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**Research Interests:** Athletic coaching, transformational leadership and experiential learning

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**Education:**

Doctor of Education (Educational Leadership) Minnesota State University, Mankato	Graduation 2018 Mankato, MN
Master of Arts in Physical Education (Coaching) Ball State University	Graduation 2005 Muncie, IN
Bachelor of Arts in Human Performance and Sport Metropolitan State College of Denver	Graduation 1999 Denver, CO
Bachelor of Arts in Communications University of Denver	Graduation 1996 Denver, CO

**Higher Education Instructor & Leadership Experience:**

**Visiting Assistant Professor**  
**University of Tennessee, Martin**

**August 2020 – present**  
**Martin, TN**

- Instructing online graduate coaching education courses and online undergraduate courses in Department of Health & Human Performance.
- Collaborating on final stages of development and approval of an online Master's Program in Sport Coaching.
- Advising graduate and undergraduate students.
  - HHP 325 – Stress Management
  - HHP 330 – Introduction to Epidemiology
  - HHP 350 – Substance Abuse Prevention
  - HLTH 427 – Principles of Health Education & Promotion
  - HPER 435 – Nutrition for Health, Fitness & Sport
  - SCP 740 – Sport Psychology for Training & Competition

**Adjunct Professor**  
**Saint Leo University**

**August 2019 – present**  
**Saint Leo, FL**

- Instructing courses in Donald R. Tapia School of Business & College of Education & Social Services.
  - MGT 412 – Organizational Behavior (online)
  - MGT 301 – Principles of Management (online)
  - PED 320 – Foundations of Coaching
  - SLU 125 – Choosing Wellness

**Renaissance Strategic Planning Committee**  
**Saint Leo University**

**April 2019 – October 2019**  
**Saint Leo, FL**

- Served as invited member of curriculum and course design committee. Targeting practical courses that impact an individual's personal wellness or theory and practice-based courses that prepare student to educate others.

**Adjunct Professor** **January 2016 – present**  
**Central Michigan University** **Mount Pleasant, MI**

- Instructing courses in Physical Education and Sport department.
  - PES 445 – Athletic Season Planning and Evaluation (online)
  - PES 410 – Competition Orientation and Preparation (online)
  - PES 159 – Billiards

**LeaderShape Cluster Facilitator** **May 2016**  
**Central Michigan University** **Mount Pleasant, MI**

- Participated as part of LeaderShape Institute staff helping to create a leadership experience for undergraduate participants to be part of creating a world where everyone leads with Integrity.
- First ever member of Athletic Department member invited.

**Inter-Faculty Organization & Athletic Department Liaison** **July 2011 – January 2013**  
**Minnesota State University, Mankato** **Mankato, MN**

- Served as the Athletic Department liaison with IFO - Faculty Collective bargaining unit.

**Assistant Professor** **May 2008 – December 2011**  
**Minnesota State University, Mankato** **Mankato, MN**

- Instructed courses in both Human Performance and Experiential Education departments.
  - EXED 202 – Introduction to Experiential Education
  - HP 117 – Aerobic Fitness
  - HP 175 – Fitness Activities
  - HP 103 – Fitness for Living
  - HP 31 – Soccer Theory

**Instructor** **April 2007 – May 2008**  
**South Dakota State University** **Brookings, SD**

- Instructed courses in Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.
  - WEL 100

**K – 12 Classroom Teaching & Educational Leadership Experience:**

**Teacher Observe and Assist** **September – December 1999**  
**Denver Academy** **Denver, CO**

- Taught lessons for 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade special needs children in both Physical Education and Traditional classrooms.

**Teacher Observe and Assist** **September – December 1998**  
**Steele Elementary School** **Denver, CO**

- Taught lessons for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Physical Education classroom.

**Teacher Observe and Assist** **January – May 1998**  
**Greenlee Elementary School** **Denver, CO**

- Taught lessons for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade in both Physical Education and Traditional classrooms.

**Teacher Observe and Assist** **January – May 1997**  
**South High School** **Denver, CO**

- Observed with 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Physical Education classroom.

## **Published Works:**

McGahey, P. (2018). *What happens now? Coaching and leading following a student-athlete death - A phenomenological study*. Educational Leadership. MSU, Mankato.

[This dissertation was nominated for the American Educational Research Association's Division J - Postsecondary Education Outstanding Dissertation Award, December 2018.]

McGahey, P. & Pierro, P. (2004). *The Soccer Coach's Guide to Working with Players and Parents*. Oklahoma City, OK: Peregrine Press.

