

Michael Malec  
**Research/Areas of Specialization**

**Areas of Specialization:** Sports, Central America, Undergraduate Education/Teaching, Statistics

**Research:** At the graduate level, Professor Malec teaches the first required course in Statistics & Data Analysis. His undergraduate courses include Statistics, Sport in American Society, and Social Justice in MesoAmerica. His writing and research interests are primarily in the areas of the sociology of sport. He is a past President of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport and past President of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, and has served as Chair of the ASA's Section on Undergraduate Education. For six years he was Editor of *The Journal of Sport and Social Issues*. He has published three books, including *Essential Statistics for Social Research* and *The Social Roles of Sports in Caribbean Societies*, as well as articles such as "Patriotic Symbols in Intercollegiate Sports During the Gulf War," "Gender Equity in Athletics," and "Baseball, Cricket, and Social Change."

**Current Projects:** Prof. Malec has just submitted a paper on corporate giving and college sports to the *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*. His next projects in the sociology of sport include a study of tailgating, and a study of a senior men's softball league.