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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Brighton**, 2018- June 18, 2022, in Social Anthropology
M.A. **Simon Fraser University**, 2014-2017, in Cultural Anthropology
B.A. **Simon Fraser University**, 2011-2014, in Anthropology, with distinction.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

October 2023-
present **KU Leuven** (Belgium), Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellow
Teaching Associate

January-June
2022 **Syracuse University London**
Adjunct Professor

February 2020-
June 2022 **University of Brighton**, School of Sport and Health Sciences
Hourly Paid Lecturer

September 2014-
August 2016 **Simon Fraser University**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Teaching Assistant

VISITING ACADEMIC POSITIONS

February 10-21
2025 **Leiden University** (Netherlands), Visiting Fellow, Institute of Cultural
Anthropology and Development Sociology

June 2024-
May 2025 **Nord University** (Norway), Visiting Research Fellow, Faculty of Education and
Arts and RESPONSE Sport in Society Research Group

March 11-23,
2022

Nord University, Guest Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences and
RESPONSE Sport in Society Research Group

RESEARCH

Books

edited

Heath, Sean, Ben Hildred, Henrike Neuhaus, and Tomas F. Carter (2025). *Anthropology in a Sporting Worlds: Knowledge, Collaboration and Representation in the Digital Age*. Wilmington, NC: Vernon Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

Heath, Sean. Under Review. (submitted July 2024). How to “Play Well” while Swimming Outdoors: Embracing Competitive Values, Playful Encounters, and Changing Fields. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*.

Heath, Sean. (2024). Banter as transformative practice: linguistic play and joking relationships in a UK swimming club. *HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research* 37(4), 529-549. DOI: [10.1515/humor-2024-0005](https://doi.org/10.1515/humor-2024-0005).

Heath, Sean, and Thomas F. Carter. 2024. On the Learning, Transmission, and Embodiment of Swimming’s Haptic Grammar Haptic Grammar. *Body and Society* 30(2), p. 85-111. DOI: 10.1177/1357034X241254982

Heath, Sean. 2022. The Quality of Water: Perception and Senses of Fluid Movement. *The Senses and Society* 17(3), p. 263-276. DOI: 10.1080/17458927.2022.2135358

Carter, Thomas F., **Sean Heath**, Sarah Jacobs, and Jasmijn Rana. 2022. Sensory Ecologies: The Refinement of Movement and the Senses in Sport. *The Senses and Society* 17(3), p. 241-251. DOI: 10.1080/17458927.2022.2122693

Heath, Sean. 2020. Disjuncture as Well-Being in Youth Swimming: COVID-19 Pandemic Affects on Everyday Associations and Routines. *NEOS* 12(2), p. 15-18. <https://acyig.americananthro.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/NEOS-Volume-12-Issue-2-Fall-2020.pdf>

Heath, Sean. 2014. Learning to Swim: Age Group Swim Clubs and Embodied Identity in Canada. *Simon Fraser University Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate Journal* 1(1), p. 1-10.

Non-refereed Journal Articles

Fanoli, Francesco, **Heath, Sean** and Leo Hopkinson. (~2025). Introduction to the Special Issue: Centering play - sport, social change and stabilization. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*.

Special Journal Issue Edited

Fanoli, Francesco, **Heath, Sean** and Leo Hopkinson. Accepted (estimated publication date ~2025). Introduction to the Special Issue: Centering play - sport, social change and stabilization. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory. Special Issue*.

Carter, Thomas F., **Sean Heath**, Sarah Jacobs, and Jasmijn Rana. 2022. *The Senses and Society*. Special Section on “Sensory Ecologies: The Refinement of Movement and the Senses in Sport,” vol. 17, no. 3.

Chapters in Books

Heath, Sean. Accepted (August 2024, to be published ~January 2025). Representing the Swimming Self. In *Anthropology in Sporting Worlds: Knowledge, Representation, and Collaboration in the Digital Age*, edited by Thomas F. Carter, Sean Heath, Ben Hildred, and Henrike Neuhaus. Wilmington, NC: Vernon Press.

