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Undergraduate Degree: B.S.Ed. (University of Hartford, 1963, Education)
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MAJOR WRITING AWARDS

- 2008 **Winner** – SABR Latino Committee Eduardo Valero Memorial Award (for “Best Article of 2008” in **La Prensa**, newsletter of the SABR Latino Baseball Research Committee)
- 2007 **Recipient** – Robert Peterson Recognition Award from SABR Negro Leagues Committee, for advancing public awareness of Negro league baseball (**A History of Cuban Baseball, 1864-2006**, McFarland & Company Publishers, 2007)
- 2005 **Finalist** – **Spitball** CASEY Award (for **Diamonds around the Globe: The Encyclopedia of International Baseball**, Greenwood Press, 2005)
- 2004 **Winner** – **The Sporting News**-SABR Baseball Research Award for “Best Baseball Research” (for **Diamonds around the Globe: The Encyclopedia of International Baseball**, 2005)
- 2000 **Finalist** – SABR Seymour Medal (Nominated, along with Mark Rucker, for **Smoke—The Romance and Lore of Cuban Baseball**, Total Sports Illustrated, 1999)
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- 1994 **Winner** – Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award (for **Baseball with a Latin Beat: A History of the Latin American Game**, McFarland & Company, 1994)

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"Baseball Novels from Gil Gamesh to Babe Ragland to Sidd Finch: A Bibliographical Survey of Serious Adult Baseball Fiction Since 1973" in: **The Minneapolis Review of Baseball** 9:1 (Winter 1990), 32-54.

"The Mystery of Damon Rice: An Investigative Review" in: **The Minneapolis Review of Baseball** 9:2 (Spring 1990), 50-54.

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"First Hispanic Star? Dolf Luque, Of Course" in: **Baseball Research Journal** 19 (1990), 28-32. Edited by Jim Kaplan. Cleveland, Ohio: Society for American Baseball Research.

"Major League Hits from Minor League Players: Small Presses and the Baseball-Book Industry" (Part I) in: **Small Press** 7:3 (June 1989), 26-27.

Also: "Major League Hits from Minor League Players: Small Presses and the Baseball-Book Industry" (Part II: Bibliography) in: **Small Press** 7:4 (August 1989), 13-15, 22.

"Diamonds Are A Gal's Worst Friend—Women in Baseball History and Fiction" in: **The SABR Review of Books**, Number 4 (Summer 1989), 79-95. Garrett Park, Maryland: SABR.

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"Grizzly Veterans and Bullpen Gems—Books on the Art of Pitching" in: **Elysian Fields Quarterly** 14:1 (Spring 1995), 82-88.

"Today's Boom Industry in 'Women and Baseball' Histories" in: **Elysian Fields Quarterly** 13:3 (Fall 1994), 94-98.

"A True Mythical Nine: Baseball Fiction's All-Time All-Star Team" in: **Elysian Fields Quarterly** 13:2 (Summer 1994), 62-66.

"Only the Dust Jacket is White—A Welcomed Glut of Recent Blackball Histories" in: **Elysian Fields Quarterly** 13:1 (Spring 1994), 74-77.

"Review of **Black Diamonds: Life in the Negro Leagues from the Men Who Lived It** and **Blackball Stars: Negro League Pioneers** by John Holway" in: **MultiCultural Review** 1:1 (Winter 1992), 73-74.

"Review Essay on **Shoeless Joe and Ragtime Baseball** by Harvey Frommer" in: **Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature** 9:2 (May 1992), 171-172.

"Review of **Writing Baseball** by Jerry Klinkowitz, Editor" in: **Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature** 8:2 (Spring 1991), 142-143.

"Review of **Sweet Seasons: Recollections of the 1955-64 New York Yankees** by Dom Forker" in: **Small Press** 8:3 (June 1990), 46.

"Review of **The Imperfect Diamond: A History of Baseball's Labor Wars** by Lee Lowenfish and Tony Lupien" in: **Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature** 8:2 (Spring 1991), 144-45.

