



# THE SPORTS AND SOCIETY INITIATIVE

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The Sports and Society Initiative at The Ohio State is devoted to the development of a better understanding of the role of amateur and professional sports in the economy and society at large. With the increasing importance of sports in every aspect of American life, the sports-related issues facing our society have become complex and poorly understood by many in the general public. The Sports and Society Initiative's efforts are interdisciplinary, bringing in students and faculty from across Ohio State, to engage in research and discussion on the current role of sports related topics.



## MORE ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The initiative promotes high quality research related to issues of societal concern in sports at all levels through research grants, undergraduate and graduate training and internships, the sponsorship of conferences and interaction with policy makers in sports and related industries.

The initiative aims to produce information that will inform public opinion in a fair and balanced way.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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### THE SSI PROVIDES:

**Panels:** bring together leading experts to discuss critical issues related to sports and society and to inform the public and policy makers about key aspects of these issues.

#### Panel Dates for 2016-17:

- September 30: Alternative Careers in Sports
- April 2017: Reforming College Sports

**News Service:** provide a free digest of all the latest news related to economic and societal sports issues.



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## SUMMER INSTITUTE

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The Summer Institute is an important outreach component and an exceptional opportunity to use Ohio State's considerable insight and experience with young people in sports to channel the enormous sports enthusiasm of American youth along productive and realistic avenues. Every summer the Sports and Society Initiative will bring high school students from around the state of Ohio to the Ohio State campus for a three-day workshop designed to give a broader view of careers in sports both on and off the field.

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