Hildred, Benjamin, **Sean Heath**, and Henrike Neuhaus (2025). Introduction: The Digital Fabric of Social Interaction: Knowledge, Collaboration and Representation in Sport. In *Anthropology in Sporting Worlds: Knowledge, Collaboration and Representation in the Digital Age*. Wilmington, NC: Vernon Press.

Heath, Sean. 2021. Burnout and Training Maladaptation Affects Well-Being: Strategies for Wellness Amongst Young Swimmers. In *High Performance Youth Swimming*, edited by Jeanne Dekerle, p.228-244. Research in Paediatric Sport & Exercise Science. New York and London: Routledge.

Encyclopedia and Handbook Articles

Heath, Sean. Accepted, awaiting publication (~2025). “Embodiment.” In *Encyclopedia of Sociology of Sport*, edited by Adam Evans, Verena Lenneis, Gareth McNarry, and Anne Tjønnndal, 1–7. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Reports

Heath, Sean. 2024. A Study on Climate Action Communication through Football: Exploring the ways Pedagogy in Football can be Mobilized to Engender Sustainability, Climate Change, Gender Equality and Fair Play. *One Ball, One World for Climate Action: Spirit of Football's The Ball 2023 End of Project Monitoring and Evaluation Report*. Sport for Development. Stockholm: Swedish Postcode Foundation. <https://postkodstiftelsen.se/en/projekt/one-ball/>. <https://theball.tv/2022/>.

Munro, Ellie, and **Sean Heath**. 2021. “Falling Short Report: Response to UKRI’s Phase 1 and Phase 2 Support for PhD Researchers During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Pandemic PGRs*. Birmingham and Brighton: UK. https://cris.brighton.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/24115230/Falling_Short_Full_Report.pdf. UKRI Response Letter: <https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/UKRI-200421-LetterToPandemicPGRsProfessorDameOttolineLeyser.pdf>.

Heath, Sean. 2013. "Report on the joint Mosaic, North Shore Multicultural Society, and North Shore Neighbourhood House Preschool Partnership Program at Ridgeway Elementary." *North Shore Neighbourhood House*. North Vancouver: Canada.

Research Grants

External funding

- 2023-2025 **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship – European Fellowship**, European Union, Horizons Europe, Grant 101102950 EcoSENSES (€191,760 EUR) (PI 100%)
- 2020-2022 **Doctoral Fellowship**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Grant 752-2020-0175 (\$60,000 CAD)(PI 100%)
- 2020 **Post Graduate Regional Forum**, for a one-day virtual Post-Graduate Researcher Forum. "Engaging Publics: Creative Ethnographic Methods and Representations," co-organized with Judith Römhild-Raviart. British Sociological Association (£1000 GBP)(co-PI 50%)
- 2015-2016 **Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Grant GXSO118 (\$17,500 CAD) (PI 100%)
- 2009-2013 **Conrad Speirs Memorial Scholarship – Global Education Trust Fund** for excellence and achievement in undergraduate studies (\$17,414 CAD) (PI 100%)

Internal Funding

- 2022 **Visiting Fellowship**, Sport and Societies Research Group, Nord University, and School of Sport and Health Sciences, University of Brighton (£2000 GBP)(PI 100%)
- 2018-2021 **International Research Scholarship**, Doctoral College, University of Brighton (£43,200 GBP) (PI 100%)
- 2015 **Graduate Fellowship Award, Scholarship**, Simon Fraser University (\$6,250 CAD) (PI 100%)
- 2014-2015 **Special Graduate Entrance Award Scholarship (SGES)**, Simon Fraser University (\$5,000 CAD) (PI 100%)

External Research Experience

Football 4 Peace (& Rugby 4 Peace) International - Research Assistant & Coach 2018-present
Delivery and organization of values-based palliative training and coaching programmes designed in and for areas suffering from high levels of cross-community conflict and various forms of political disorder and social disintegration. Helping organize, run, and deliver content at training camps for community members. Assist with collection of fieldwork data, including participant observation, fieldnotes, and ethnographic interviews.

