

# Simon Bicknell



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Simon has been working at the University of Worcester since 2011. He trained as a PE teacher and after graduating, worked in both Primary and Secondary schools, Further Education colleges and three other universities. Simon has continued to study during his career, completing a Master of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree. He is currently completing his PhD study at the University of Chester. Simon enjoys being involved in a range of sports and activities, which has included archery, sailing, golf and marathon running; he finished second junior in the 1988 New York City marathon in a time of 2 hours 52 minutes.

### Qualifications

Bachelor of Education (Physical Education)

Master of Science in the sociology of sport

Master of Arts in learning and teaching

PhD - The impact of the emergence and development of Physical Education in the 14-19 curriculum on PE and teachers of PE: A sociological perspective (Submission December 2012)

CCPR Basic Expedition Training Award (BETA)

MLTB Mountain Walker Leaders Certificate (MLC)

STA Swimming Teachers Certificate

British Athletics Federation Level 1 Assistant Club Coach Award

British Athletics Federation Level 2 Club Coach: Coaching young athletes

FA Football Leaders Certificate

FA Football Certificate of Coaching (Preliminary Award)

## Teaching & Research

### Teaching Interests

14-19 Physical Education  
Outdoor and Adventurous Activities  
Teaching games in primary and secondary schools  
Research methods

### Research Interests

Simon is currently completing a PhD entitled: *PE teachers' perspectives on the impact of the 14-19 curriculum on PE and teachers of PE: A sociological study.*

## Professional Bodies

Fellow of the [Higher Education Academy](#) (FHEA)  
[Association for Physical Education](#)

## Conferences and Publications

**Bicknell, S.** (2011) The impact of the emergence and development of Physical Education in the 14-19 curriculum on PE and teachers of PE: A sociological perspective. *British Educational Research Association (BERA) Annual Conference*, University of London, UK, September.

**Bicknell, S.** (2011) PE teachers perspectives on the impact of the 14-19 Curriculum on PE and teachers of PE: A sociological study. *Association for Physical Education (AfPE) Annual Conference*, Oxfordshire, UK, July.

**Bicknell, S.** and Alexander, W. (2007) A sociological examination of the determinants affecting selection and non-selection of GCSE Physical Education by pupils in

Stratton, G., Graham, R. and **Bicknell, S.** (2005) Physical activity, exercise and health: The link between 16-19 curricula, higher education and the need to increase capacity in the physical activity, exercise and health field: The "power of the context". *The British Journal of Teaching Physical Education*, 36 (3), 16-20.

**Bicknell, S.** (2004) Trainee Physical Education Teachers' experiences of the 14-19 curriculum. *British Educational Research Association (BERA) Annual Conference*, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), UK, September.

**Bicknell, S.** (1999) Sports Degrees for the RAF – A joint scheme between the University of Wolverhampton and the Royal Air Force. *19th World Conference on Open Learning and Distance Education*, Vienna, Austria, June.

## University Roles

Course Leader for Physical Education  
Senior Lecturer in Physical Education  
Member of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Science Quality Committee  
Member of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Science Research Committee  
Member of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Science Research Ethics Committee  
Member of the Institute of Education Quality Committee

External Examiner for the University of Brighton (PGCE Physical Education)  
External Examiner for the University of Salford (BSc in Exercise and Physical Activity)

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