

APA Division 47, Exercise and Sport Psychology, is excited to present our slate of invited speakers for the 2009 American Psychological Association Convention. If you have not already made plans to attend this year's convention, we hope you will be motivated to do so after seeing what's in store for you in Toronto this August.

**Steve Heyman Memorial Lecture**

Title: *Sport as a Metaphor for Life*  
Steven J. Danish, PhD



Dr. Steven Danish is Director of the Life Skills Center and Professor of Psychology, Preventive Medicine and Community Health at Virginia Commonwealth University. He previously served as Chair of the Department of Psychology and has held academic positions at Pennsylvania State University and Southern Illinois University following the receipt of his doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Michigan State University. Dr. Danish is a licensed psychologist and a Diplomate in Counseling Psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology as well as a registered sport psychologist of the Sports Medicine Division of the United States Olympic Committee. He has written over 120 articles and ten books in the areas of counseling, community, and life-span developmental psychology; health and nutrition; substance abuse prevention; and sport psychology. He has received grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, National

Cancer Institute (National Institutes of Health), the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, the U.S. Department of Education, and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

**Division 47 Presidential Address**

Title: *Counseling Psychologist's Journey in Applied Sport Psychology*

Christopher Carr, PhD, Division 47 Past-President



Dr. Chris Carr is a sport and performance psychologist and Coordinator for Sport and Performance Psychology at St Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Carr coordinates training, supervision, research, and applied practice in the area of sport and performance psychology. As a licensed psychologist, he also provides individual counseling and consultation services. Dr. Carr is sought after by numerous college and professional sports organizations. Currently, Dr. Carr provides sport psychology services for both the Purdue University Athletic Department (since

2002) and Indiana University Athletic Department (beginning 2005). In addition, he is the Director of Sport Psychology and National Team Sport Psychologist for USA Diving, and was with the team at the 2005 World Championships in Montreal, the 2006 World Cup in Changshu, China, the 2007 World Championships in Melbourne, Australia, and the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

**Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in SEP**

Title: *Some Humble Reflections From an Accidental Life in Sport and SEP*

Edward Etzel, EdD



Dr. Edward Etzel teaches a variety of sport psychology courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels at West Virginia University, such as Performance Enhancement, Counseling College Student-Athletes, and the Psychological Aspects of Sport Injury. Ed is a licensed psychologist for the WVU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics serving as the liaison between the WVU Carruth Center for Counseling and Psychological Services and the WVU Athletic Department and is the CHAMPS/Life Skills program coordinator. Previously, Ed served as coach of the WVU Rifle team, where he coached over 30 WVU All-Americans guiding his teams to 5 NCAA Championships. Dr. Etzel was the Gold Medalist in the Men's English Match Rifle event at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. His research interests include counseling athletes, ethics and professional issues, and psychological aspects of Injury. Dr. Etzel is listed on the US Olympic Committee's Sport Psychology Registry.

**Division 47 - American College of Sports Medicine Exchange Lecture**

Title: *Physical Inactivity: The Biggest Public Health Problem of the 21st Century*

Stephen Blair, University of South Carolina - Columbia



Dr. Steven Blair is our inaugural American College of Sports Medicine Exchange Lecturer. Dr. Blair is a Professor in the Department of Exercise Science at the University of South Carolina. He is internationally recognized authority on exercise and its health benefits, and he has received awards from many professional associations, including a MERIT Award from the National Institutes of Health, ACSM Honor Award, Robert Levy Lecture Award from the American Heart Association, and is one of the few persons outside the U.S. Public Health Service to be awarded the Surgeon General's Medallion. He has published over 360 papers and chapters in the scientific literature, and was the senior scientific editor for the *U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health*.



Mercedes Carswell, Ph.D., is a recent graduate of Michigan State University. Her dual doctorate degree (Psychology and Kinesiology) was completed under the supervision of Drs. Deborah Feltz and Robert Caldwell. Presently, Dr. Carswell is a staff psychologist at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System in New Orleans.