Training Camps Delivered:

- Barranquilla, Colombia 2023 <https://www.barranquilla.gov.co/deportes/rugby-para-la-inclusion-social-llegan-expertos-britanicos-que-capacitaran-a-entrenadores-locales>
- Brighton, UK 2022
- Bogota, Colombia 2019
- Brighton, UK 2019

Spirit of Football: The Ball 2023 – Sport for Development Research Consultant Feb-Dec 2023
Develop Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) tools to assess the effectiveness of The Ball 2023 workshops and partnerships focused on Sustainability, Gender Equality, and Fair Play. Data analysis of M&E tool questionnaire responses and compilation of a final report following the completion of the 2023 Women’s World Cup on the impact of The Ball 2023 workshops in Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. Swedish Postcode Foundation and Pledgeball funded project. <https://postkodstiftelsen.se/en/projekt/one-ball/>. <https://theball.tv/2022/>.

GloKnoCo and F4P International Projects - Research Assistant July-Oct 2022
Qualitative data collection and assessment of the experience of NGOs working with Universities on SPD projects to develop better collaborative partner relationships. Writing of peer-reviewed publication resulting from data collection.
ERASMUS+ funded (2019-1-CZ01-KA203-061224) GloKnoCo Global Sport for Development and Peace Knowledge Collaborative in partnership with Football 4 Peace International.

Sensing Waters: The Environmental and Wellbeing Aspects of Outdoor Swimming 2022
Ethnographic pilot study amongst communities of open water swimmers in the UK and Norway with collaborator Dr. Dagmar Dahl, Nord University.

Fieldwork conducted in a Pre-School in British Columbia Canada 2014
Assessment of a pilot program for Mosaic and North Shore Neighborhood House. Participant observation with pre-school children and teachers. Survey of nationalized and new immigrant parents about the pre-school integration program.

Invited Presentations

2024

“Haptic Grammar.” Seminar. **Embodied Design Research Laboratory** and the **Embodied Underground** Seminar Series. **University of California, Berkeley**, USA. Online. November 5th, 2024.

“Learning to ‘Play Well’ while Swimming Outdoors: Embracing Competitive Values, Playful Encounters, and Changing Fields.” **Research Group for Sport and Society (RESPONSE)** Seminar Series, **Nord University**, Norway. August 29, 2024. <https://site.nord.no/response/2023/05/16/response-seminar-29-august-learning-to-play-well-while-swimming-outdoors-embracing-competitive-values-playful-encounters-and-changing-fields/>

“Water Management through Immersion: What Cold Water Dipping can teach us about Nature-Connectedness and Bathing Water Policy.” **Sport + Vitality ‘PlayGreen’ Summit 2024**. Duurzaamheidsfabriek Dordrecht, The Netherlands. March 14.

2023

“Sensing Fluid Environments: On the Sensory Ecologies of Outdoor Swimming,” Centre for Sensory Studies Annual Conference, Uncommon Senses IV, **Concordia University**, May 4.

2022

“Lessons from an Apprenticeship with competitive Swimmers.” Sport and Leisure Cultures Research Group, Future of Sport Seminar Series, **University of Brighton**, November 23.

“Forestry Operations, Operational Planning and Management ‘Town Hall’ Presentations.” Faculty of Forestry, **University of British Columbia**, Invited Expert Discussant, November 22.

“Sensing Immersion: The Tactile, Social, and Affective Dimensions of Becoming a Competitive Swimmer.” Faculty of Social Sciences, **Nord University**, Research Group for Sport in Society (RESPONSE) Seminar Series on Embodiment in Sports Research, March 15.

“Ethical Encounters in Embodied Research.” Faculty of Social Sciences, Research Group for Sport in Society (RESPONSE), **Nord University**, Research Group for Sport in Society (RESPONSE) Seminar Series on Embodiment in Sports Research, March 21.

2021

“Merleau-Ponty and Embodiment.” Phenomenology Interest Group, **University of Brighton**, Virtual Philosopher Series. June 10.

“PandemicPGRs: Advocating for PGRs throughout and beyond a Pandemic.” Invited Lecture, **Department of Materials, University of Manchester**. May 3.

