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Sam Marchiano is an award-winning sports journalist and seasoned professor at NYU's Tisch Institute for Global Sport, currently teaching Ethical Issues in Sport. Skilled in all forms of content creation, Marchiano's MLB Network documentary exploring baseball's origins, *Base Ball Discovered*, won at Cooperstown's annual Baseball Film Festival. Her first documentary, *Vintage Baseball*, merited one of her four Emmy nominations over the years. Before joining MLB as an anchor and senior producer, Marchiano was a national correspondent for Fox Sports Net, covering a wide range of news assignments from Super Bowls, World Series, and the NBA Finals to an in-depth look at baseball in the Dominican Republic. Marchiano also worked as a sideline reporter for Mets, Nets, Devils, and Islanders telecasts and was a producer for ESPN. She began her reporting career at the New York Daily News as the New York Islanders beat reporter.

Marchiano is also a longtime advocate for LGBTQ inclusion in sports. In 2011, she helped launch ground-breaking PSAs for New Yorkers for Marriage Equality by securing unlikely supporters like pro athletes Sean Avery and Michael Strahan. Recognizing allyship's crucial role in her ability to address gender issues in sports, Marchiano became a founding board member of Athlete Ally. This non-profit organization believes everyone should have equal access, opportunity, and experience in sports — regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. As Outreach Director, she oversaw communications, marketing, and league relationships in professional sports playing a central role in MLB's embrace of LGBTQ inclusion. A steering committee member and research chair for NYU's 2016 Social Responsibility of Sports conference, Marchiano is a frequent speaker and facilitator on various issues in sports, from sexual violence to gender equity to diversity and inclusion.