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.

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.

Homans 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.
Honor Roll of Homans Lecturers

1967  Eleanor Metheny   1993  Waneen W. Spirduso
1968  Minnie L. Lynn   1994  Roberta S. Bennett
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1970  Rosalind E. Cassidy   1996  Joan Paul
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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
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 Becker   2012  Gloria Napper-Owen
1987  Herberta M. Lundgren   2013  Barbara Ann Boyce
1988  Roberta J. Park   2014  Lynda Ransdell
1989  Linda L. Bain   2015  Camille O-Bryant
1990  Mary L. Remley   2016  Dolly Lambdin
1991  Marianna Trekell   2017  Betty Block
1992  Janet C. Harris   2018  Anna Frank

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