“Ethnography and the Loss of the Informality of Social Life.” Invited Lecture (co-written and delivered paper with Dr. Thomas F. Carter, University of Brighton), **International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences Commission on the Anthropology of Sports**, Virtual Debate Series. April 29.

“Engaging Publics,” Co-presentation with Luke Walker, Postgraduate Workshop Series, **University of Sussex, Anthropology Department**, February 24.

“Wild Swimming: The Ecology of Health and Well-being,” Symposium/Workshop on “Kickstarting Research During COVID,” Centre for Aquatic Environments, **University of Brighton**, January 28, 2021.

“Emotive Tactility and Mood in Competitive Swimming,” Virtual Symposium, **International Network of Sport Anthropologists**, Spring Seminar Series, January 21.

2020

“Swimming in the Deep End: Fieldwork amongst Youth Swimmers,” Postgraduate Symposium Series, **University of Sussex, Anthropology Department**, October 28, 2020.

Conference Presentations

2024

Playing with the Outdoors: Swimming through Graeber's 'principle of ludic freedom'. **World Anthropological Union Congress 2024**. Johannesburg, South Africa. November 11-15.

"Doing and Undoing Sport with Anthropology." Roundtable Panel, **European Association of Social Anthropology Biannual Conference 2024**, Barcelona, Spain. July 23-26.

"Fieldwork: Preparation and Affect." Roundtable Panel, **Department of Anthropology**, KU Leuven, Belgium. May 15, 2024.

"(Re)Defining Sport." Roundtable Panel, **International Network of Sport Anthropology 2024**. Durham, UK. April 18-19.

2023

"'Banter is a part of Swimming': Transitional forms of Linguistic Play." **American Anthropological Association and Canadian Society for Anthropology Joint Annual Meeting 2023**, Toronto, Ontario, November 15-19.

2022

"Representation and the Embodied Practices of Youth Swimmers." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting 2022, **Seattle, Washington**, November 12.

2021

"The Ethics of Apprenticing with Youth Swimmers," Virtual Paper Presentation on "Ethics of Body Movements: Scrutinising Ethics of Sports, Martial Arts and Dance Research," Association of Social Anthropologists (of the UK) Annual Conference, **St. Andrews University**, Scotland, March 29-April 1.

"Performance and Spectacle of Spectators: Storyslamming Anthropology," Virtual Postgraduate Forum on "Engaging Publics: Creative Ethnographic Methods and Representations," British Sociological Association, **University of Brighton**, March 18.

"Loss of the Informal," Virtual Symposium (co-written and delivered paper with Dr. Thomas F. Carter, University of Brighton), International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences Congress, **Institute for Anthropological Research**, Croatia, March 9-14.

2020

"Feeling Hurt, Embodying Injury: Youth Swimmers' Experiences of Pain," Virtual Symposium, British Sociological Association Sport Studies Group, **Brunel University London**, UK, September 3-4.

"Performing Suffering and Pain in Competitive Swimming," Poster Presentation, Global Sport Research Conference 2020 on "Exploring Risk Taking and Edgework in Sport," **Global Sport Institute, Arizona State University** and the **Sport and Leisure Cultures Research Group, University of Brighton**, July 22.

"Pain and Injury: Sensorial Manifestations of Training," Postgraduate Symposium/Workshop, **University of Sussex, Anthropology Department**, March 25.

2019

“The Qualities of Water: Perception and Enskilled Movement in Swimming,” Panel Paper on “Sport, Movement, and the Senses,” **American Anthropological Association and Canadian Society for Anthropology Joint Annual Meeting 2019**, Vancouver, Canada, November 19-24.

“Consociate Relationships and Community in Youth Swimming Clubs,” Panel Paper on “Connecting People Through Sports,” International Union of Anthropologists and Ethnologists Inter-Congress 2019, **Adam Mickiewicz University**, Poland, August 27-31.

“Methodological Innovation: The Immersion Approach,” A Wellcome Trust Funded Workshop and Symposium on “Transforming Sport,” **University of Brighton**, June 27-28.

