



## 2014 Women Coaches Symposium Speaker Bios



**Beth Goetz**

Goetz joined the Gophers' Athletics management team as a senior associate athletic director and the department's senior woman administrator in 2013. Prior to coming to Minnesota, Goetz was at Butler University, where she was an associate athletic director and the senior woman administrator since August 2008. While at Butler, Goetz served as the sport administrator for softball, volleyball and the men's and women's soccer programs. She previously supervised the men's and women's cross country and track and field 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. In addition, she was responsible for all aspects of compliance and eligibility, which included monitoring and adhering to all university, conference and NCAA rules. Goetz, who oversaw Title IX reviews and monitored the gender equity plan, was also responsible for all athletic department reports, including the university program evaluation.



**Nicole LaVoi, Ph.D.**

Dr. LaVoi was hired as the Associate Director of the Tucker Center and a senior lecturer in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota in 2005. 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 of Physical Education 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 four years of intercollegiate tennis at Gustavus Adolphus College winning the NCAA-III National Team Championships in 1990. LaVoi's research has focused on the relational qualities of the coach-athlete relationship, the effect of adult behaviors (parents and coaches) on youth, the physical activity of underserved girls, the under-representation of women coaches, and media representations of females in sport.



**Celia Slater**

Slater is the co-founder of the Alliance of Women Coaches, home to the NCAA Women Coaches Academy, and The Huddle. She played basketball at Florida State, and earned her Master's Degree in Sports Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. Previously, she served at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida, as head women's basketball coach, SWA, co-director of the Honors Program and member of the First Year Experience Task Force. She is a graduate of the NACWAA Institute for Administrative Advancement and a Certified Change Cycle Trainer, and certified facilitator for the Pursuing Victory with Honor Sports Ethics Program. She is a gifted trainer, speaker and motivator and enjoys traveling to campuses to speak with students, coaches and administrators.



**Rayla Allison, J.D.**

Allison is the Associate Director at the School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota. She is founder and Chief Executive Officer for the Sport Business Institute within the School of Kinesiology providing consulting services to the sport industry while bridging classroom topics with real world experience for sport management students. Allison is a national speaker on sport law, Title IX, and sport management issues. Allison received her J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law and currently teaches graduate and undergraduate sport law and sport management courses. Allison also coached softball and basketball at the collegiate level and was the Executive Director of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and Vice president/league director of Women's Pro Fastpitch.



**Cindra Kamphoff, Ph.D.**

Dr. Kamphoff is an Associate Professor and coordinator of the Sports and Exercise Psychology graduate program at Minnesota State University in Mankato. In addition to teaching, Dr. Kamphoff has roughly 15 years of experience consulting with athletes, teams, and coaches at all levels (youth, high school, university, professional, etc.). She is a Certified Consultant in applied sport psychology (AASP-CC) through the Association for Applied Sport Psychology. She is also a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Sport Psychology Registry, which approves practitioners to work with Olympic athletes and national teams. In addition, Dr. Kamphoff, along with faculty in the Department of Psychology, Theatre, and Music, started the Center for Sport and Performance Psychology in early 2013. She also operates her own sport psychology consulting practice called The Runner's Edge and has started the Mankato Marathon Sport Psych Team.



**Carrie Peterson**

Peterson directs the Dietetic Internship Director program for graduate students in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota since 2000. She is an active member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and Twin Cities District Dietetic Association, and has served on numerous boards for these organizations. In addition, she is a consultant for many of the professional sports teams in Minnesota and was one of the first in the nation to obtain her specialty certification in sports nutrition.



**Diane Wiese-Bjornstal,  
Ph.D.**

Dr. Wiese-Bjornstal is an Associate Professor in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota where she founded the Sports Medicine Psychology Lab, the Minnesota Youth Sport Research Consortium. She is co-editor of the book *Counseling in Sports Medicine*, and has served on editorial boards for the *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Sport Psychology*, *Journal of Sport Psychology in Action*, and *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*. Dr. Wiese-Bjornstal is a fellow of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) and of the Research Consortium of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD), and is an AASP Certified Consultant in Sport Psychology. In 2009 she was named for a three-year term to the Sport Science Advisory Board of the U.S. President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport. Her scholarship and teaching expertise center on two areas: the psychological, social and physical health and development of competitive youth sport participants, and the psychological responses of athletes to sport injury.