- "The Shameless Selling of Joltin' Joe—Review Essay on **The DiMaggio Albums**, edited by Richard Whittingham" in: **The SABR Review of Books** 5 (Summer 1990), 19-24.
- "Baseball by the Numbers—Review Essay on **Total Baseball**, edited by John Thorn and Pete Palmer" in: **The Minneapolis Review of Baseball** 9:3 (Summer 1990), 36-38.
- "Review of **Diamonds Are A Dyke's Best Friend: Reflections, Reminiscences, and Reports from the Field of the Lesbian National Pastime** by Yvonne Zipter" in: **Small Press** 8:1 (February 1990), 44-45.
- "Review of **The Boys of Autumn: An Oral History of the 1949-53 World Champion New York Yankees** by Dom Forker" in: **Baseball History 3: An Annual of Original Baseball Research**. Westport, CT: Meckler Books, 1990, 141-142.
- "Review of **The Joe Williams Baseball Reader**, Edited by Peter Williams" in: **Small Press** 8:1 (February 1990), 54.
- "Review of **Between the Lines: One Athlete's Struggle to Escape the Nightmare of Addiction** by Steve Howe and Jim Greenfield" in: **Small Press** 8:1 (February 1990), 31.
- "Review of **Clearing the Bases: Baseball Then and Now** by William Starr" in: **Small Press** 7:5 (October 1989), 90-91.
- "Review of **The Milwaukee Braves: A Baseball Eulogy** by Robert Buege" in: **Baseball History 2: An Annual of Original Baseball Research**. Westport, CT: Meckler Books, 1989, 165-166.
- "Review of **The Minneapolis Review of Baseball**, Volume 6:3 thru Volume 8:2 (1986-1989), Steve Lehman, Editor" in: **Small Press** 7:5 (October 1989), 78.
- "Review of Chicago Cubs Team History Literature" in: **Baseball History 2: An Annual of Original Baseball Research**. Edited by Peter Levine. Westport, Connecticut: Meckler Books, 1989, 157-162. Books reviewed include:
You Gotta Have Heart—Dallas Green's Rebuilding of the Cubs by Ned Colletti
Runs, Hits & Errors: A Treasury of Cub History and Humor by Jim Langford
The Cubs of '69: Recollections of the Team That Should Have Been by Rick Talley
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- "Review of **The Boys of Autumn: An Oral History of the 1949-53 World Champion New York Yankees** by Dom Forker" in: **Small Press** 7:5 (October 1989), 90.
- "Review of **The Man Who Stole First Base: Tales from Baseball's Past** by Eric Nadel and Craig R. Wright" in: **Small Press** 7:4 (August 1989), 62.
- "Review of **Diamond Greats: Profiles and Interviews With 65 of Baseball's History Makers** by Rich Westcott" in: **Small Press** 7:4 (August 1989), 62.
- "Review of **Baseball History: Annual of Original Baseball Research**, Edited by Peter Levine" in: **Small Press** 7:4 (August 1989), 61-2.
- "Review of **The Wit And Wisdom of Yogi Berra** (Second Edition) by Phil Pepe" in: **Small Press** 7:3 (June 1989), 59-60.
- "Review of **The Milwaukee Braves: A Baseball Eulogy** by Robert Buege" in: **Small Press** 6:1 (Fall 1988), 86.
- "Review of Selected Science Fiction Titles in: **Modern Fiction Studies** 32:2 (Summer 1986), 374-378. West Lafayette, Indiana: Purdue University Press. Books reviewed include:
The Cosmic Dancers: Exploring the Physics of Science Fiction by Amit and Maggie Goswami
Clockwork Worlds: Mechanized Environments in Science Fiction by Richard Erlich and Thomas Dunn (Eds)
The Intersection of Science Fiction and Philosophy: Critical Studies by Robert E. Meyers (Editor)

NON-SPORTS ACADEMIC CHAPTERS PUBLISHED

- "Radical and conservative Spanish Dialects: Theoretical accounts and pedagogical implications" Chapter 12 in: **American Spanish Pronunciation: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives**. Edited by Peter C. Bjarkman and Robert M. Hammond. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1989, 237-262.
- "Abstract and concrete approaches to phonological strength and weakening chains: Implications for Spanish syllable structure" Chapter 5 in: **American Spanish Pronunciation: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives**. Edited by Peter C. Bjarkman and Robert M. Hammond. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1989, 106-136.
- "Phonemic theory versus natural phonology: Competing approaches for describing the Caribbean Spanish dialects" Chapter 4 in: **American Spanish Pronunciation: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives**. Edited by Peter C. Bjarkman and Robert M. Hammond. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1989, 71-105.