“Swimming in the Deep End: Embodied Practices, Injury and Sociability amongst Youth Swimmers in the UK,” Symposium for Doctoral Researchers, Sport and Leisure Cultures Research Group, **University of Brighton**, May 3.

2016

“Moving through Water: Youths' Everyday Practices and Embodied Activities in Swim Clubs,” Paper Presentation on “Games, Sports, and Identity,” **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting 2016**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 16-20.

“*‘Feel for the Water’*: Youth’s Embodies Practices in Swim Clubs,” Conference Paper Presentation on “Globalizing Social Problems,” **Society for the Solution of Social Problems Annual Meeting 2016**, Seattle, Washington, August 19-21.

2015

“Contested Identities: Developing Bodies in Youth Swim Club,” Conference Paper Presentation on “Sports at/on the Borderlands: Translations, Transitions, and Transgressions,” North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Annual Meeting 2015, **University of New Mexico**, Santa Fe, November 4-7.

TEACHING

October 2021	Associate Fellowship of Higher Education AdvanceHE (AFHEA) UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education. Recognition and Development Scheme, Teaching and Learning Hub, University of Brighton.
December 2023 - present <i>graduate</i>	KU Leuven (Belgium), Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology Teaching Associate World Anthropologies; Keywords; Sport Policy and Management
January-June 2022 <i>undergraduate</i>	Syracuse University London Sociology of Sport
February 2020-	University of Brighton (UK), School of Sport and Health Sciences

September 2014- **Simon Fraser University**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
August 2016 Teaching Assistant
undergraduate Ethnography and Qualitative Research Methods; Introduction to Anthropology;
Race, Migration, and the Canadian State

2024-present	Advanced MSc in Cultural Anthropology and Development Studies Thesis Supervisor for Matías Adam Barrios, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven .
2023-present	MSc Thesis Supervisor for Romanos Grammatikopolous, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven .
2023-present	MSc Thesis Supervisor for Yuyu Chen, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven .

2020-present	Director and Co-Founder <i>International Network of Sport Anthropology (INSA)</i> Flagship international association of sport anthropology. https://www.sportanthro.org/ .
2022- present	Contributing Podcast and Blog Editor, <i>The Familiar Strange</i> (TFS) A volunteer collective public anthropology project, podcast, and blog. <i>11 Podcast Episodes recorded; 12 Blog Posts curated.</i> Staffed the AAA/CASCA 2023 Podcast Library Booth. http://thefamiliarstrange.com/ .
2020-2022	Executive Producer, Editor, and Host, <i>Transforming Sport Podcast</i> An accessible public output of the Sport and Leisure Cultures Research Group, University of Brighton. <i>2 Seasons, 14 Episodes recorded and produced.</i> http://anchor.fm/transformingsport .

Academic Advisor, *Dark Waters* 2024-2026
Artist/academic Laurent Delom de Mézerac
Produced by wpZimmer, co-produced by C-TAKT, DESINGEL and espace delombre, with the support of Zuidpool, and funded by the Flemish government.

Post Graduate Researcher (PGR) Representative Member 2021-2022
PGR Teaching Scheme Working Group

A University of Brighton wide working group to draft and establish a best-practice professional development scheme for PGR teaching.

Associate Member, Sport Ecology Group (SEG) 2021-present
A global collection of academics researching and highlighting the intersection between climate change and sport.

Member, PandemicPGRs, a grassroots collective of Post-Graduate Researchers in the United Kingdom (2020-2022).

Member, Swimming Committee, Sussex County Amateur Swimming Association, Swim England South East Region, United Kingdom (2020-2022).

Board of Trustees Member, Brighton Students' Union (the charity organization representing all students – undergraduate to graduate – attending the University of Brighton) (2018-2022).

Post-Graduate Research Students' Representative, School Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee, represented PGR Researchers from the School of Sport and Health Sciences, UoB (2018-2022).

Post-Graduate Research Students' Representative, Doctoral College PGR Committee, represented PGR Researchers from the School of Sport and Health Sciences, UoB (2018-2022).

