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FROM REJECTING PATERNALISM TO TRANSGRESSING GENDER: SOME THOUGHTS ON GENDER AND SPORT

Abstract:

Drawing on personal narratives but locating them within a feminist understanding of sports, this presentation will cover the experience of the labours of care that young sports persons experience as they move from school to the university. In retrospect, this experience also views sports, in this case track and field athletics, as both a space of transgression and liberation.

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