

Dr. Kanae Haneishi, Ed.D.

Dr. Haneishi, an Associate Professor of Exercise and Sport Science at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, CO, oversees the K-12 Physical Education emphasis as well as the Coaching Minor. A motivated and open-minded individual, she firmly believes her current position owes much to the support and guidance of the NAKHE organization and its members. Dr. Haneishi eagerly anticipates the opportunity to serve the exceptional scholars and individuals of NAKHE as Vice President.

Dr. Haneishi has been actively involved in various capacities within NAKHE since 2021, serving on the Board and chairing the Marketing Committee. Under her leadership, NAKHE has significantly increased its visibility through innovative promotion strategies across various platforms, fostering engagement via social media, newsletters, and LDW/conference marketing. Additionally, she has contributed to the Social Justice and Cultural Diversity Committee, assisting in speaker selection for the Praxis lecture and promoting DEI+ initiatives within NAKHE. In 2023, she also participated in the conference planning sub-committee. Dr. Haneishi's dedication has been recognized through prestigious awards such as the 2021 NAKHE Presidential Award, the Engaged Scholar Program (2021), and the Hellison Interdisciplinary Research Grant (2022 and 2023).

As a scholar, Dr. Haneishi has presented extensively both nationally and internationally, including as a keynote speaker at the International Conference for the Japanese Society of Sport Education in Tokyo, Japan (2023). Her research endeavors focus on promoting social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion through innovative pedagogical approaches such as the Thirdspace Movement Model, Game-Based Approach, and Spectrum of Teaching Styles.

Beyond her contributions to NAKHE, Dr. Haneishi has played crucial roles in national and international organizations. Notably, she has served as the Secretary General for WomenSport International, advocating for gender equality in sports on a global scale. Additionally, she represents the United States on the International Advisory Board for the AIESEP Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) Special Interest Group (SIG). At the state level, she serves on the Board of SHAPE Colorado and the Developing Leader Committee.

Prior to her tenure as a college professor, Dr. Haneishi served as the head women's soccer coach and senior lecturer at Mount Holyoke College (South Hadley, MA) for 13 years. Her extensive background in athletics includes notable achievements such as winning the NCAA Division II National Championship and the Silver Medal at the World University

Games with the Japanese National team. She also captained the New York Magic, a semi-professional team in New York City, for six years.