

NAKHE NEWSLETTER

December 2025

A letter from NAKHE's President, Daniel Burt

Dear NAKHE Colleagues,

In recent years, our field has experienced pressures that can easily push us toward isolation, toward competition between programs, subdisciplines, and even institutions. It becomes tempting to view ourselves as separate factions: those who study human movement at the cellular level, those who teach it in classrooms and gymnasiums, those who apply it to performance and health, and those who work to promote and market it. Yet all of us work under one umbrella. We are united in the shared research, education, and dissemination of human movement and its profound impact on society.



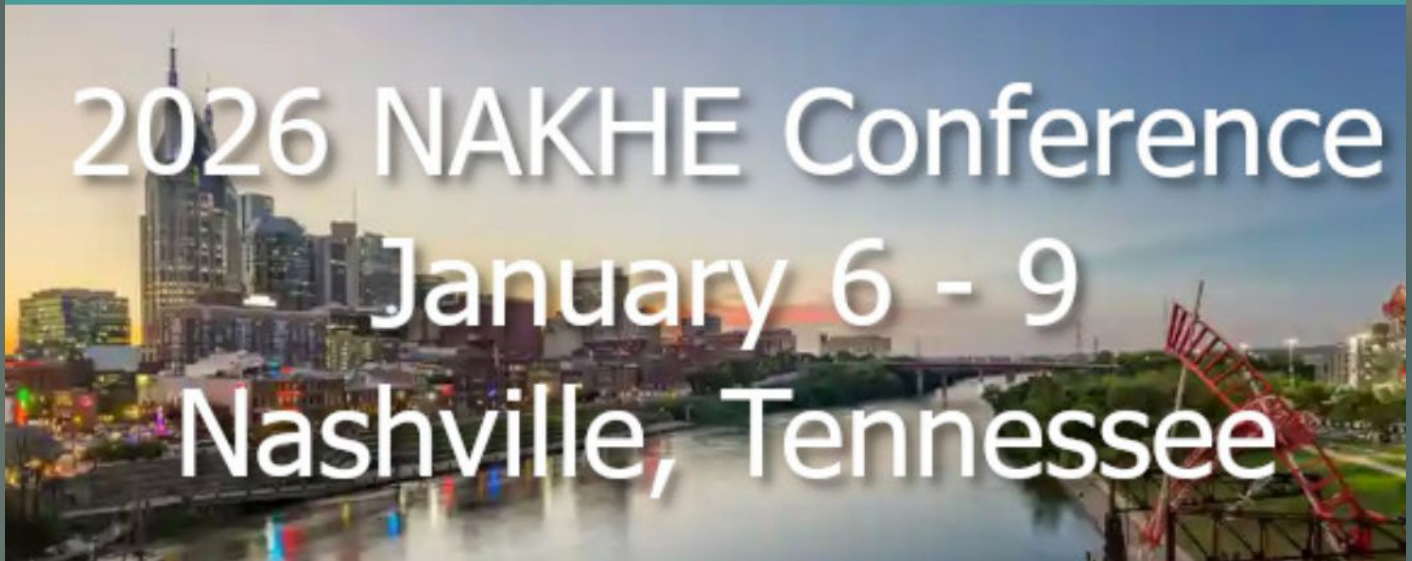
As partisan politics increasingly shapes the legislative landscape around higher education, we are seeing our disciplines reduced to overly simplistic metrics, first-year earnings, job titles that align neatly with degree names, or assumptions that the value of a program can be measured solely by immediate financial return. These narratives overlook the very nature of our work. We are not preparing students for the next job posting; we are preparing them for entire careers, many of which do not yet exist. And in an era where artificial intelligence and technological advancement are rapidly reshaping nearly every industry, that long-term preparation is more essential than ever. Now is the time to strengthen our bonds as a profession. To collaborate rather than compete. To speak collectively about the value of Kinesiology, not as separate silos but as an interconnected discipline that advances human well-being, scientific understanding, and societal health. When we stand together, across research, education, application, and advocacy, we reinforce the integrity and importance of our field.

Thank you for the work you do to uphold our shared mission, and for continuing to support one another with the generosity and unity that define NAKHE.

Together in strength, scholarship, and service,

Daniel J. Burt
President, NAKHE

NAKHE's 2026 Annual Conference is less than one month away!



Click photo to view Tentative Conference Schedule



Know before you go! What should you pack?

