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"Bernard Suits: A Playful Philosopher" A Book Talk with Javi Lopez and Alex Asay.

October 7, 2026 | 3:30–4:30 p.m. | Library Room 101

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The library is co-hosting an event with Kinesiology and Health Sciences faculty member Javi Lopez Frias on October 7th at 3:30 p.m. in Library Room 101.

In the presentation, the book's co-authors, Javi López and Alex Asay, will explain how an Arizonan living in Athens, Georgia, and a Spaniard residing in State College, Pennsylvania, and later Logan, Utah, embarked on a collaborative journey to write a monograph about the philosopher who most shaped their academic careers and lives: Bernard Suits. They will then discuss the

book's unique contributions: a clear and comprehensive introduction to Suits' philosophy and its significance across philosophy, game and leisure studies, and the philosophy of sport. By situating Suits' work within broader intellectual debates, they will discuss how his exploration of gameplay illuminates enduring philosophical questions—such as those concerning definitions and the good life—and ultimately explain the unity of Suits' philosophical project: providing individuals who live in societies that glorify work and productivity with other more meaningful ways to live.

About the Authors

- **Javi López Frías**

Javi López Frías is an assistant professor in USU's Department of Kinesiology and Health Science. He earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Valencia, Spain, and spent nine years at Penn State before joining USU. His research centers on the philosophy of sport, including the work of philosopher Bernard Suits, and he currently serves as president of the Spanish Association for the Philosophy of Sport and editor-in-chief of Sport, Ethics and Philosophy. Follow him: BlueSky @javierlopez.bsky.social | Instagram @javilofrias

- **Alex Asay**

Asay is a philosophy graduate student in his final year at the University of Georgia. He has extensive publishing and teaching experience and has earned prestigious accolades, including the R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award, in his relatively short career. He is also a father of five wonderful children and has a brother who studies at USU. There will be an opportunity for those interested in meeting with him to learn more about his graduate school experiences and insights into the current job market.