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# The Olympic Games:

## European Elitism for the Masses

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Corry Cropper is an associate professor of French studies at Brigham Young University, and his recently published book, *Playing at Monarchy: Sport as Metaphor in Nineteenth-Century France* (University of Nebraska Press), examines the ways sports and games are metaphorically used to defend and subvert, to praise and mock, both class and political power structures. Cropper's research interests cover nineteenth-century Mérimée literature, political criticism, and French sports and games. He is the author of several articles published in *Nineteenth-Century French Studies*, the *French Review*, and *French Literature Series*. Cropper received a BA from Brigham Young University (1993) and an MA (1995) and a PhD (1998) from the University of Illinois.

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