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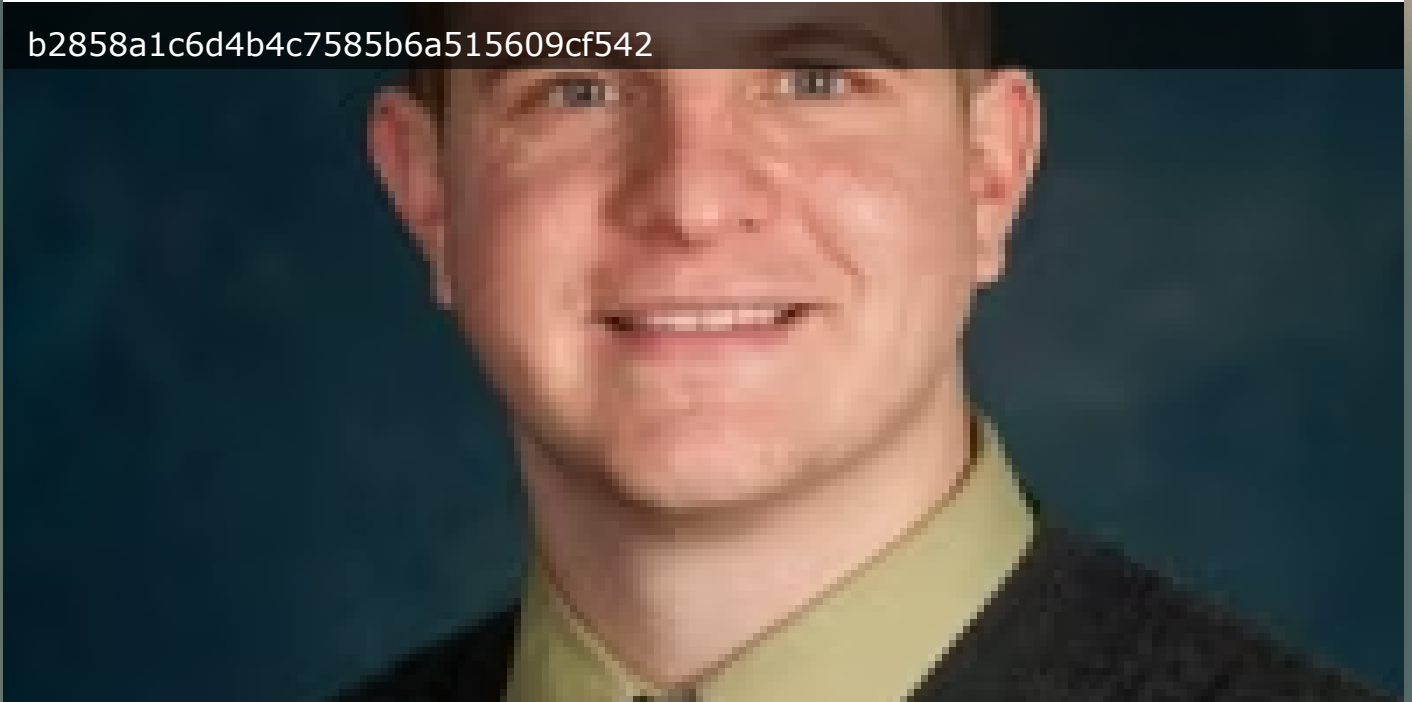


**The Deadline to Book your Hotel is 12/12/25! Click
HERE to Book today!**

**Meet Justin Haegele, the 2026 NAKHE Delphine
Hanna lecturer.**

Watch the video to learn more about Justin and his meaningful work in the adapted physical
education space

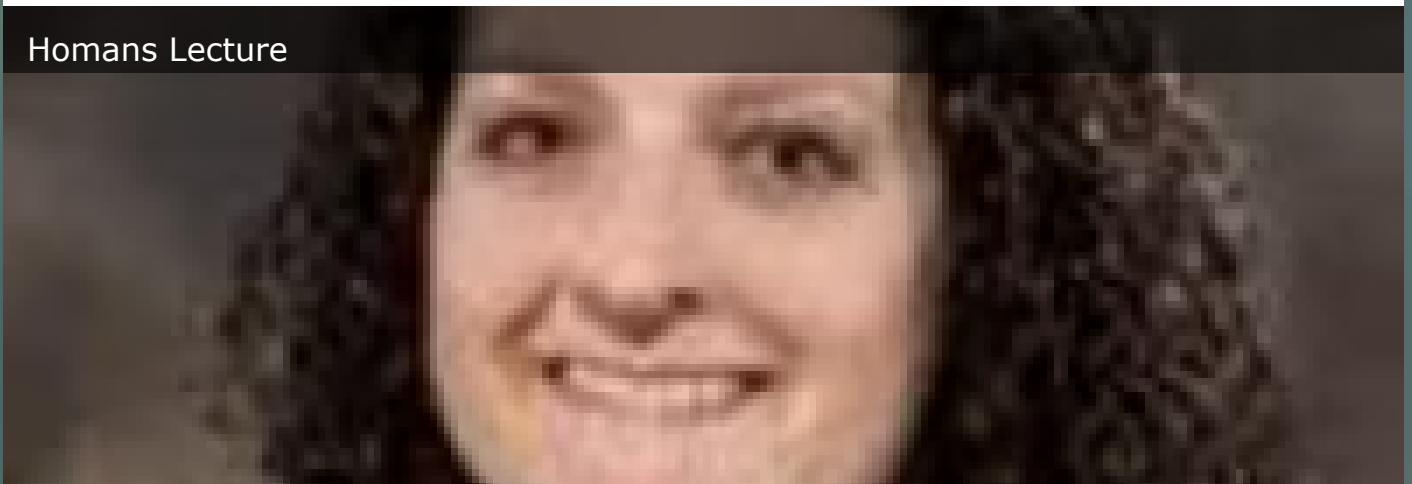
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**Meet Jody Langdon, this year's Amy Morris Homans
Lecturer**