"Natural Phonology and Strategies for Teaching English/Spanish Pronunciation" Chapter 5 in: **The Real-World Linguist: Linguistic Applications in the 1980s**. Edited by Peter C. Bjarkman and Victor Raskin. Norwood, NJ: Ablex Corporation, 1986, 77-115.

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Biographies reissued in: **Biographical Dictionary Of American Sports**, Volume 1 ("Baseball"). Revised Expanded Edition. Edited by David L. Porter. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2000. (Reprints of earlier articles in original edition)

Entries include:

Volume I—A to F

"Dominic (Dom) DiMaggio" (384-386), "Robert (Bob) Friend" (517-518)

Volume II—G to P

"Adolfo (Dolf) Luque" (911-912), "Orestes (Minnie) Miñoso" (1060-1061), "Pedro (Tony) Oliva" (1139-1140)

Volume III—Q to Z

"Tim (Rock) Raines" (1248-1249); "J.R. Richard" (1276-1278); "Edwin (Preacher) Roe" (1308-1309); "Dave Stieb" (1479-1480); "Luis Tiant Jr." (1546-1547)

"Baseball in Indianapolis" (pp. 300-304) in: **The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis**. Edited by David J. Brodenhamer. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994.

"Indianapolis Indians Professional Baseball Club" (pp. 785-787) in: **The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis**. Edited by David J. Brodenhamer. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994.

"Dominic (Dom) DiMaggio" in: **Biographical Dictionary of American Sports**, Volume 5 (1989-1992 Supplement to Baseball, Football, Basketball and Other Sports). Edited by David L. Porter. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishers, 1992, 39-40.

Also in same volume: "Robert (Bob) Friend" (59-60), "Adolfo (Dolf) Luque" (117-118), "Orestes (Minnie) Miñoso" (130-141), "Pedro (Tony) Oliva" (157-158), "Tim (Rock) Raines" (171-172), "J.R. Richard" (175-176), "Edwin (Preacher) Roe" (180), "Dave Stieb" (210-211), "Luis (Louie) Tiant" (221-223)

"Latin American Baseball Chronology" (150-plus entries on Caribbean, Latino and Hispanic major league baseball players, plus entries on important on-field and off-field events during professional and amateur baseball in Cuba, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico and the Dominican Republic) in: **The Baseball Chronology**. Edited by Jim Charlton. New York: Macmillan, 1991, passim.

"Kareem Abdul-Jabbar" (a.k.a. Lew Alcindor) in: **Biographical Dictionary of American Sports**, Volume 4 ("Basketball and Other Sports"). Edited by David L. Porter. Westport: CT: Greenwood Publishers, 1989, 2-4.

Also in the same volume: "Justin (Sam) Barry" (15-16), "Walt (Bells) Bellamy" (23-24), "Austin Carr" (40-42), "Adrian Dantley" (59-61), "Alex English" (77-79), "George (Ice Man) Gervin" (95-96), "Paul (Tony) Hinkle" (129-130), "Robert (Bobby) Knight" (161-163), "Walter (Moose) Krause" (163-164), "Jerry Lucas" (185-187), "Arad McCutchan" (193-194), "Rick Mount" (225-226), "Charles (Stretch) Murphy" (227-228), "Pete Newell" (230-231), "Harlan (Pat) Page" (235-237), "Lynn St. John" (264-265), "Chuck Taylor" (294-295), "Isiah Thomas" (297-299), "Arthur Trester" (307), "Jack Twyman" (307-308), "Robert (Fuzzy) Vandivier" (311-313), "Clifford Wells" (321-322)

MISCELLANEOUS MEDIA CREDITS

ADDITIONAL WRITING/RESEARCH AWARDS AND HONORS

Reconocimiento al Mérito "Palmar de Junco" Monumento Nacional. Special citation and merit award ("Palmar de Junco" National Monument, Matanzas) presented jointly to Peter Bjarkman and Mark Rucker in honor of contributions as historians of Cuban baseball, offered by the Peña Deportiva (Sports Club) of Matanzas, Cuba, at the site of the mythical first baseball game on Cuban soil. Presented on February 28, 2002, in appreciation of **Smoke: The Romance and Lore of Cuban Baseball** (1999)