McGahey, P. & Pierro, P. (2004). *Partners with Kids – Online sports parent education program*. Oklahoma City, OK: Peregrine Press. [Limited Release].

## **Workshop/Seminar Presentations:**

**America SCORES Soccer Coaches Summit – Workshop Presenter      April 2020**

- Playing a Back 3 or Back 4

**FSUCOACH – Interview/Presenter      April 2020**

- Addressed Coaching Journey & Building Culture

**Central Michigan University - Workshop Presenter      March 2014 – December 2018**

- EDL 757 – ‘Developing Student-Athletes’
- FYE 100 – ‘Integrity’
- Professional Development Day – ‘Motivation’

**Special Olympics Michigan – Keynote Speaker      June 2014, 2015 & 2016**

- Addressed coaches during Summer Game Coaches Workshops

**City of Mankato – Lead Institute      August 2012**

- ‘Creating a Positive Climate in a Culture of Change’

**Minnesota Youth Soccer Association      January 2009, 2010 & 2011**

- 11 – ‘Modern Defending’ & TOPS Soccer
- 10 – Developmentally appropriate activities for U12 players
- 09 – Elite players’ topic – ‘Mine, Ours & you can’t have it.’

**Colorado Youth Soccer Association      January 2006**

- Coaching U6 & U8 players.

**North Texas Soccer Association      February 2003**

- Foundations of Goalkeeping & working with Elite Players.

**Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association      February 2002**

- Coaching U6 & U8 players.



**Head Women's Soccer Coach  
Minnesota State University, Mankato**

**May 2008 – January 2013  
Mankato, MN**

- Led and maintained culture of compliance for a NCAA Top 10 Division II program.
- **74 – 21 – 13 career record.** 2012 NSIC Coach of Year.
- Five NSCAA Team Academic Awards. 2012 – 1<sup>st</sup> among all Division II & 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.
- Three final NSCAA Top 25 rankings. 2008 – 19<sup>th</sup>. 2011 – 25<sup>th</sup>. 2012 – 6<sup>th</sup>. 2012 – Ranked as high as #1.
- Four NCAA tournament appearances. Central Region Champion & Elite 8 (2012). 2<sup>nd</sup> round (2008 & 2011). 3 – 3 – 2 NCAA tournament record.
- Two NSIC Conference tournament championships. 9 – 2 – 3 NSIC conference tournament record. Three conference tournament final appearances.
- Four NSCAA All-Americans & Three NSCAA Scholar All-Americans
- Two Daktronics All-Americans & three Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.
- Back-to-Back NSCAA Silver Team Sportsmanship and Ethics Award (2011 & 2012).
- Implemented on-campus and community partnerships with Exercise Science & Camp Oz.
- Coordinated successful search for revenue generating athletic departmental uniform and apparel contract.

**Assistant Women's Soccer Coach  
South Dakota State University**

**April 2007 – May 2008  
Brookings, SD**

- **9 – 4 – 4.** 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in Summit League during 1<sup>st</sup> year of membership.
- Summit League Defensive Player of Year & One NSCAA Scholar All-American.

**Volunteer Assistant Women's Soccer Coach  
University of Central Oklahoma**

**February 2004 – July 2005  
Edmond, OK**

- **13 – 6 – 2.** 2004 Lone Star Conference Regular Season Champions.
- First ever NSCAA All-American.

**Assistant Men's Soccer Coach  
Metropolitan State College of Denver**

**July 1997 – May 1999  
Denver, CO**

- **12 – 8** in '98, which included qualifying for the RMAC tournament. (6 – 12 in '97).

**Organizational Leadership Experience:**

**Technical Director  
Colorado Fusion Soccer Club/Denver Soccer Club**

**May 2005 – April 2007  
Denver, CO**

- Lead role in the creation of Colorado Fusion Soccer Club, a merger of Denver Soccer Club and Colorado Sting FC. Grew club's youth player base from ~2,400 to 5,000.
- Hired, supervised, evaluated and mentored club's technical staff, including 4 full-time direct report Program Directors, 10 part-time staff and approximately 600 team coaches.
- Led coaching development and programming through curriculum design, seminars, clinics and mentoring opportunities.
- Supervised referee development program.
- Budget supervision and strategic management of approximately \$800,000.
- Oversight and management of adidas relationships.
- Facilities management and strategic planning.
- Head Coach for girls and boys teams in all age groups.

