

# AMY MORRIS HOMANS

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. 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 (APEA) 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.



FIFTY SECOND ANNUAL LECTURER



## ANNA FRANK

“THE TIMES, THEY NEED A CHANGING: INFUSING SOCIAL JUSTICE INTO KINESIOLOGY REQUIRES COLLABORATION“

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS BY ANN BOYCE  
INTRODUCTION OF LECTURER BY MARTHA JAMES-HASSAN

Dr. Anna Marie Frank is an Associate Professor of Physical Education & Exercise Science in the Department of Teacher Education at DePaul University in Chicago, IL. Dr. Frank earned a BS in Physical Education from DePaul University, a Master of Science in Human Performance from Western Illinois University, and an Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership from National-Louis University. She has been teaching exclusively at the college level in an urban setting for the past twenty five years. She is currently the Program Director for the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education Program, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science Program and the online Master of Science in Sport, Fitness, and Recreation Leadership Program. Field experience embedded in courses and the supervision of student teachers has allowed her to facilitate instruction in numerous Chicago Public Schools. This work supports her research interests, which includes the effect of past learning experiences and culture on the construction of meaning and engagement in the learning environment, specifically in the physical education classroom and for wellness/lifestyle behaviors.

Her book, *Sport and Education*, discusses the challenges that surface when sports programs are embedded into an educational system. She also has publications in *The Chronicle of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education*, *Teaching and Teacher Education*, *Journal of Computing in Teacher Education* and numerous presentations on diversity issues in physical education. Dr. Frank has served as the Chair of the Social Justice and Diversity Committee for the National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education, served on the Diversity Committee of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education and served on various diversity committees and initiatives at DePaul University.

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1970	ROSALIND E. CASSIDY	1996	JOAN PAUL
1971	LEONA HOLBROOK	1997	KAREN P. DEPAUW
1972	LAURA J. HUELSTER	1998	JOANNA DAVENPORT
1973	MARION R BROER	1999	WILMA M. HARRINGTON
1974	CATHERINC L. ALLEN	2000	JUDITH A. BISCHOFF
1975	CELESTE ULRICH	2001	BEVERLY F. MITCHELL
1976	AILEENE S. LOCKHART	2002	EMILY WUGHALTER
1977	ANITA ALDRICH	2003	SUSAN HALL
1978	CAMILLE BROWN	2004	SUSAN KOVAR
1979	PHEBE M. SCOTT	2005	DEBORAH TANNEHILL
1980	ANNE E. JEWETT	2006	ROBERTA RIKLI
1981	MADGE PHILLIPS	2007	DIANE GILL
1982	BETTY SPEARS	2008	MARILYN BUCK
1983	EDITH BETTS	2009	JAN RINTALA
1984	MARGARET J. SAFRIT	2010	JACKIE LUND
1985	BEVERLY JUNE BECKER	2011	ALISON WRYNN
1986	BARBARA E. FORKER	2012	GLORIA NAPPER-OWEN
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1991	MARIANNA TREKELL	2017	BETTY BLOCK
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