Invited Participation in inaugural 2000 USA-Cuba Writers Conference (Havana, Cuba, January 16-26, 2000). Intensive writing workshops (enrolled in "Travel Writing" with Tom Miller) combined with in-depth literary and inter-cultural exchanges among 70 invited American and Cuban writers. Workshop invitation based on competitive manuscript submissions. Sponsored by New York-based "Writers of America" (WOA).

Invited Panel Presenter at Miami Book Fair International (November 19-21, 1999). Featured on Special Panel ("Books of Interest to Cuban-Americans"), with 30-minute presentation based on **Smoke—The Romance and Lore of Cuban Baseball**, along with co-author Mark Rucker. Also appearing was Yvonne M. Conde (author of **Operation Pedro Pan**)

Selected participant in "Wordstruck: Indiana Children's Authors and Illustrators Lecture Tour" sponsored by The Friends of the Indiana Libraries and several partner organizations—27 Indiana children's literature authors and illustrators presenting workshops at public schools and libraries throughout Indiana (1999-2000)

Niagara University Library “Monthly Book Spotlight” Recognition. Special mention of **Baseball with a Latin Beat: A History of the Latin American Game** (1994) as a featured work in Niagara University Library’s permanent collection (May 1999)

YALSA and ALA Selection for “Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers” (1997). Young Adult Library Services Association (American Library Association) list of new books honored as “Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Readers” awarded for **Top 10 Basketball Slam Dunkers** (Enslow Publishers, 1995)

New York Public Library “Books Recommended for Teenaged Readers” (1992). New York Public Library annual listing of “Books Recommended for Teenaged Readers” awarded for **Roberto Clemente** (Chelsea House, 1991)

AUTHOR PROMOTIONAL STORIES AND PROFILES

“¡Viva el Béisbol! From Professor of Linguistics to Cuban Baseball Expert” (Bjarkman Profile in “9 to 5, Act II: Alumni Tell Us How Their Career Paths Have Diverged”) in: **Observer: The Magazine of the University of Hartford**, Spring 2010, 22.

“Un batazo que estremeció también a México” (by Raúl Arce) in: **Juventud Rebelde** (March 12, 2009), 7. (Cuban press story discussing Bjarkman’s predictions for WBC II)

“Mr. Peter Bjarkman: historia del béisbol cubano” (Spanish) (by Dr. José de Jesús Jiménez) in: **La Información** (Deportes 2B), November 10, 2007.

“Un libro exquisito: 143 años de pelota cubana” (by Raúl Arce) in: **Juventud Rebelde** (June 13, 2007), 7. (Cuban press interview promoting Bjarkman’s writings)

“The lore of baseball—Local author restores the history of Cuban ‘béisbol’ in ‘Smoke’” (by John Norberg) in: **The Lafayette (Indiana) Journal & Courier** (February 5, 2000), B5-B6.

“Béisbol: A History—Lafayette-based author visited Cuba three times to write ‘Smoke,’ a volume on baseball in its most pristine form” (by Dan Carpenter) in: **The Indianapolis Star** (October 19, 1999), E1-E2.

“Sports’ Prolific Man of Letters” (by Conrad Brunner) in: **The Indianapolis Star/News** (August 11, 1998), A1-A2.

“Crackin’ ‘em ... Outta Here! No one gets down the line quicker than Peter ‘Dr. Baseball’ Bjarkman” (by Kevin Cullen) in: **The Lafayette (Indiana) Journal & Courier** (May 3, 1995), B1-2.

“He owns a bit of baseball by writing about it (Profile of Peter C. Bjarkman)” (by Marc D. Allen) in: **The Indianapolis Star** (May 14, 1995), J3.

“Peter Bjarkman—aka Dr. Baseball” (by Robert Cannon) in: **Sports Collectors Digest**. 20:16 (April 16, 1993), 174-177.

