

## Honor Roll of Homans Lecturers



## The Forty-Ninth Annual Amy Morris Homans Lecture



NAKHE Annual Conference  
Clearwater Beach Hilton Hotel  
Clearwater Beach, Florida  
Saturday, January 10, 2015  
12:00 PM

1967	Eleanor Metheny	1991	Marianna Trekell
1968	Minnie L. Lynn	1992	Janet C. Harris
1969	Ruth Abenathy	1993	Waneen W. Spirduso
1970	Rosalind E. Cassidy	1994	Roberta S. Bennett
1971	Leona Holbrook	1995	Hally B. W. Poindexter
1972	Laura J. Huelster	1996	Joan Paul
1973	Marion R Broer	1997	Karen P. DePauw
1974	Catherinc L. Allen	1998	Joanna Davenport
1975	Celeste Ulrich	1999	Wilma M. Harrington
1976	Aileene S. Lockhart	2000	Judith A. Bischoff
1977	Anita Aldrich	2001	Beverly F. Mitchell
1978	Camille Brown	2002	Emily Wughalter
1979	Phebe M. Scott	2003	Susan Hall
1980	Anne E. Jewett	2004	Susan Kovar
1981	Madge Phillips	2005	Deborah Tannehill
1982	Betty Spears	2006	Roberta Rikli
1983	Edith Betts	2007	Diane Gill
1984	Margaret J. Safrit	2008	Marilyn Buck
1985	Beverly June Becker	2009	Jan Rintala
1986	Barbara E. Forker	2010	Jackie Lund
1987	Herberta M. Lundegren	2011	Alison Wrynn
1988	Roberta J.Park	2012	Gloria Napper-Owen
1989	Linda L. Bain	2013	Barbara Ann Boyce
1990	Mary L. Remley	2014	Lynda Ransdell

NAKHE would like to thank Dr. Lynda Ransdell, 2014 Homans Lecturer and Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Development at Montana State University, for sponsoring the 2015 Homans Lecture.

Although untrained in physical education, *Amy Morris Homans* was one of the early leaders in the profession. A native of Maine, Homans was educated in history, literature, and languages as a child by private tutors. She later attended Vassalboro Academy and Oak Grove Seminary. After serving as preceptress at the Oak Grove Seminary from 1867 to 1869, she moved to Wilmington, North Carolina. Homans spent the next eight years teaching as well as serving as principal of the schools in the war ravaged city.

In 1877, she accepted an executive secretary position with Mrs. Mary Hemenway, a wealthy Boston philanthropist. The two women founded the Boston Normal School of Household Arts in 1886, with Homans appointed as Director. Then in 1898, the school was relocated to the grounds of the State Normal School in Gramingham, MA. Influenced by Baron Niles Posse, Mrs. Hemenway funded the establishment of exercise programs in the Boston Public Schools. She was intrigued by the possible benefits of exercise on children. In 1889, Hemenway opened the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics (NBSG), and appointed Homans as the Director. During the autumn of 1889, the two women hosted the famous "Conference in the Interest of Physical Training".

Homans continued as Director and Professor at NBSG, where she hired many of the most competent physical educators in the area to teach on a part time basis. With a curriculum heavily steeped in the sciences, Homans arranged for the courses to be taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In 1909, Homans was successful in transferring NBSG to Wellesley College, where it became the Department of Hygiene and Physical Education. The program was one of the first in 1917 to offer a graduate program. Homans, who retired in 1919, was both feared and revered by students for her commitment to high standards of academics, physical skill, and personal as well as professional behavior. The American Physical Education Association (AAHPERD) recognized her leadership in 1931 by conferring upon her the first Honor Award. She was also elected to the American Academy of Physical Education in the third Charter Fellowship Group as member number 12.

Homan's was recognized as the founder of the Association of Directors of Physical Education for Women, which eventually become the National Association of Physical Education of College Women.

Welcome and Opening Remarks ..... Steve Estes  
President, NAKHE

Introduction of Lecturer ..... Joy DeSensi  
University of Tennessee  
NAKHE President (1999-2000)

Amy Morris Homans Lecture ..... Camille O'Bryant  
California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo  
NAKHE President (2013-2014)

**Who We Are: (In)Visible African American Women Setting Traditions of Excellence and Paving Paths for Transformation**

Closing Remarks ..... Steve Estes

Dr. O'Bryant is a Professor in the Kinesiology Department at California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo. Her pedagogical mission is to empower students to take responsibility for their experiences in the classroom. Dr. O'Bryant's areas of specialty include sociological and psychological aspects of sport and physical activity and her specific areas of interest are in social justice, gender, and race/ethnicity issues in physical activity and sport. Dr. O'Bryant has published articles and presented on how race/ethnicity and gender impact socialization into sport-related careers.



Earning a bachelor's degree in French Studies and a master's degree of exercise and sport studies at Smith College, Dr. O'Bryant earned her doctoral degree in sport, leisure and somatic studies at The Ohio State University. Dr. O'Bryant then served as a member of the Sport and Exercise Studies faculty at Ohio State before joining the faculty at Cal Poly in 1999. She has served in a variety of leadership roles in professional organizations in higher education including vice president for diversity of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS) 2000 - 2003, chair of professional development and outreach for WSPECW from 2001 - 2003 and president from 2008 - 2010. In NAKHE she served as co-chair of the social justice and cultural diversity committee (1999-2004) and vice president (2004 - 2006), on the *Quest* editorial board from 1999 - 2007, and was President during the NAKHE Congress in 2014. Her current leadership roles include past-president of NAKHE, a diversity and inclusivity faculty mentor at Cal Poly, and associate dean for student success and welfare in the College of Science and Mathematics. She was most recently named a member of the Smith College Board of Trustees (2015-2019).