

# **Rick Eckstein, PhD**

**Professor of Sociology | College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University**

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Rick Eckstein, PhD, is an expert on sports and society, intercollegiate spending, stadium financing and labor and unions.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Rick Eckstein is an expert on the evolution of youth sports to its elite culture and pay-to-play framework. In addition, he can discuss the gender inequalities that still exist in sports, even with Title IX. He has data-driven criticism of higher education's spending priorities, particularly related to athletics. Dr. Eckstein can also discuss the construction of publicly financed sports stadiums, and he has previously commented on issues related to labor and unions.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Youth Sports, Gender and Sports, Social Inequality and Poverty, Sports and Society, Labor and Unions, Stadium Financing, Sociology of Sport, College Athletics Reform, Title IX

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## **Education**

**SUNY, Stony Brook**

PhD

**Marietta College**

BA

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## **Select Accomplishments**

**Recipient, Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

2012

**Recipient, Lindback Teaching Award**

1999

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