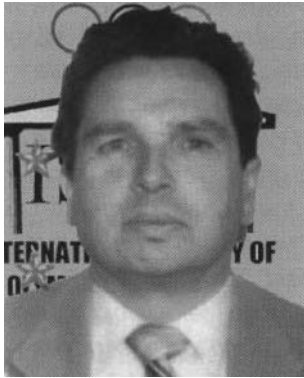


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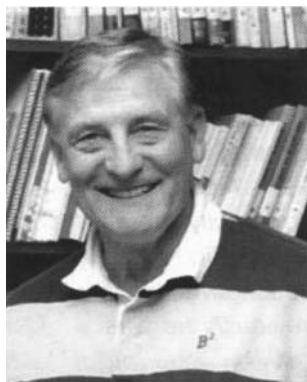
Born June 21, 1943 in New York, NY. Grew up in Whitestone, Queens, NY.
1960 - Graduated from Flushing High School, Flushing, NY
1964 - Graduated from Queens College, Flushing, NY with a Bachelor's degree in accounting
1966 - Graduated from City University of New York with a Master's degree in taxation
1964 - Began career in accounting with Shell Oil Company, Flushing, NY.
1966 - Became computer programmer with Shell Oil Company, New York, NY.
1969 - Computer programmer with Continental Company, New York, NY
1980 - Moved to present address in central New York state and became systems analyst with Norwich Eaton Pharmaceuticals, Norwich, NY
1982 - Norwich Eaton bought by Procter & Gamble.
1982 - International Data Processing Manager for Procter & Gamble

1997 - Procter & Gamble moved operations to Cincinnati -I stayed here and began work for local car dealership as controller.
2004 - Still employed as Controller for Smith Ford LLC (company owns four car dealerships)

Publications:

1970s - Author of "New York Golden Gloves" - (unpublished history and record book)
1980s - Olympic Editor of Ring Record Book.
Co-author with Bert Sugar of "505 Boxing Questions Your Friends Can't Answer"
Author of "The Olympic Games Boxing Record Book"
Founder of the International Boxing Research Organization (IBRO)
Author of several articles on boxing in the "Biographical Dictionary of American Sport"
Contributor to "American National Biography"
1990s - Member of Association for Professional Basketball Research (APBR)
Life Member of ISOH
Author of Early Pros section of "Total Basketball"
2000s - Currently working on an Olympic Basketball History and Record Book
Attended Olympic Summer Games -1976, 1984, 1988, 1996, 2004
Winter Games -1988

Married - 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 3 dogs, 2 cats, 1 horse.



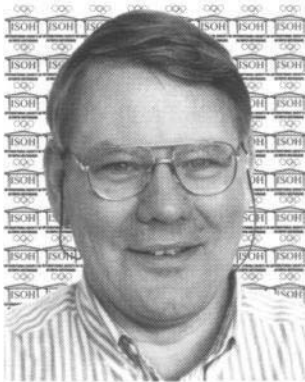
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Robert K. (Bob) Barney is Professor Emeritus of Kinesiology and Founding Director of the *International Centre for Olympic Studies* at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. He is the originator of *Olympika: The International Journal of Olympic Studies*. A native New Englander, he served four years in the *United States Air Force* during the Korean War, returning to college in 1955 to obtain his B.S. (1959), M.S. (1963), and Ph.D. (1968), all at the

University of New Mexico, where he was an intercollegiate athlete in three sports (football, baseball, and swimming) as an undergraduate. He is former president of the *North American Society for Sport History* (NASSH), 1990-1992. He has produced over 200 published works, some 100 of them having to do with aspects of Olympic history, perhaps the most notable of which is *Selling the Five Rings: The International Olympic Committee and the Rise of Olympic Commercialism* (co-authored with Stephen R. WENN and Scott MARTYN). He was awarded the Olympic Order in 1997. He relaxes with classical music, the *New York Times* crossword puzzle, and historical biography. He has recently marked the end of his sixth decade of "live or die" (mostly die) infatuation with the (mis)fortunes of the *Boston Red Sox*. He and his wife Ashleigh reside in London, Ontario, regularly spending autumns at the now four generation family homestead in the lakes region of New Hampshire.



