



2016 Women Coaches Symposium Speaker Biographies



Susan Allen

Susan Allen is the Co-coach of the Boys' Varsity team at Shakopee High School. She played tennis for the nationally ranked Gustavus Adolphus Golden Gusties as #2 in her freshman year, contributing in both singles and doubles. She then transferred to Saint Cloud State University where she was the first player to advance to the NCAA D-II tournament in history. There, she was named USPTA Rookie of the Year. She has coached 14 advanced and 14 intermediate USTA teams to Nationals. Currently, she is helping to grow the game of tennis in Shakopee.



Anna Baeth

Anna Baeth is a PhD candidate at the University of Minnesota, studying Sport Sociology. Most recently, Baeth was the Head Field Hockey Coach at Oberlin College and Conservatory. Prior to this position, she served as the Assistant Field Hockey Coach at Mount Holyoke College. While there, Baeth earned her Master of Science degree from Smith College where she completed her thesis, *The Voice(less) Behind the Whistle: Narrative as Definition, Typology, and Experience*. In 2009, she rode her bicycle cross country with the non-profit Bike and Build to raise awareness of affordable housing issues. Baeth graduated from Swarthmore College with a degree in Sociology / Anthropology where she also founded the not-for-profit organization, Chester Neighborhood Bike Works, which allows young people to earn, build, and safely ride bicycles. Currently, Baeth is a research assistant in the Tucker Center and coaches lacrosse and rock climbing.



Marlene Bjornsrud

Marlene Bjornsrud's career includes leadership roles in several facets of the sports industry including intercollegiate coaching and athletic administration and executive positions in professional sports and nonprofits. After spending more than 20 years in intercollegiate athletics, Marlene was chosen by the Women's United Soccer Association to serve as General Manager for one of eight teams in the first-ever women's professional soccer league in the US (WUSA), which disbanded in 2003. From the demise of the WUSA rose the Bay Area Women's Sport Initiative (BAWSI), a nonprofit organization founded by Marlene and Olympic and World Cup stars Brandi Chastain and Julie Foudy. BAWSI awakens the power of female athletes to be change makers in the world. Marlene currently serves as the Executive Director of the Alliance of Women Coaches, a national organization that supports current female coaches while working to increase the number of women in the coaching profession. In 2013, she was awarded the Women and Sport Award for the Americas by the IOC. @GoCoaches



**Austin Stair Calhoun,
Ph.D.**

Austin Stair Calhoun completed her Ph.D. in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota and is a sport media scholar, technology enthusiast, and advocate for gender and GLBT issues in sport. With over a decade of public relations and higher education experience, Calhoun is currently the team lead of the School of Kinesiology eLearning + Digital Strategy group, spearheading grassroots communications and academic technology efforts. Her research concentrates on social and digital media in sport and media representations of gender in sport. Prior to coming to Minnesota, Calhoun spent two years working as a sports information assistant at her undergraduate alma mater, Washington and Lee University. Calhoun has a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications and a M.S.Ed. from the University of Miami (FL) in Sport Administration. In addition to her academic background, she has amassed a great deal of "real world" knowledge beginning with experiences as a D-III basketball player, to her experiences as a yoga & fitness instructor, mom to an active toddler and twins born 2015, and wife to her better half, Kate. @AustinStair



Nevin Caple

Nevin Caple is Co-founder and Executive Director of Br{ache the Silence Campaign, founded in 2011 to advance LGBTQ inclusion in sports through education and public awareness initiatives. She consults with coaches, athletic administrators and student-athletes to help the athletic community create LGBTQ inclusive teams and programs. Nevin sits on the Wade Trophy Committee for women's college basketball, National Center for Lesbian Rights National Leadership Council and the Women's Sports Foundation Advocacy Committee. She is on the faculty for the Alliance of Women Coaches, and recently launched the Historically Black Colleges and Universities LGBTQ Outreach Tour, an educational program in partnership with the NCAA. @NevinCaple



Natalie Darwitz

Natalie Darwitz is a three-time Olympic medalist and one of the best known names in women's hockey. Darwitz first burst on the Minnesota scene as seventh grader leading Eagan High School to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Girls' State Hockey Tournament. She went on to score 487 points in 102 games there and still holds four tournament records. Darwitz was a three-time All-American at the University of Minnesota and is the school's all-time leader in points scored with 246. She also has had considerable success on the world stage, representing the United States in three Olympics, eight World Tournaments, and ten 4 Nations Cup events. She has been a captain of several of those teams, a member of five gold-medal winning teams and, in 2005, was named Woman Player of the year by USA Hockey. Darwitz went on to be an assistant at the University of Minnesota for two seasons before taking the head job at Lakeville South five years ago. Currently, she is wrapping up her first year as the Head Coach at Hamline University. @NatalieDarwitz



