

2021-22 Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Lectureship Award Recipient

Daniel A. Nathan

The Douglas Family Chair in American Culture, History, and Literary and Interdisciplinary Studies and Professor of American Studies

Dan Nathan's scholarship is "wide-ranging, eclectic, often interdisciplinary and occasionally award winning." Within the general category of sport and American culture, he has written on a broad range of subjects, which include baseball, basketball, football, intercollegiate athletics, sport films, memoir, oral history and museums, to name a few.

Most of Dan's work is animated by his interest in how the past is represented and understood, and in our responses when presented with multiple versions of it. He uses sport to explore, more broadly, the politics of cultural representation, memory and meaning.

Dan has authored a monograph, *Saying It's So: A Cultural History of the Black Sox Scandal* (2003); edited three anthologies: *Rooting for the Home Team* (2013), *Baltimore Sports* (2016) and *Baseball Beyond Our Borders* (2017); and written countless articles and book chapters as well as book and film reviews.

Dan is recognized as an authority and a leader in his field. In this brief citation, we can only mention that, in 2004, his *Saying It's So*, which has been described as "the gold standard for work on sport and cultural memory," won both the North American Society for Sport History (NASSH) monograph book award and the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport book award. As of today, Dan's is the only book to win both of these awards. *Rooting for the Home Team* won the NASSH anthology book award, making Dan the first person to win both NASSH scholarship awards. *Rooting for the Home Team* has inspired many scholars to write about the sport, community and identity nexus, and several of its essays have been republished elsewhere. Dan's work has been widely republished and excerpted in a variety of forms, and he is sought after to give talks, review books and films, and referee manuscripts for scholarly journals.

Dan's engagement with research today is as lively as ever and he is currently working on two books and several articles. Those who have had the pleasure to read or talk with him about his work know that his enthusiasm for his research is genuine and contagious.

Dan is a scholar who sees himself as a member of a community of learners. Among other things, he has collaborated with students and participated in countless conferences; he has been both a member and the President of the North American Society for Sport History; and he is Associate Editor for the *Journal of Sport History*.

Dan is a model of excellence in scholarship. It is an honor and a privilege to have him in our community. From the Faculty Development Committee and the entire Skidmore community, thank you for your many contributions, and congratulations!