Graduate Student Representative, National Association of Student Anthropologists (NASA), the student run body of the American Anthropological Association (the largest global Anthropological member organization) (2015-2017).

Conferences and Workshops Organized

Virtual Workshop & Seminar Series. **International Network of Sport Anthropologists (INSA)** (co-organized with Ben Hildred and Henrike Neuhaus). 2020-present.

Conference. (co-organized with Benjamin Hildred) “Scalable Bodily Practices: Sport, Play, and Praxis in the Anthropology of Sport.” **International Network of Sport Anthropology Annual Conference 2025**, Leuven, Belgium, June 5-6th. <https://www.sportanthro.org/conference/>

Event – Beach Cleanup. “Strandryddeuka & #EUBeachCleanup 2024”. In conjunction with **Bodø Penguins**. Bodø, Norway, September 21 & 22, 2024. <https://holdnorerent.no/strandryddeuka>. <https://ryddenorge.no/aksjon/53371>.

Conference. (co-organized with Benjamin Hildred) “(Re-)Placing Sport: Anthropological perspectives on a global problem,” **International Network of Sport Anthropology Annual Conference 2024**, Durham, UK, April 18-19, 2024. <https://www.sportanthro.org/conference/>

Roundtable Panel. “Doing and Undoing Sport with Anthropology,” **European Association of Social Anthropology Biannual Conference 2024**, Barcelona, Spain, July 23-26, 2024.

Workshop. “Zotero Crash Course Workshop,” **Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven**, Belgium. March 25, 2024.

Panel. (co-organized with Benjamin Hildred) “Sporting Transitions in a Transitional World,” **American Anthropological Association and Canadian Society for Anthropology Joint Annual Meeting 2023**, Toronto, Ontario, November 15-19, 2023.

Panel. (co-organized with Leo Hopkinson, Durham University, and Francesco Fanoli, Independent Scholar). “Sport and Play in an Unwell World,” **Association of Social Anthropologists (of the UK) (ASA)** Annual Conference, SOAS, London, UK, April 11-14, 2023.

Panel. “Knowledge, Representation, and Collaboration in the Anthropology of Sport,” **American Anthropological Association (AAA)** Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, November 12, 2022.

Virtual Writing Workshop. “Doing Anthropology in a Sporting World,” **International Network of Sport Anthropologists (INSA)**, July 14 & November 3, 2022.

Seminar Series. (co-organized with Anne Tjønnedal) “Embodiment in Sports Research,” **Sport and Society Research Group (RESPONSE)**, Nord University, Norway, March 15 & 22, 2022.

Panel. “Beyond the ‘I’ and the ‘Team’: Sporting Collectivities Beyond and Between Neoliberal Logics”, **International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)** Congress, St. Petersburg, Russia (cancelled).

Virtual Debate Series. (co-organized with Luiz Rojo and Jérôme Soldani) **Commission of the Anthropology of Sports, IUAES**. 2021.

Virtual Panel. (co-organized with Benjamin Hildred and Henrike Neuhaus) “Ethics of Body Movements: Scrutinising Ethics of Sports, Martial Arts and Dance Research” **Association of Social Anthropologists (of the UK) (ASA)** Annual Conference, St. Andrews, Scotland, March 30, 2021.

Virtual Post-Graduate Researcher Forum. (co-organized with Judith Romhild-Raviart) “Engaging Publics: Creative Ethnographic Methods and Representations,” **University of Brighton**, March 18, 2021.

Postgraduate Workshop. (co-organized with Luke Walker) “Engaging Publics,” **University of Sussex, Anthropology Department**, February 24, 2021.

Virtual Workshop. “Early Career Anthropology of Sport Research” **International Network of Sport Anthropologists (INSA)** (co-organized with Ben Hildred and Henrike Neuhaus). December 4, 2020.

Panel. (co-organized with Thomas Carter) “Sport, Movement, and the Senses,” **American Anthropological Association (AAA) and Canadian Society for Anthropology (CASCA)** Joint Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, November 23, 2019.

