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Education

Doctoral in Philosophy Ph.D.	2025 (Exp.)	University of South Carolina Major: Sports & Entertainment Management Specialization: Mega-Events legacy
Master of Science. M.S.	2021	Ball State University Major: Sports Administration Specialization: Olympic legacies Magna Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science. B.S.	2019	Indiana University of Pennsylvania Major: International Business Minor(s): Sports Administration, Finance Summa Cum Laude

Research

A. Research Manuscript

Feller, R., Turick, R., Walker, K. B., & Downs, B. (2023). Now what? An assessment of legacies perception post-Olympic cycle. *International Journal of Event and Festival Management*, 15(3), 322-338. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJEFM-01-2023-0004>

Feller, R. (2021). Resident perceptions of the socio-economic legacy left by the Rio 2016 Olympic Games [Master's Thesis]. Ball State University.

Turick, R., **Feller, R.,** & Blom, L. (2020). Welcome to America! How can athletic departments better assist international student-athletes with their transition into the American university setting?. *Journal of Emerging Sport Studies*, 4(1), 1-18.
<https://doi.org/10.26522/jess.v4i.3717>

B. Academic Presentation

Feller, R. & Mercado, H. U. (Accepted). *What About Mega Event Legacy? Reconstructing the Temporal Construal Theory*. Accepted for presentation at the 2025 Global Sport Business Association Conference.

- Feller, R., & Mercado, H. U.** (2024, March). *Accessible Infrastructure and Social Inclusion: An Athletes' Perspective from the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games*. Presented at the 2024 European Association for Sport Management Conference, Paris, France.
- Feller, R., & Mercado, H. U.** (2023, March). *A Phenomenological Approach to International Student-Athletes Transitioning out of Collegiate Athletics*. Presented at the College Sport Research Institute Conference, Columbia, SC, USA.
- Alshamari, S., **Feller, R.,** & Shapiro, S. L. (2023, March). *Exploring the Impact of Hosting a Sport Mega-Event on Women's Organized Sport Participation: The Case of the Qatar 2022 World Cup*. Presented at the World Association for Sport Management conference, Doha, Qatar.
- Feller, R., & Mercado, H. U.** (2023, March). *Perception Precedes Reality: Residents Assessment of Legacies Left from the Rio 2016 Olympic Games*. Presented at the World Association for Sport Management conference, Doha, Qatar.
- Feller, R.,** Mercado, H. U., & Grady, J. (2023, February). *End the Monopoly! Professional Swimmers Opinions and Experiences about the Introduction of the International Swimming League*. Presented at the Applied Sport Management Association Conference, Birmingham, AL, USA.
- Feller, R., & Mercado, H. U.** (2022, November). *Repositioning Olympic Venues: Strategies for Future Host Cities*. Presented at the Sport Entertainment & Venues Tomorrow, Columbia, SC, USA.
- Feller, R., & Turick, R.** (2021, February). *The Impact of the International Swimming League on the Lives of Professional Swimmers*. Presented at the Applied Sport Management Association Conference. Virtual Conference.
- Feller, R., & Turick, R.** (2020, April). *Avoiding White Elephant Status: An Analysis of Recent Olympic Venues Re-Purposing Post-Games*. Pennsylvania Sports Business Conference*, Indiana, PA., USA.
- Feller, R., & Turick, R.** (2020, March). *An Analysis of Racial Tasking among College Quarterbacks*. Indy Sports Business Conference*, Indianapolis, IN, USA.
- Feller, R.,** Turick, R., & Walker, K. B. (2020, February). *Legacy and the Summer Olympic Games: An Analysis of the Tangible Outcomes from Recent Games*. Presented at the annual Applied Sport Management Association Conference, Waco, TX, USA.
- Turick, R., **Feller, R.,** & Swim, N. (2020, February). *Set Up to Fail: Coaching, Race, and the Glass Cliff in College Football*. Presented at the annual Applied Sport Management Association conference, Waco, TX, USA.

*Indicates submitted for review; event canceled due to Coronavirus pandemic.

C. Invited Presentations

Feller, R., Ifill, A., Lokhande, A., Montalvo Perez, R., (2023, April). *It Takes a (Global) Village: Sound Practices Towards International Student-Athletes' Inclusion*. Presented at the 2023 NCAA Inclusion Forum, Indianapolis, IN, USA.

D. Grants

Feller, R. (2024). HRSM Travel Fund for 2024 EASM. University of South Carolina Department of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management [Awarded \$2000].

Feller, R., & Oliveira, J. R., (2023). The “United 2026” bid: Understanding perceived social outcomes from hosting communities’ lenses. *FIFA Research Scholarship 2024* [Not Awarded].

Feller, R. (2023). Travel fund for WASM 2023. University of South Carolina Graduate School Travel Grant [Awarded \$800]

Feller, R. (2023). Travel fund for WASM 2023. University of South Carolina College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management Travel Grant [Awarded \$500].

Feller, R. (2023). Travel fund for WASM 2023. University of South Carolina Department of Sport & Entertainment Management Travel Grant [Awarded \$500].

Feller, R., Swim, N., Kazmierski, G., & Mercado, H. U. (2023, January). Challenges of international student-athletes transitioning out of collegiate athletics. *2023 NCAA Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program*. \$8000 (Submitted – Not Awarded).

Feller, R., Swim, N., & Mercado, H. U. (2022, July). Challenges of international student-athletes transitioning out of collegiate athletics. *2022 NCAA Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program*. \$3500 (Finalist – Not Awarded).

Feller, R. (2020, February). Legacy and the Summer Olympic Games: An Analysis of the Tangible Outcomes from Recent Games. *Aspire Student Grant*. \$450 (Awarded).

Turick, R., Blom, L., & **Feller, R.** (2019, October). How can the Ball State athletic community better assist international student-athletes with their transition into the American university setting? *Diversity Associates Funding*. \$400 (Awarded).

Teaching

University of South Carolina

Instructor of Record

SPTE 310 – Collegiate Athletics

SPTE 330 – The Summer Olympic Games

SPTE 380 – Sport & Entertainment Marketing

Fall 2023

2022 – Present

2024 – Present

Teaching Assistant
SPTE 201 – Introduction to Sport Management 2021 – 2022
SPTE 203 – Introduction to Event and Venue Management 2021 – 2022

Ball State University

Teaching Assistant
SPTE 300 – Sport Law
SPTE 485 – Sport Management

Service

Case Study Judge 2023 – Present
College Sport Research Institute Conference Columbia, SC

Manuscript Reviewer 2023 – Present
International Journal of Event and Festival Management

Abstract Reviewer 2021 - Present
Sport Entertainment & Venues Tomorrow Conference Columbia, SC

Member, Graduate Representative for the College of Health 2020 - 2021
Ball State University Academic Ethics Committee Muncie, IN

Professional Experience

University of South Carolina (2021-Present) *Columbia, SC, USA.*
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sport and Entertainment Management

Ball State University (2019-2021) *Muncie, IN, USA.*
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Kinesiology, Sports Administration Program

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2015-2019) *Indiana, PA, USA.*
Library Circulation Desk Clerk. *Stapleton Library* (2017-2019)
Fitness Center Associate. *IUP Student Co-Op Association* (2017-2019)
English Tutor for International Students. *American Language Institute* (2015-2017)

Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games (Summer 2016) *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*
National Olympic Committee Assistant – Rio 2016 Summer Olympic Games

Languages Spoken

Portuguese – Native Language/Fluent
English – Fluent Proficiency
Spanish – Advanced Proficiency