Watch her interview to learn more about Jody, her lecture topic, and what she's most excited about
for the 2026 NAKHE Conference!

Homans Lecture



Congratulations to NAKHE's new President and Vice President

**Exciting news from NAKHE's
Nominations & Elections
Committee:**

NAKHE



**President-Elect
Dr. Jaimie McMullen**



**Vice President-Elect
Dr. Kanae Haneishi**

Congratulations!

**Thank you to all members who voted.
Your voice shapes the future of NAKHE!**

#NAKHE #Leadership #HigherEd #Congratulation

2026 DISTINGUISHED AWARD RECIPIENTS

The National Association for Kinesiology
in Higher Education is proud to announce
our 2026 Distinguished Award Recipients!



**Click a Photo to Say Congrats to a Recipient via
Social Media!**



Dr. Gregg Twietmeyer
Mississippi State University
Starkville, Mississippi



Dr. Tara Tietjen-Smith
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Natchitoches, Louisiana



Dr. Kacey Hopson

Elizabeth City State University
Elizabeth City, North Carolina



Dr. Xiaoping "Ping" Fan

State University of New York
(SUNY) Cortland
Cortland, New York



Dr. Doug Hochstetler

James Madison University
Harrisonburg, Virginia

NAKHE Member Highlight Form 📄

The NAKHE Marketing Committee would like to highlight our members in our social media and newsletter! Please fill out the information form by [clicking here](#) to be considered as our next featured member. If you have any questions, please contact Haley Blount (the committee chair) at blounth@nsula.edu.



Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

NAKHE Marketing Committee

OPERA (Opportunities in Physical Education and Related Areas)



**Lecturer - Exercise
Science - University of
North Carolina
Wilmington**

Wilmington, North Carolina
Deadline to apply: January
13th, 2026



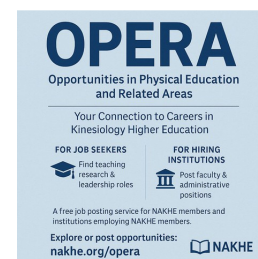
**Assistant Professor –
Exercise Science -
University of North
Carolina Wilmington**

Wilmington, North Carolina
Deadline to apply, December
31st, 2026



**Department Chair of
Kinesiology and Health -
Iowa State University**

Ames, IA
Deadline to apply: May 6th,
2026



Adjunct-Master's in Science- Sports Analytics - Kentucky State University

Frankfort, KY
Deadline to apply: March 31st,
2026

Assistant Professor of Exercise Science - Campbell University

Buies Creek, NC

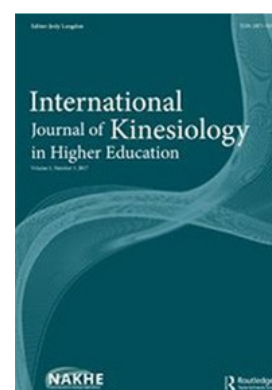
Searching?

If you are looking for a new
opportunity or looking for new
faculty, please explore
nakhe.org/opera



Culturally Adapted Physical Activity Interventions for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Parents of Individuals with Disabilities

Lee, S. H. (2025). Culturally Adapted Physical Activity Interventions for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Parents of Individuals with Disabilities. *International Journal of Kinesiology in Higher Education*, 9(4), 248–262.



Equipping Policy and Advocacy Literacy in Graduate Students in Physical Education

Tsuda, E., & Elliott, E. (2025). Equipping Policy and Advocacy Literacy in Graduate Students in Physical Education. *International Journal of Kinesiology in Higher Education*, 9(4), 234–247



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Epistemological Beliefs and Professional Identity Formation in Exercise Science Education: A Mixed-Methods Investigation of Developmental Trajectories

Cereda, F. (2025). Epistemological Beliefs and Professional Identity Formation in Exercise Science Education: A Mixed-Methods Investigation of Developmental Trajectories. Quest, 77(4), 606–624

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NAKHE Newsletter



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