FEATURING SPEAKERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 6 AT 6:30PM (ET) – SPORT IN SOCIETY
The influence of sports on people and the world, including what they add to the everyday lives of both athletes and fans, as well as the platform they provide to individuals and teams looking to make a difference.

ANITA DEFRANTZ, L’77 (Olympic Bronze Medalist, US Women’s Rowing)
Anita L. DeFrantz is a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and was elected for a second term as a Vice President in 2017. She serves on the Legal Affairs Commission of the IOC, which reviews legal issues for the organization, and on the Finance Commission, which reviews the investments and spending plans, as well as with the 2020 Tokyo Games organizing committee. She has served on the United States Olympic Committee Board of Directors since 1976, after her election to the Athletes Advisory Committee.

Before she joined the ranks of the IOC, DeFrantz captained the U.S. women’s rowing team and rowed in the eight that won a bronze medal at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. DeFrantz served as Vice President of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and was elected to IOC membership in 1986, making her not only the first African-American but also the first American woman to serve on the committee. In 1995, she was appointed chair of the Women and Sport Consortium, and she is credited with getting women’s softball and soccer accepted on the program. In addition, she was instrumental in the vast increase in the number of opportunities for women’s competition, on the Olympic program. In 1977 she started her legal career as the Staff Attorney at the Juvenile Law Center of Philadelphia. DeFrantz has B.A. from Connecticut College and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

In 2011, Newsweek named her one of “150 Women Who Shake the World.” In 2010, the French magazine L’Equipe named her one of the “10 Women Who Changed Sport” in the world. In 2006, the NCAA named her one of “NCAA’s Most Influential Student Athletes.” In May 2003, Sports Illustrated named her one of the 101 most influential minorities in all of sports, and from 1991-1999, The Sporting News named her one of the 100 most powerful people in sports.

CLEMSON SMITH MUÑIZ, C’79 (Penn Varsity Lightweight Football)
Since his start at The Daily Pennsylvanian, Clemson Smith Muñiz C ’79 has worked in media for more than four decades in English and Spanish, in print, broad and digital, helping grow Spanish-language sports both at the local and national level. He has broadcast los Jets en Español the past 21 years, and just started his 13th season as the Spanish-language play-by-play for MLB Network’s Showcase. In 2017, Smith Muñiz helped launch La Vida Baseball, a Chicago-based digital platform that covers béisbol from the Latino perspective and was a finalist for Best New Vertical/Brand in the 2018 Digiday Publishing Awards.

He was the first play-by-play announcer in Spanish for the Knicks (1994), a role he performed for 20 years, and was also first to call games in Spanish for St. John’s basketball (1994), the Jets (1999), Army football (2005), and MLB Network (2009). He has worked as a sportswriter for the Hartford Courant, the New York Daily News, El País, Spain’s leading newspaper, and Sports Inc., the first trade publication to cover sports business. In 2020, he served as Spanish-language Copy Editor and Editorial Consultant for Smithsonian Museum’s ¡Péleboll In the Barrios and the Big Leagues, an exhibition documenting the social, cultural and integrating role played by baseball among Latinos in the United States. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Smith Muñiz has worked for the Public Consulting Group and the New York State Contract Tracing Initiative as a contact tracer.

Raised in Río Piedras, Puerto Rico, Smith Muñiz majored in History at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a four-year Varsity athlete in Sprint football, a broadcaster on WXPN AM, and Sports Co-Editor of The Daily Pennsylvanian. Past
focused on performing songs written or performed by persons of African descent. She

NATHANIEL GRAHAM, C’97 (Penn Varsity Men’s Basketball)

Nat Graham returned to his alma mater when he was hired to the Penn men’s basketball coaching staff in May 2014. In September 2018, Graham was promoted to the position of K. Gelb Family Associate Head Coach of Men’s Basketball. In 2017-18, Penn went 24-9 overall and won a share of the Ivy League title with a 12-2 mark in conference play. The Quakers then won the Ivy League Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 11 years. In 2018-19, Penn went a perfect 4-0 in Philadelphia Big 5 play including a win over defending NCAA champion Villanova at The Palestra and road victories at La Salle and Temple. It was the Quakers’ first unbeaten Big 5 campaign since 2001-02 and just the second since 1973-74.

Graham was a two-year letterman (1993-95) at the University of Pennsylvania and was a member of two undefeated Ivy League championship teams. Penn went a combined 47-9 overall during those two seasons, and earned an NCAA Tournament win over Nebraska in 1994. Graham graduated from Penn in 1997 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He earned his master’s degree in multicultural education from Eastern University in 2009. Graham and his wife, Kelly, have one daughter, Noelle, and two sons, Silas and Dashiell.

CANAAN BETHEA, C’15 (Penn Varsity Wrestling)

Canaan Bethea is working towards a Ph.D. in Education with concentrations in Educational Psychology and Research Methods in Sports Psychology at George Mason University. His prior educational experiences include earning a Master’s Degree in Educational Psychology from George Mason, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. Bethea is currently the vice-President for the Ph.D. in Education Student Organization (PESO) at George Mason University.

Professionally, Bethea Served as an Assistant Wrestling Coach at George Mason University for two seasons. Before his tenure at George Mason, he was the Assistant Director of Mentoring for the Beat the Streets Philadelphia. While serving in that role Bethea co-founded the Trenton Youth Wrestling Program which provides wrestling, tutoring, and mentoring to under-privileged youth.

During his wrestling career at Penn, Bethea qualified for the NCAA Wrestling Tournament twice, and advanced to the round of twelve at the NCAA Wrestling tournament. He was a two-time University Nationals Freestyle All-American. As a high school wrestler, he won four Mercer County titles, three district championships, and one region title; he advanced to the Jersey State finals, and placed fifth at NHSCA High School nationals.

Bethea’s research focuses on critical race theory and self-regulation from the social cognitive theoretical perspective. Implications from his research help students, athletes, educators, and coaches cultivate equitable environments and self-regulatory mindsets.

Moderator:

NICOLE MALOY, W’95, SPP’18 (Penn Varsity Women’s Track & Field)

Nicole Maloy, one of two Directors of Penn’s new office of Social Equity & Community, has spent the bulk of her career promoting diversity and inclusion. In her prior role as Associate Dean of Equity & Access in Penn Undergraduate Admissions, she focused on outreach to prospective students from historically underrepresented, lower-income, or first-generation college backgrounds. As Director of Multicultural Outreach in Penn Alumni Relations, she led programming for alumni with an interest in celebrating cultural identity and drove the organization and execution of the university’s inaugural Penn Spectrum alumni diversity conference. Nicole earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics with a concentration in Marketing from Penn’s Wharton School (Minor in French), and a Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership from Penn’s School of Social Policy & Practice.

As an undergraduate student, Maloy was a four-year member and Senior Co-Captain of Penn Varsity Women’s Track & Field, earning the honors of 1st Team All-Ivy, 2nd Team All-Ivy, Co-MVP, and Most Improved, as well 2-time Outdoor Heptagonal Champion, and the Class of 1988 Award for “leadership, team spirit, and dedication to the sport.” She held the Penn school record in the Indoor and Outdoor Women’s High Jump for more than 20 years. She also served as a member of the Du Bois College House Council, and as Show Coordinator for The Inspiration, an a cappella singing group focused on performing songs written or performed by persons of African descent. She is a member of Friars Senior Society.