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Rachael is a Senior Lecturer in Physical Education and Course Leader of the Physical Education and Outdoor Education at the University of Worcester. She previously taught Physical Education in a secondary school, as well as performing various pastoral roles. In addition to teaching she has been involved in research and has recently published on the topic of homophobia in sport. Rachael's PhD analysed the experiences of openly lesbian athletes participating in team sports. She has recently published 'Out in Sport' which offers an up to date examination of homophobia in sport. She is currently working on projects with colleagues within education, examining the experiences of gay and lesbian teachers. Additionally she is part of the Sport Collision Collective which is focused on making rugby within educational settings safer for children. As part of this collective she is currently interviewing teacher's experiences within playing, coaching, teaching and refereeing rugby.

Qualifications:

- 1 PhD, University of Winchester (2016)
- 1 PGCert, University of Worcester (2016)
- 1 PGCE 11-18: Physical education, University of Gloucestershire (2006)
- 1 Sport Sociology MSc, Loughborough University (2005)
- 1 Sports Science BSc Hons, Brunel University (2004)

- 1 Fellow of the Higher Education Authority (FHEA)

Teaching & Research

Teaching Interests:

Dr Bullingham teaches on the Physical Education pathway and links her research into her teaching within modules. Previously she taught in secondary schools and supervised PGCE students. She uses this experience within the modules focused on developing teaching practice.

Research Interests:

Dr Bullingham's research projects have included homophobia, homophobia and concussion. She is involved with the Sports Collision Injury Collective (www.sportcic.com).

Current projects:

- Examining experiences of openly gay and lesbian teachers.
- Identifying trainee teachers experiences of delivering contact sports.

Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Higher Education Authority (FHEA)

Publications

Book:

Anderson, E., McGrath, R. & Bullingham, R. (2016) *Out in Sport: The Experiences of Openly Gay and Lesbian Athletes in Competitive Sport*. London: Routledge.

Book chapter:

Bullingham, R., McGrath, R. & Anderson, E. (2014) 'Changing the game' Sport and a Cultural Shift from Homophobia. In Jennifer Hargreaves & Eric Anderson (eds) *Handbook of Sport Gender and Sexualities*.

Journal article:

Batten, J., White, A., Anderson, E. & Bullingham, R. (2016) From Management to Prevention: The New Cure for Sports Concussion. *British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

Anderson, E. & Bullingham, R. Openly Lesbian Team Sport Athletes during an Era of Decreasing Homophobia. *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*. Online first – 18th June 2013

Conference presentations:

Bullingham, R. (2014) Changing times: Discovering how openly lesbian athletes navigate team sports. Postgraduate conference at the University of Worcester.

Bullingham, R. (2014) Changing times: Discovering how openly lesbian athletes navigate team sports. INSEP – Sport, Genders and Sexualities. University of the Littoral Opal Coast, Dunkirk.

Bullingham, R. (2012) Taking the wind out of her sails' Gendered media coverage of Ellen MacArthur's World Record" presented at PSA Sport and Politics Study Group Annual Conference Southampton Solent University.

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