Academic Citizenship and University System Services

2024 #WaterWiseEU Ambassador for the European Commission’s Directorate General for Environment

2024 Organizing Partner (along with Natuurpunt, IceWomenLeuven, the City of Leuven) Leuven BIG JUMP, a protest action for water quality and bathing water sites in Belgium

2023-present	Member, ABAP Early Career Research Collective, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, KU Leuven
2022-present (Norway)	Associate Member, RESPONSE Research Group for Sport in Society, Nord University
2022	Blue Spaces (Health and Inequalities) Forum, Environment Agency (UK), a collaborative knowledge share of those with expertise in blue space and inequalities
2021-2022	Member, Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee, Doctoral College, UoB
2021-2022	Swim Host, Mental Health Swims
2019-present	Member, Commission of the Anthropology of Sports (CAS-IUAES)
2019-present	Member, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)
2019-present	Member, Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK (ASA)
2018-present	Member, Sport and Leisure Cultures Research Group (SLC), UoB
2015-2016	Chair, Graduate Student Association, SFU
2014-2017	Steward, Teaching and Support Staff Union, SFU
2014-present	Member, American Anthropological Association (AAA)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Exhibits

Multisensory exhibit. (co-organized with Dagmar Dahl) “Swimming is Research!: Swimming as methodology for oceanic research.” Åpen bukt, **Nord University and Forskningsdagene**. September 22, 2024. <https://www.nord.no/en/node/38248>

Event – Protest Action. “Big Jump Leuven 2024: Jump for Vibrant Water: We Jump for Free Swimming in a Clean Dijle” (Spring mee voor springlevend water. Vrij zwemmen in een propere Dijle, daar springen we voor). In conjunction with **Natuurpunt Leuven, GoodPlanet Belgium, IceWomenLeuven, City of Leuven, KU Leuven**. Leuven, Belgium., July 17. <https://www.natuurpunt.be/agenda/big-jump-festival-16973?date=13/07/2024>

Newsletter, Magazine, and Newspaper Articles

Toebat, Maya, and **Sean Heath**. 2023. “[Buitenzwemmen kan ook in de winter](#): ‘Het maakt je niet alleen gelukkig, maar ook nieuwsgierig’. Interview with Sean Heath.” *De Standaard*, December 16, Weekend edition, Interview.

Heath, Sean. 2023. How do Young Swimmers come to “Sense” the Water? Spotlight on Scholarship, *NEOS*. Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG).
<https://acyig.americananthro.org/spotlight-on-scholarship/>.

Blog Postings

Heath, Sean. 2024. “Noah, the Slave Pirate: On Manuals and the Indispensability of Anthropologists.” *The Familiar Strange Blog*. Editor’s Forum on Popular Representations of Anthropologists.
<https://thefamiliarstrange.com/2024/02/21/noah-slave-pirate>.

Heath, Sean. 2023. Outdoor Swimming Mania – BANNED | Buitenzwemmen? VERBODEN. *KU Leuven Blogt*.
English Version: <https://kuleuvenblogt.be/2023/12/05/outdoor-swimming-mania-banned/>.
Dutch Version: <https://kuleuvenblogt.be/2023/12/05/buitenzwemmen-verboden/>.

Heath, Sean. 2022. PhD graduate reflects on Norwegian research visit. *School of Sport and Health Sciences at Brighton Blog*. <https://blogs.brighton.ac.uk/healthandsport/2022/11/28/phd-graduate-reflects-on-norwegian-research-visit/>.

Heath, Sean. 2022. “Apprenticing Elsewhere.” *The Familiar Strange Blog*.
<https://thefamiliarstrange.com/2022/10/24/apprenticing-elsewhere/>.

Heath, Sean. 2022. “Sensing the Environment in Outdoor Swimming.” *Centre for Spatial, Environmental, and Cultural Politics Blog*. <https://blogs.brighton.ac.uk/secp/2022/01/21/work-in-progress-reflections-on-covid-sensing-the-environment-in-outdoor-swimming/>.

Heath, Sean. 2017. “Moving Like A Swimmer.” *Sideline: Analyzing Sports Through Anthropology* (blog). <https://sidelinestories.org/>.

