

Special Issue: Call for Proposals

Post-Qualitative Inquiry in Sport & Movement Studies

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We are excited to announce a new Special Issue in the Journal of Sport and Social Issues on post-qualitative inquiry. Post-qualitative inquiry (PQI) and related approaches (e.g., more than human, posthumanism, live methods) are embracing creative onto-epistemologies that attempt to move beyond anthropocentric views of agency and linear causality, while navigating relationships between agency, humans, and non-humans as co-constitutive, and renegotiating binaries in theory/method, philosophy/science, human/material, and nature/culture.

PQI and related approaches are gaining ground in numerous disciplines related to the study of sport and movement, including sport psychology, sport coaching, physical and outdoor education, sport management, sport sociology, and sport history. Such projects consider what such lines of inquiry may offer as we seek to expand ways of knowing and doing research in sport and movement studies.

This special issue invites critical sport scholars working across fields, and cultural and geographical contexts, to consider what such approaches might offer those studying sport and movement cultures in this unique social, cultural, political, and environmental conjuncture. In doing so, this special issue offers a space for sport and movement studies scholars to critically and creatively engage with PQI and related approaches.

We welcome proposals for papers that put PQI (or related approaches) into practice in theoretically and/or empirically innovative ways; engage with creative more-than-human methods and/or modes of representation; and/or engage critically with the potential of such approaches for sport and movement studies. We are particularly interested in papers that expand current ways of doing more-than-human research in sport and movement studies, and/or that advance such theory-method approaches in grounded, contextualized ways.

If you are interested, please submit a one-page proposal to Joshua Newman (jnewman@admin.fsu.edu) by August 29, 2025. After reviewing proposals, Guest Editors will extend invitations for full submissions, which are due on February 1, 2026.

Timeline:

Proposals: title, abstract (200-300 words), author(s) biography (150 words). Due August 29, 2025.

Invited manuscripts: 8,000-word original research article (excluding abstract, references, and tables), 200-300-word abstract, 150-word author biography. Due February 1, 2026.

Invited manuscripts will undergo a regular, peer-review process with the journal, with the aim of a late 2026 publication.

Journal Submission Guidelines (for invited manuscripts):
<https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/JSS>

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