**Director of Coaching and Player Development  
Oklahoma Soccer Association**

**August 2001 – August 2005  
Oklahoma City, OK**

- Led technical programs for ~40,000 youth players and 4,000 coaches.
- Led State Coaching Education program. Curriculum design and implementation. State Coaching Schools Instructor. Hired, supervised, evaluated and mentored Instructional staff.
- Led Olympic Development Program. Program design and implementation. Hired, supervised, evaluated and mentored Coaching staff.
- Budget supervision and strategic management of approximately \$350,000.
- Led and designed the implementation-plan for the expansion of Small Sided Games.
- Developed Association's Youth Coaches Code of Ethics.
- Head Coach for girls and boys State ODP teams.

**Director of Advanced Coaching/Assistant Club Coach  
Denver Soccer Club/Club Denver**

**November 1993 – August 2001  
Denver, CO**

- Hired, supervised, evaluated, and mentored Advanced Coaching Staff & implemented club wide coaching education program.
- Led creation of Denver Soccer Club – a merger of Club Denver and City of Denver Soccer.
- Team Head Coach for girls and boys teams.

**Elite Youth Development & Olympic Development Program Coaching Experience:**

**US Soccer Federation Scout**

**August 2015 – present**

**United States Soccer Federation**

- Identifying players for the Youth National Team Programs in the US Soccer Development Academy and other youth leagues.
- Addition role - **Talent Identification Center Staff Coach.** Monitor development of Michigan's & Florida's Top youth players through talent identification centers.

**Region II Girls ODP Head Coach**

**August 2014 – October 2015**

**US Youth Soccer**

- Led, designed and implemented Region II Girls ODP selection process and programming.
- Led Region II Girls ODP staff and players during domestic and international events.
- Served as liaison with USSF National staff regarding Region II ODP players and staff.

**Regional Head/Assistant Age Group/Staff Coach**

**July 1998 – July 2016**

**US Youth Soccer**

- Head Coach with 00 and 01 girl's teams & Assistant Coach with 96, 99, and 01 girl's teams.
- Served Staff coach in all 4 Regions. Region I, II, III (girls) and IV (boys) identifying and developing players in multiple age groups.
- Attended multiple US Youth National Development Camps.

**Age Group Head Coach**

**July 1995 – June 2010**

**Minnesota Youth Soccer Association & Colorado Youth Soccer Association**

- 93 & 95 Girls Head Coach – MN
- Boys Age Group Head Coach for various age groups.
- July 2008 – March 2009 w/ MN 93 Girls Team. US Youth Region II Regional Champions.

## **More Recent Community Coaching & Leadership Experience:**

**Volunteer TOP Soccer Coach** April 2017 – October 2018  
**Central Michigan University** Mount Pleasant, MI

- Led and implemented TOPS Soccer program. Founded through a ‘Chips Helping Chips Partnership’ with CMU Center for Autism Research.

**Volunteer TOP Soccer Coach /Youth Soccer Coach** May 2013 – October 2018  
**Midland Soccer Club** Midland, MI

- Led and implemented TOPS Soccer program. Co-founded program with JP Theriot.
- Served as a volunteer coach for various U8 – U11 recreational soccer teams.

**Volunteer TOP Soccer Coach / Youth Soccer Coach** May 2008 – January 2013  
**Mankato United Soccer Club** Mankato, MN

- Led and implemented TOPS Soccer program. Co-founded program with Kerri Ambrose.
- Nominated for 2010 - Minnesota Youth Soccer TOPS Soccer Volunteer of Year Award.
- Served as a volunteer coach for various U6 – U10 recreational soccer teams.

**Volunteer Recreational Soccer Coach** September 2003 – May 2004  
**Edmond Soccer Club** Edmond, OK

- Served as a volunteer coach with the Blue Jays an Under-9 boys’ team.

## **Professional Licenses/Certificates:**

Grassroots Instructor Course, United States Soccer Federation	August 2019
Grassroots 7v7 Certificate, United States Soccer Federation	May 2019
SafeSport Trained, US Center for SafeSport	May 2019
Online Teaching Experience, Central Michigan University	September 2018
CPR Certified, American Red Cross	August 2018
‘at-risk’, Central Michigan University	March 2018
Intersections: Supervisor Anti-Harassment & Title IX, LawRoom	September 2016
LGBT - Diversity & Inclusion, NSCAA	December 2016
Premier Diploma, United States Soccer Coaches	January 2015
National ‘A’ Coaching License, United States Soccer Federation	June 1999
National ‘Youth’ Coaching License, United States Soccer Federation	January 1999

## **Playing Experience:**

**Men’s Varsity Soccer Team** August 1992 – June 1996  
**University of Denver** Denver, CO