Podcast Interviews and Contributions

Heath, Sean. Accepted, awaiting publication (~2025). “Ep #_ Constructing the Game: An Ethnographic Vignette from Noel Dyck’s ‘Fields of Play’.” *The Familiar Strange Podcast*. Familiar and Strange Ethnographic Vignettes Series.

Salazar, Noel B., and **Sean Heath**. 2024. “World Anthropology Day with Dr Noel Salazar.” *The Familiar Strange Podcast*. <https://thefamiliarstrange.com/2024/02/15/world-anthropology-day2024/>.

Cook, Ian, and **Sean Heath**. 2023. “Ep #105 Podstudies: Dr. Ian Cook on the Future of Academia & Podcasts.” *The Familiar Strange Podcast*. <https://thefamiliarstrange.com/2023/06/22/ep105-podstudies-dr-ian-cook/>.

Quilty, Emma, **Sean Heath**, and Matthew Phung. 2023. “Ep #104: We let ChatGPT write this title: “ChatGPT: The Future of AI-Assisted Conversations.” *The Familiar Strange Podcast*.
<https://thefamiliarstrange.com/2023/04/07/ep104-we-let-chatgpt-write-this-title/>.

- Rana, Jasmijn, and **Sean Heath**. 2023. "Ep #103: Handwraps & Hijabs: Dr. Jasmijn Rana on Kickboxing & Piety in the Netherlands." *The Familiar Strange Podcast*.
<https://thefamiliarstrange.com/2023/03/06/ep103-handwraps-hijabs/>.
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AWARDS

- 2019 **Tier 2 – Leader | Football 4 Peace International**
Cross Community Sport Development Workshop Level Two Multi Sport
Sport for Development and Peace Coaching Certification Program
- 2018 **Tier 1 – Coach | Football 4 Peace International**
Cross Community Sport Development Workshop Level One Multi Sport
- 2018 **Swimming Coach | Fundamentals Coach Pathway Level 1**
Canadian National Coaching Certification Program, Swimming Canada

Continuing Professional Development

- 2024 **Coaching Skills for Postdocs**
HR Department, Staff Leadership, KU Leuven
- 2024 **Learning Group: Leadership for Postdocs**
HR Department, Staff Leadership, KU Leuven
- 2024 **Project Management for Postdocs**
Propellor & KU Leuven
- 2024 **Branding your Career Profile**
In-person Workshop and eModule Course, HR Department, KU Leuven
- 2024 **GDPR and Privacy in Research**
eModule, Privacy and Ethics Team (PRET), KU Leuven
- 2023 **Anonymising/Pseudonymizing Qualitative Data (text and image)**
UK Data Services & KU Leuven
- 2023 **Research Data Management for EU Projects Workshop**
Research Data Management Office, KU Leuven
- 2023 **Supervising Masters Theses**
eModule, KU Leuven
- 2023 **Anthropologists on the Public Stage**
eModules, Anthrocurious

- 2023 **Teaching in Times of Crisis – Creating an Authentic and Inclusive Pedagogy**
Anthropology Live, American Anthropological Association (April 6th)
- 2023 **That Almost Finished Journal Article**
Anthro Academy, American Anthropological Association (April 7, 14, 21, 28)
- 2021 – 2022 **Race and Racism Reading Group**
School of Sport and Health Sciences, University of Brighton.
- 2021 **Mental Health Awareness for Sport and Physical Activity**
eLearning Training; Mind, Sport England, 1st4Sport, UK Coaching.
- 2021 **Swim England Safeguarding Training**
Online Course, Swim England.
- 2021 **Mental Health Awareness**
Online Courses, University of Brighton.
- 2020 **Online Teaching & Research Workshop**
Cultivating an Online Sociology of Sport Community: The “Purpose” of the Sociology of Sport.
British Sociological Association Sport Study Group, UK.
- 2020 **Sociology of Sport Course Planning**
North American Society for the Sociology of Sport.
- 2018 **Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (TLHE) Two Day Course**
Teaching and Learning Hub, University of Brighton.