lauren Minkina, Freshman student in Business; Nominated by Jaclyn O'Day, senior in the Department of Communication

Lauren Minkina is a fresh face in student government, and will be a future campus leader at the University of Illinois. In high school she served as class president 3 of her 4 years, which helped her learn how to interact in a professional manor with her administrators and peers. If selected to serve on the Athletic Board she would be able to use her problem solving skills she has developed through her involvement in student government organizations in college and high school to make sure that the athletic program continues to uphold the academic and educational objectives defined by the UC Senate.

She has experience working with diverse groups of people and is able to see both sides of a disagreement and make informed decisions. She has been a hardworking and dedicated intern to me this year and is also a member of the Commencement Committee. She is a season ticket holder for both football and basketball and is a diehard Illinois fan. In high school she played basketball and soccer and she is very familiar with the athletic programs on our campus. Since she is a freshman, selecting Lauren to serve on the Athletic Board would be beneficial to the committee, because she would be able to serve for more than one term. Student participation on the Athletic Board is extremely important to make sure that adequate student input is garnered in decisions that relate to athletics on this campus and I highly recommend Lauren Minkina.

Dan O'Connor, Freshman student in ACES; Nominated by Jaclyn O'Day, senior in the Department of Communication

Dan is a new member of student government. This year he has served as one of my interns and I have had the privilege to work with him. His attendance has been stellar and he is always willing to lend a helping hand. He is an excellent student, has a multitude of skills and I think he would be a great asset to the Athletic Board. I am certain he would continue to uphold the high standards we have for our athletic programs coupled with our academic and educational goals of our fine University to represent the views of students on this campus. Dan is a devoted Illini fan and I would ask that you consider him for a student position on the Athletic Board.