**Jamia Erickson**

Jamia Erickson is a native of Lake City, FL. She graduated from the University of South Florida (Tampa, FL) with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education with emphasis in Exercise Science. While in attendance she was a member of the track and field team specializing in jumps. She earned a Master's degree in Applied Kinesiology with emphasis in Sports Science at the University of Minnesota. Post collegiately, Jamia was a member of the USA women's bobsled team where she competed in World Championships but came one place short of her 2010 Olympic dream. She has also competed in Olympic Weightlifting and earned the National Championship title in 2011 & 2012 in the 75kg weight class. Recently, Jamia has served at the University of Minnesota as the Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning for Women's Track and Field, Cross Country and Gymnastics. Currently she is a Sports Performance Specialist at the Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine Center in Rochester, MN where she also provides services to both Mayo and Century High School athletic programs. Jamia is a NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, USA Weightlifting Level 1 Coach, FMS Level II Specialist and NASM Corrective Exercise Specialist.



**Laura Bush**

Bush is in her seventh year with the Golden Gopher volleyball program and her third as an associate head coach. Being the Gopher interim head coach until Hugh McCutcheon arrived with the program in August of 2012, Bush has nine years of head coaching experience at Auburn (2002-07) and Marquette (1999-2001). Bush was named to the assistant coach position for the Gopher's in January of 2008, and assumed primary recruiting responsibilities for a Minnesota's program that claimed the No. 1 recruiting class in 2009. In 2009, the Gophers had the No. 6 recruiting class in the nation, including the 2009 Gatorade National Player of the Year Ashley Wittman. With the interim tag, Bush led the Golden Gophers to a Sweet Sixteen appearance in 2011. Minnesota defeated North Dakota State and Washington as Minnesota hosted the NCAA Regionals. Coaching Ashley Wittman and Tori Dixon to All-America citations, both were also all-regional as well as First Team All-Big Ten in 2012, Bush continued her role as interim until McCutcheon's arrival and later promoted her to associate head coach.



**Faith Johnson Patterson**

Hall of Fame Coach Faith Johnson Patterson is one of the most successful and inspiring high school girls' basketball coaches in Minnesota state history. She has established two of the most dominating programs in girls' basketball: Minneapolis North and DeLaSalle. In 2012, Coach Johnson Patterson became the first African American female basketball coach to be inducted in the Minnesota Girls' Basketball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. Johnson Patterson was also the first African American female basketball coach to coach in and win a Minnesota state high school basketball championship. Coach Johnson Patterson is a pioneer in her community. In 2011, Patterson was the only female basketball coach named by the Minnesota State High School League as one of the Top 5 Best Coaches in Minnesota's 100 years of High School Basketball State Tournaments. She also ranks #1 amongst all boys and girls coaches in the state in several categories. Patterson also serves on several committees, including Team Women Minnesota and the Minnesota Hall of Fame.



**Kari Ornes**

Ornes has been a part of Prior Lake Soccer Club (PLSC) for the last ten years and is currently the Coaching Director for PLSC. Prior to coaching Kari played for four years at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Ornes has coached all levels of play from college to youth and has her NSCAA National License. Through her coaching, Ornes aims to provide young athletes a place where they can experience personal growth, athletic development, acceptance, and the motivation to do and be the best they can be. I believe that coaching is about teaching skills, personal development, and that making mistakes are a part of learning and that every one has a gift to bring to the game. "I hope that my players feel like they belong to a community, that they are cared for as individuals, and that they are challenged and stimulated," says Ornes.



**Vicki Schull**

Schull is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Minnesota. Her research interests are in Leadership, Organizational Behavior and Politics, and Gender in Sport. In her dissertation, Vicki examined female college athletes perceptions and constructions of leadership. Prior to starting her doctoral degree, Vicki worked in college athletics for 11 years, serving as an Associate AD/Head Softball Coach at Suffolk University (Boston), and ESS Instructor/Head Softball Coach at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.