Lin Dunn

Lin Dunn is a pioneer and leader of women's basketball and the fourth head coach in Indiana Fever history. She was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on June 14, 2014 during what was her final season on the sidelines. She also has established her own consulting agency, "Coaching4Coaches," which offers a variety of resources for NCAA Division I and WNBA head coaches. Dunn is the winningest coach in franchise history, boasting a seven-year record of 135-103 with the 2012 WNBA championship as the finest accomplishment in a distinguished 44-year coaching career. Already regarded as one of the most successful women's basketball coaches in history, Dunn led the Fever to five trips to the conference finals and a pair of appearances in the WNBA Finals. Including three years as head coach of the Seattle Storm, Dunn ranks seventh in regular season coaching wins (168-166) in WNBA history, is third in postseason victories (23-20). A streak of seven straight WNBA Playoffs appearances to end her career is the longest streak in league history. Dunn is well-chronicled as one of the nation's foremost pioneers of women's basketball and one of its most prominent coaches and leaders, she has been a proven winner at both the college and pro levels, evidenced by three hall of fame inductions in 2010 and another in 2012. A native of Dresden, Tenn., she owns 683 college and pro wins, including the WNBA postseason. During 38 seasons as head coach, she coached 1,156 games. In addition to the WNBA crown she won in 2012, she guided the Fever to a No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference Playoffs in 2009 and 2011, and her first WNBA Finals appearances in 2009 and 2012. Dunn's coaching resume includes four decades of coaching at the highest levels – the past 16 years in the professional ranks, between stints in Portland, Seattle and Indiana. Since her collegiate coaching career began at Austin Peay in 1970, she put

together a remarkable 25-year record that includes a .635 career winning percentage at four schools (447-257). She left three of those schools – Purdue, Miami and Austin Peay – as the winningest coach in program history. On the national level, she served on USA Basketball staffs for the 1992 Olympics and 1990 gold medal-winning World Championship and Goodwill Games teams. She was head coach of the 1995 bronze medal-winning USA Jones Cup team, and also served for eight years on the USA Basketball Team selection committee. Dunn earned a B.S. degree in health, physical education and English from Tennessee-Martin. A year later, she received an M.S. degree in physical education from Tennessee-Knoxville. @CoachLinDunn



Terry Ganley

Terry Ganley is the head coach of the Minnesota women's swimming and diving team. In her eight seasons at the helm of the Golden Gopher program, Ganley has led the Gophers to five Big Ten titles (2008, 2012-15), three second-place Big Ten finishes and eight top-15 performances at the NCAA Championships. In the last six years with the women's program, Minnesota finished at least 13th at the NCAA Championships including a program-best 9th-place mark in 2011 and that year three Gophers won national championships. Overall, 30 different athletes earned All-America honors in Ganley's eight seasons with the women's program. Ganley is a Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Famer and swam for Coach Jean K. Freeman. @GopherSwimDive



Beth Goetz

Beth Goetz was named Minnesota's Interim Athletics Director on Aug. 7, 2015 by University president Eric Kaler. Goetz had served as Deputy Athletics Director and senior woman administrator since she joined the department in 2013. Goetz played an integral role as one of the department's senior administrators and serves as a top executive in overseeing the department's 25 sports, more than 300 staff members, 725 student-athletes and annual budget of more than \$100 million. She assists with the overall department planning and assessment and manages day-to-day athletic operations. Prior to coming to Minnesota, Goetz was at Butler University, where she was an associate athletic director and the senior woman administrator. While at Butler, Goetz served as the sport administrator for softball, volleyball and the men's and women's soccer programs. Goetz also worked closely with both of Butler's basketball programs and was the liaison for the women's team for post-season play. During her time at Butler she also had direct oversight of budget and financial aid. @Bgoetz12



**Faith Johnson
Patterson**

Faith Johnson Patterson is the Head Coach for girls' basketball at Eden Prairie High School. She has been coaching high school basketball in Minneapolis proper for nearly 20 years and has led her teams, along with her long-standing staff — which includes her husband, John Patterson, at Minneapolis North and DeLaSalle to a combined eight state championships since 1995. Johnson Patterson was inducted into the Minnesota girls' basketball coaches Hall of Fame in 2012.



**Cindra Kamphoff,
Ph.D.**

Dr. Cindra Kamphoff is the Director of The Center of Sport and Performance Psychology and Professor in Sport and Performance Psychology at Minnesota State University. As a high performance coach, she works with elite athletes as well as high school and college teams to help them develop a mentally strong mindset. Her work has been featured in The New York Times, USA Today, Huffington Post, ESPN the Magazine, and Runner's World. She is the creator of the High Performance Mindset Podcast and the Master Your Mindset for Athletes on-line training course. Last year, 3 teams she worked with had their best seasons ever. One qualified for the national title game, another won a high school state championship, and the third qualified for state in the first time in decades. Dr. Kamphoff currently does mental training work for the Minnesota Vikings and is a Certified Consultant with the Association for Applied Sport Psychology. @mentally_strong



Marnie Kinnaird

Marnie Kinnaird began competing in cross-country and track as a high school freshman in Oak Park, IL. Her love of running inspired her to major in kinesiology at Occidental College in Los Angeles (CA) where she became fascinated with the psychosocial aspects of sport as well as their intersections with social justice. Subsequently, she developed interests in the transformative power of sport and sport feminism, and conducted her senior thesis on the development of mental toughness in Division III female athletes. Now a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, Marnie is working toward a Master's degree in sport and exercise psychology and serves as a research assistant in the Tucker Center. Advised by Tucker Center associate director Dr. Nicole M. LaVoi, she is examining resilience in female coaches for her thesis. Marnie, who competed for the cross-country and track teams at both Occidental and Minnesota, still runs every day.