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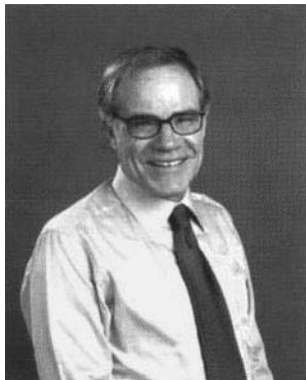
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Born in 1944, he has been working as a sports journalist in Stockholm for 40 years, at the sports paper *Idrottsbladet* (1964–66); the news agency *Associated Press* (1967–71); *Svensk Idrott*, official magazine of the *Swedish Sports Confederation*, (1971–76); the publishing house *Brunnhages* (later *Strömbergs/Brunnhages*), mainly with *Idrottsboken* and *Olympiaboken*, (1976–91); and as a free-lance (1991–).

He is a founder-member of *Sveriges Olympiahistorikers Förening* (SOF; the Swedish Society of Olympic Historians, founded in 1986) (also Secretary 1986–88), and of the ISOH; was Press Attaché of Sweden's Olympic teams in 1980; has been involved in the Swedish NOC's team guides and official reports (*Olympiaboken*) since the 1970s; and written a quiz book on the Olympic summer Games (*Strömbergs Bokförlag*, Vällingby, 1996).

A member of the Executive Committee of the AIPS (*Association Internationale de la Presse Sportive*) 1973–81, he was involved in media service organisation at major international sports events in Sweden 1967–93.



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Bruce Kidd is Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health at the *University of Toronto*. He has degrees from the *University of Toronto* (B.A., Political Economy), the *University of Chicago* (A.M., Education), and *York University* (M.A. and Ph.D., History).

Bruce teaches and has written extensively about the history and political economy of the Olympic movement and Canadian sport. He developed and teaches a course on the Olympic Games at the *University of Toronto*. His book, *The Struggle for Canadian Sport* (University of Toronto Press, 1996), which recaptures the efforts of Olympic leaders in Canada in the period between the First and Second World War, won the Book Prize of the *North American Society for Sport History* in 1997.

In 1996, he was International Professor of Olympism at the *Autonomous University of Barcelona*. That collaboration led to the publication of Miquel de MOARGAS, Montserrat LLINES and Bruce KIDD

(Eds.) *Olympic Villages: Hundred Years of Urban Planning and Shared Experiences* (Lausanne: International Olympic Committee, 1996).

Bruce has been involved in the Olympic Movement for most of his adult life. He has participated in the Games as an athlete (track and field, 1964), journalist, contributor to the arts and culture programs, and social scientist. A member of the *Canadian Olympic Association* since 1981, he was a founding member and chair of the Olympic Academy of Canada, a week-long residential leadership development program, from 1983 to 1993. As Chair of the Olympic Studies Committee from 1985-89, he worked with the Calgary Winter Olympic Organizing Committee to develop educational programs for the Games, and supervised the preparation of the COAs first two Olympic resource kits and their distribution to 14,500 Canadian elementary schools.

He was a member of the *Toronto Ontario Olympic Council* that bid for the 1996 Olympics, and chaired the *Legacy and Community Enhancement Committee* of the Toronto bid for the 2008 Olympics.

As an athlete, Bruce was twice elected Canada's Male Athlete of the Year by Canadian Press (1961 and 1962). He won the 6 miles in the 1962 Commonwealth Games. He is a member of the *Canada's Sports Hall of Fame*, the *Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame* (as both an athlete and a builder) and the *University of Toronto Sports Hall of Fame*.