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Chicago Seminar on Sport and Culture

Knowing the Score: The Development of Girls' Athletics in Chicago High Schools

WHAT: A presentation will examine the coeducational nature of Chicago secondary schools by analyzing spaces segregated by gender in high schools. In the case of athletics, communities developed segregated spaces that reflected society's attitudes about the proper forms of competition for boys and for girls. Historians have been critical of the women educators who withdrew girls from competitive athletics in favor of a more intramural form of athletic activity. This talk argues that women educators were justified in developing a powerful critique of the problems associated with competitive interscholastic athletics. **The event is free and open to the public.**

The seminar is co-sponsored by Northeastern Illinois University and the Newberry Library.

WHO: Presenter Joseph Bigott, Ph.D., assistant professor, history and political science, Purdue University, Calumet, and author of "From Cottage to Bungalow: Houses and the Working Class in Metropolitan Chicago, 1869 to 1929." His current work tentatively titled "Second Matters: Class, Gender, and Race and the Development of the Modern High School," describes the evolution of secondary schools in metropolitan Chicago.

WHEN: Friday, March 17, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton, Chicago.

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