

The Manly Modern – Jack Johnson

Gender, Sport and Modernity

- Women in 19th Century Sport
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 - - Sport, Dress and Women's Rights
 - - Working Class Women in the City – Motherhood and Imperialism
- Masculinity, Class and Race in 1910
 - - Jack Johnson, Boxing and Bodies

Schools and Universities – Female Physical Education

- Madame Bergman-Osterberg, Born 1849 in Sweden – appointed in 1881 as the London School Board's Lady Superintendent of Physical Exercise in Girls' and Infants' Schools
- 1891 in the United States, Bryn Mawr formed the Women's Athletic Association (WAA),

Working Class Women and the City

- Playground movement and rationale recreation
- YWCA formed in London in 1855
- YWCA – term first used in United States in Boston in 1866
- YWCA in Canada formed first in St. John, NB in 1870
- 1873 YWCA Toronto – by 1890s “physical culture” classes introduced

Mothers of the Empire and Mass Education

- Elementary Education Act in England and Wales, 1870
- Education Act in Scotland, 1872
- Jules Ferry's *l'école républicaine* in France, 1882, boys and girls ages 6-12
- United States, by 1870 all states had free elementary schools

Jack Johnson

- 1878-1946
- 1908 Heavyweight Champion

- July 4, 1910 vs James L Jeffries
- 1913 convicted under the Mann Act
- 1915 lost title in fight in Havana, Cuba
- Specter of Jack Johnson hangs over to many black boxers trying to succeed

Gender/Misc

- In 19th century, new gender ideology for women... domestic and household angel... women are emotional... men aren't...
- Many say for women to keep their angelic status they cannot engage in sports. While Katherine Beacher argues that women should compete in sports to stay active as it won't hurt their reproductive systems and chances (despite claims it does)
- In 1860s and 1870s, things are changing and women are actively participating in sports. Women biking, swimming, etc...
- Elite women are participating in elite sports like tennis and golf. Start showing up in Olympics. 2nd way we see women participating in sports.
- 3rd way is bicycles and motor cycles we see women participating.
- Darwinian Theory.... Buddy Spencer
- We see now in society, differences between people... social Darwinism, people being on top of civilization. Who are on top? Men, because women "haven't evolved"... who aren't? Indigenous, less civilized races
- Problem for social Darwinism for women sports, is reporters seeing very little civilization. Malnourished children, uneducated, etc
- In 1870s and 80s, most societies introduced public state education which the government will pay for, forcing kids to go to school
- Sport is being introduced in school, physical drill and health. Public schools start hiring female gym teachers to teach girls. Introduce gymnastics and drill training for girls.
- YWCA is introduced. Idea is these young women coming into the cities, are exposed to the dangers of the city, going to night clubs, theatres, and are among men with 'suspicious' intentions, in order to protect these women, have YWCA, where they can live and do sport.
- Worried that European women are not producing enough healthy children for the empire, so they need to give birth to more vigorous children
- Ideology of gender difference that women are driven by emotion and not brain, is reason to keep women out away from sport... yet later they want women to partake in sport to produce healthy children
- We want women to be healthy and active, but not be too competitive and muscles... be fit and not strong... not lose their femininity
- Third group who emerge... all these gym teachers and educators like Madame Bergman-Osterberg. She herself did not like competitive sports, even though she wanted women to keep active. Wanted everyone to participate, did not want a winner. Problem is many of the girls they

were training, wanted competition... in order to sustain a vision of their sport, they introduced field hockey and edited rules of basketball to keep the sports collegial. Compromise is "Sport for women, by women"

- Aim for different sport culture than the male, but better
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