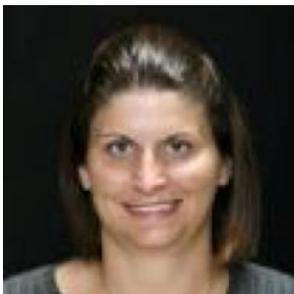
Nicole M. LaVoi, Ph.D.

Dr. Nicole M. LaVoi is the Co-Director of the Tucker Center and a senior lecturer in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota. Prior, she was a Research & Program Associate in the Mendelson Center for Sport & Character at the University of Notre Dame (2002-05), an Assistant Professor and the Head Women's Tennis Coach at Wellesley College (1994-98), and the Assistant Women's Tennis Coach at Carleton College (1991-93). LaVoi played intercollegiate tennis at Gustavus Adolphus College winning the NCAA-III National Team Championships in 1990. In her primary line of research LaVoi focuses on the under-representation of women in the coaching profession and authors the *Women in Collegiate Coaching Report Card*, now in its third year. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Alliance of Women Coaches. @DrSportPsych



Jody Redman

Jody Redman has served as the associate director of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) since 2002. She also serves on the NFHS National Rules Committees for volleyball and gymnastics. She oversees Minnesota's coaches' education program for 500 member high schools and she developed and supports two statewide health and safety initiatives: Anyone Can Save A Life, a program that assists schools in establishing emergency action plans; and Coaching For Change, addressing cultural norms and expectations of youth as it relates to identity, sexual harassment and sexual violence. Redman has demonstrated her leadership skills and education insights as a teacher, coach, athletic administrator, and today as a nationally recognized proponent of being intentional about the purpose of education-based athletics. Her passion for education-based athletics led her to develop an extensive curriculum called WHY WE PLAY, intended to redirect the focus of high school sports. @MSHSL_Coaches



Piper Ritter

Piper Ritter is in her ninth season as a pitching coach with the Gophers, having already developed two of the top hurlers in Minnesota softball history, Brianna Hassett and Sara Moulton. During her four-year playing career with the Gophers (2001-04), Ritter became one of the most accomplished pitchers in program history with career records for strikeouts, innings pitched, games, wins, shutouts, and complete games. Her career strikeout ranked third all-time in the Big Ten and 14th in NCAA history. Ritter threw a record-tying five career no-hitters for the Gophers, including two perfect games. Ritter earned All-Big Ten honors all four years at Minnesota, including a first-team selection in 2003. Prior to joining the staff at Minnesota, Ritter served as pitching coach at the University of Northern Colorado and was an assistant at North St. Paul High School. After graduating from Minnesota in 2004 with a degree in kinesiology, she played and coached for one season in the Netherlands. Ritter also played one season in the National Pro Fastpitch League for the Texas Thunder.



**Katie Schuver,
Ph.D.**

Katie Schuver has been teaching mindful movement and mental training practices for more than 20 years and has done extensive training in using mindfulness techniques to promote positive affect. Schuver carries the designation of Level 1 LifeForce Yoga Practitioner, a mindfulness-based Yoga program that focuses on the intentional design of yoga classes to manage mood. As part of her PhD study in Kinesiology at The University of Minnesota, she minored in Prevention Science, as well as in Integrative Therapies and Healing Practices. She serves as project coordinator for a NIH-funded randomized trial that examines the efficacy of a physical activity intervention for the prevention of postpartum depression. Schuver serves as Graduate Faculty for the Tibetan Healing Initiative at the Center for Spirituality and Healing and currently develops curriculum and teaches courses in Hatha Yoga history, asana, pranayama, meditation, philosophy, lifestyle, and ethics.



Cassie Weaver

Cassie Weaver is currently in her 2nd year at Gustavus Adolphus College as the women's assistant volleyball coach. A native of Lakeville, Minnesota, Cassie attended Concordia University, St. Paul where she majored in Sport Management and Exercise Science. She also was a part of the volleyball team and wrapped up her playing career with four, NCAA Division II National Championship titles. Cassie graduated a semester early and obtained an internship at USA Volleyball headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO for eight months. She was then hired through the NCAA Division III Minority Grant as an assistant under 2015 AVCA Region Coach of the Year, Rachelle Sherden. In 2015, the Gusties wrapped up one of their most decorated seasons, winning 27-consecutive matches, clinching the MIAC title, and earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.