“Bjarkman, Peter C(hristian), 1941-” in: **Contemporary Authors**, Volume 130. Detroit, MI: Gale Research, 1992, 39. (Cross-referenced under “Doctor Baseball”)

MAJOR ELECTRONIC MEDIA APPEARANCES

“MLB Home Plate” XM Satellite Radio interview with Lee Hamilton. Hamilton interviews Bjarkman about defection to MLB of stellar Cuban pitching prospect Aroldis Chapman. (January 16, 2010)

Subject of special “prime time” evening news report (“Local Lafayette Journalist Covers Cuban Baseball”) broadcast on WLFI, Channell-18 (CBS affiliate, Lafayette, Indiana). Aired three times on May 3-4, 2009.

*Featured talking head in “The World Baseball Classic: The Movie”—Documentary film (released in April 2009) reprising the 2009 World Baseball Classic tournament sponsored by Major League Baseball. Produced and released by MLB Productions (one hour air time). Bjarkman segments taped in Mexico City, Mexico.

Correspondent for **The New York Times** (www.BaseballdeCuba.com) covering Major League Baseball’s second World Baseball Classic in Mexico City (Round One, March 8-12), San Diego (Round Two, March 15-19), and Los Angeles (Semifinals-Finals, March 21-23, 2009).

*Side-line interview (sixth inning, with Orestes Destrade) during ESPN broadcast of Cuba-Mexico World Baseball Classic second round game in San Diego’s Petco Park (March 17, 2009). Game play-by-play done by Orel Hershier and Steve Phillips.

“Mike Murphy Show” ESPN Interview on Chicago’s 670 ESPN SportsRadio. Murphy interviews Bjarkman about the Chicago White Sox signing of Cuban League “defector” Dayan Viciedo, 30-minute segment (November 21, 2008).

Correspondent for **www.BaseballdeCuba.com** covering Haarlem Honkbal Week in Haarlem, The Netherlands (July 4-13, 2008). Filed daily internet stories real-time on-line play-by-play of all games for the Cuban national team.

Correspondent for **Béisbol Mundial** covering ENECO World Port Tournament in Rotterdam, The Netherlands (August 2-12, 2007). Also filed English-language stories/game reports for **www.BaseballdeCuba.com** Cuban League website.

On-line author interview on “Global Baseball” website (www.globalbaseball.wordpress.com) discussing both Cuban and international baseball and the writing of **A History of Cuban Baseball, 1864-2006** (March 27, 2007)

Correspondent for **Béisbol Mundial** covering 2007 Caribbean Series tournament (Serie del Caribe #49) in San Juan, Puerto (February 1-8, 2007).

Correspondent for **Béisbol Mundial** covering Major League Baseball’s first World Baseball Classic in San Juan, Puerto Rico (Rounds One and Two, March 6-16) and San Diego (Semifinals-Finals, March 18-20, 2006).

*Featured talking head in “The World Baseball Classic: The Movie”—Documentary film (released in May 2006) reprising the 2006 World Baseball Classic tournament sponsored by Major League Baseball. Produced and released by MLB Productions (46 minutes air time). Bjarkman segments taped in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

*Featured talking head on “Béisbol—The Latin American Game”—Two-part documentary relating the story of Latin Americans in Major League Baseball history. Aired on ESPN, October 10-October 17, 2006. Produced and released by MLB Productions (60 minutes air time) and sponsored by Chevrolet Corporation. Bjarkman segments (earlier used for MLB Production’s WBC documentary) taped in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Advisor to ESPN broadcast team (Orel Hershiser, Steve Phillips, José Mota, Gary Thorne, Orestes Destrade, Joe Morgan, Bob Miller and Peter Gammons) for broadcasts during World Baseball Classic games involving Cuba in San Juan and San Diego (March 8-20, 2006).

Appearance on “ESPN Outside the Lines Nightly” segment (10 minute-plus interview with Bob Ley) devoted to the upcoming World Baseball Classic. Guest expert commentary on Cuba’s national team and its WBC prospects (aired February 28, 2006).

On-Site Correspondent for **Prensa Latina** (Cuban News Agency) and **Béisbol Mundial** (Spanish-language monthly), covering the 2005 Baseball World Cup Tournament (World Cup XXXVI) in Rotterdam and Haarlem, The Netherlands (September 1-18, 2005). Series of 16 daily on-line news stories filed/published on **Prensa Latina**’s English-language website (www.plenglish.com).