**Cheryl Reeve**

Reeve is the head coach for the Minnesota Lynx basketball team. She began her fourth season as the head coach in 2013 leading the team to a second consecutive WNBA Finals appearance and second overall WNBA Championship title. Under Reeve, the Lynx have won a WNBA-best 67 games dating back to the start of the 2010 season, including winning the first WNBA championship in franchise history in 2011 and making a return trip to the finals in 2012 and regaining the championship title in 2013. Reeve's coaching resume includes 24 years as both an assistant and head coach at the collegiate and WNBA levels and was named WNBA coach of the year in 2011 and head coach for the WNBA All-Star Game in 2013.



**Pam Borton**

Borton is the current head coach of the University of Minnesota women's basketball team. In 11 years leading the team, Pam has led the Golden Gophers to a Final Four, three Sweet Sixteens, six NCAA Tournament appearances and three seasons of 25 or more wins, while also becoming the winningest head coach in program history. Borton has also made a huge contribution off the court, both in the University community and in communities throughout the state of Minnesota. She is the co-founder and President of TeamWomenMN, a non-profit organization in Minnesota known for "coaching emerging women leaders-at all levels," and was named to *Minnesota Business Magazine's* "The (Real) Power 50," a list of the 50 most important people to know if you wish to conduct business in the state of Minnesota. Borton also served as the department spokesperson for the University's 2005 Community Fund Drive and raised over \$1 million for a new locker room for the Golden Gophers, completed in 2006.



**Terry Ganley**

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 two Big Ten titles (2008, 2012), 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 ninth-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. In 2008, Ganley, along with men's head coach Kelly Kremer, was named the Big Ten Swimming Coaches of the Year for the second time after guiding the women to their first Big Ten Championship since 2008. The women went on to an 11th-place finish at the NCAA Championships. In 2006, she was named Big Ten Coach of the Year. Prior to coaching, Ganley was member of the Gopher women's swim team and was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame in 1990. She is currently a part of the Minnesota Swim Coaches Association.



**Sarah Hopkins**

Hopkins is in her first season as the head coach of the Minnesota women's cross country team and assistant coach for the Gopher's women's track and field team. Prior to the 2013-2014 season, Hopkins served as volunteer assistant coach for eight seasons. Under her, five athletes have collectively earned eight NCAA All-American honors in cross-country. Hopkins owns a Level 1 Track and Field/Cross Country Coaching Certificate and is the 2012-2014 USTFCCCA Midwest Region Representative to the Executive Cross Country Committee.



**Stephanie Golan**

Golan is the current head coach of the Minnesota women's soccer team and is only the fourth head women's soccer coach in University of Minnesota history. In her first season with the Maroon and Gold in 2012, Golan led the Gophers to a 11-7-2 record to finish fourth among the Big Ten Conference. Under her guidance, the Gophers also excelled in the classroom. For the sixth year in a row, the Minnesota women's soccer program earned a NSCAA Team Academic Award after combining for a 3.48 GPA during the 2011-12 academic year. Prior to coming to Minnesota, Golan spent three seasons as the head coach of the United States Military Academy at West Point women's soccer team and led them to an impressive 33-18-10 overall record.



**Laura Halldorson**

Halldorson served as the Minnesota women's ice hockey head coach from 1997 to 2007. One of the most successful coaches in women's hockey history, Halldorson led the University of Minnesota women's ice hockey program to three NCAA Division I national championships (2000, 2004, 2005) and became the only women's ice hockey head coach to lead a program to five consecutive NCAA Frozen Four appearances (2002-06). In her 11 years at the helm of Minnesota, she amassed a 278-67-22 overall record for a .787 winning percentage. Halldorson was named the AHCA Women's Ice Hockey Founders Award. Five of the players she coached at Minnesota would later become Olympians, including 2006 U.S. captain Krissy Wendell. In 2012 Halldorson served as an assistant coach for the USA women's hockey team during the world championships. Currently she is the Assistant Director of Annual Fund, Special Projects for the Gopher Athletics.