Advisor and featured Historical Consultant, plus on-camera interviewee for “Los Duros—The Making of the Dominican Hero”—Video Documentary (scheduled for Summer 2004 release but never produced) on baseball in the Dominican Republic (60 minutes) produced by Going Going Productions Inc., Los Angeles; Chad Carlberg, Producer-Director.

Correspondent for **Baseball America** covering 2003 Baseball World Cup XXXV Tournament in Havana, Cuba (October 12-26, 2003). World Cup story (with author by-line) appeared in **Baseball America** issue for November 24-December 7, 2003 (p.36)

Interviewee appearing on “Mundo Deportivo” special program covering Baseball World Cup 35 in Havana Cuba. Cubavisión broadcast (30 minutes) hosted by Carlos Hernández Luján featured update reports on World Cup action and interviews with Cuban sports commentator Jesús Valmaña and guest US expert Peter Bjarkman. Program first aired across Cuba on Thursday, October 23, 2003, with later numerous rebroadcasts. Spanish-language broadcast.

In-depth interview about Cuban baseball, featured on “Fordham Conversations with John Blythe”. Aired February 29, 2003 on WFUV (90.7 FM, New York). Discussed the history and culture of Cuban baseball, along with additional guest Christopher Schmidt-Nowara.

Advisor, Historical Consultant, and on-camera interviewee for “The Big O, The Oscar Robertson Story”—Video/VHS Documentary (November 2001 release, with nationwide commercial distribution) on one of basketball’s greatest players (Video Time of 2 hours, 4 minutes) produced by Big O Video Productions, Cincinnati, Ohio; Don Burrows, Producer.

First American invited to appear on Cuban national television during 45-year period of Cuban Revolution to discuss sensitive subject of Cuban-USA baseball relations. Historic interview aired Saturday, March 3, 2001 on Cubavisión, with 10-minute Spanish-language segment conducted by popular Havana sports reporter Carlos Hernández Luján. (Bjarkman’s Interview marked first discussion of Cuban player defections on Cuban national television)

Consultant and feature on-camera interviewee for “ESPN Sports Century: Bevo Francis”—ESPN Classics Video Documentary (December 7, 2000) on 1950s-era college basketball legend who twice scored 100-plus points in a single NCAA game (60 minutes airtime) produced by Vin Cannamela. All programs received repeated national airtime.

Brief appearances on additional “ESPN SportsCentury” documentary programs:
“ESPN Sports Century: Georgetown versus Villanova” (March 22, 2004)
“ESPN Sports Century: John Wooden” (September 25, 2003)
“ESPN Sports Century: Johnny Bench” (October 18, 2000)
“ESPN Sports Century: Sparky Anderson” (October 9, 2000)
“ESPN Sports Century: Red Auerbach” (October 4, 2000)

Advisor, Historical Consultant, and featured on-camera interviewee for “Greener Grass—Cuba, Baseball and the United States”—PBS Video Documentary (aired June 2000) on baseball in Cuba (60 minutes) produced by Bright Pictures, New York: Aaron Woolf, Producer-Director.

On-Site Correspondent covering 1997 Caribbean World Series (in Hermosillo, Mexico) for Total Sports Inc. Website (www.sportinggreen.com/SG/center/beisbol) on February 2-9, 1997. Site featured day-by-day game reports (winter leagues professional baseball championship) plus Caribbean baseball historical notes.

Historical Consultant and Technical Advisor for “Latinos and the American Game”—NBC-TV Film Documentary (30 minutes) produced by ZGS-TV Productions (Arlington, Virginia); written and produced by Dana Flor; hosted by Keith Hernandez; aired nationwide during October 1996 on select NBC affiliates.

Historical Consultant and on-camera interviewee for “Baseball with a Latin Beat” (Part 1: “The Hunger and Pride” and Part 2: “The Untold Story”—30 minute segments). NBC-TV Video Documentary produced by WNBC-TV (New York); writer: Sebastian Dominguez; host: Rafael PiRoman; aired October 1989 in two parts on “Visiones” (WNBC-TV) and on NBC affiliates.

Additional appearances on nationwide and local Indiana television and radio sports talk shows as expert commentator on Cuban League Baseball, Major League Baseball, and NCAA/NBA basketball. Appearances have included, among others: WQAM-AM (Miami, “The Miami Sports Exchange” with Ed Kaplan). Bjarkman appeared on this show on more than two dozen occasions between 1997 and 2002.

WNDE-AM (Indianapolis, “The Sports Daily” with Tim Bragg and Bill Benner)

WTHR-TV, Channel 13 (Indianapolis, “AM Indiana” with Dick Wolfsie)

WRTV-TV, Channel 6 (Indianapolis, “Duffy’s World” with Reid Duffy)

WMBH-TV 40 (Indianapolis, Dan and Brad “Sports Report” with Dan Redding)

WCCO-AM (Minneapolis, with “Dark Star” a.k.a. George Chapple)

KXYQ-AM (Portland, Oregon, with Steve “Dream” Weaver)

XTRA-AM (San Diego, with Lee Hamilton)

Telemundo (New York) Spanish-language New York Mets broadcasts (August 1999)

Halftime Radio Analyst for University of Minnesota Golden Gopher Basketball broadcasts during 1996-1997 season. Halftime interviews produced by “Dark Star” (aka George Chapple) for WCCO (AM 830). Series of half-dozen interviews analyzing current Big Ten season and reviewing highlights of Big Ten basketball history.

ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES/ASSIGNMENTS

Peer reviewer of numerous articles/manuscripts on Cuban baseball history for publications of the Society for American Baseball Research (viz. **SABR Baseball Research Journal** and **SABR National Pastime**), McFarland & Company Publishers, and other academic publishers.

Board of Editors, “Writing Baseball Series” with Richard F. Peterson as Editor-in-Chief, Southern Illinois University Press (1998-2005). Additional Editorial Board Members include: Lee Gutkind, Brooke Horvath, Neil D. Isaacs, Don Johnson, Jerry Klinkowitz, Christian K. Messinger, Elinor Nauen, Ray Robinson, Mike Schacht, Mike Shannon and Timothy Wiles.

Consulting Editor for **The Cambridge Dictionary of American Biography**, Edited by John S. Bowman (Cambridge and London: Cambridge University Press, 1995). Consulting editor for all biographical entries in the fields of Sports and Athletics.

Brief Author Biography

Peter C. Bjarkman is author of 35-plus books on sports history, including academic histories, coffee table pictorials, and biographies for young adult readers. Bjarkman’s most recent title, **Baseball’s Other Big Red Machine: A History of the Cuban National Team** (McFarland) will be for released in late 2010. His pictorial history of Cuban baseball, **Smoke: The Romance and Lore of Cuban Baseball** (1999, with photographer Mark Rucker), is widely recognized as a landmark volume in the field. A more recent volume, **Diamonds around the Globe: The Encyclopedia of International Baseball** (2005), was awarded The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award and was also a finalist for Spitball magazine’s CASEY AWARD as “Baseball Book of the Year.” Bjarkman’s 1994 study, **Baseball with a Latin Beat: A History of the Latin American Game**, earned the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award. And his **A History of Cuban Baseball, 1864-2006** is the seminal volume on the topic. He also is frequently featured on radio/television (in America and Cuba) speaking on topics relating to international baseball.

Bjarkman—who splits his year between Lafayette, Indiana; Zagreb, Croatia; and Havana, Cuba—has traveled extensively throughout Cuba (40-plus trips) over the past decade and was the first American interviewed extensively about Cuban baseball on Cuban national television (2001) during the 45-year history of the Cuban Socialist Revolution. He ranks as a foremost authority/expert on the history of post-1959 Cuban League baseball and has attended most major Olympic-style international baseball tournaments over the past five decade. Bjarkman also covered the first World Baseball Classic (2006) for **Béisbol Mundial** and the second World Baseball Classic (2009) for **The New York Times**. His long-awaited seminal book entitled **A History of Cuban Baseball, 1864-2006**, was released to critical acclaim by McFarland in early 2007. Bjarkman writes and lectures in both English and Spanish and is regularly featured on **www.BaseballdeCuba.com**, the leading website source for Cuban League baseball coverage.