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## Personal Information

Married: Janice Rasmussen McQuilkin  
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## Education

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University, Exercise and Sport Science, 1995.  
Dissertation: "A History of Intercollegiate Athletic Reform During the Progressive Era, 1890-1920."  
M.Ed. Whitworth College, Health Science emphasis, Whitworth College, 1988.  
B.A. Whitworth College, Physical Education, minors in Math and Religion, 1984.

## Administrative Appointments and Select Accomplishments

### Whitworth University

President 2022-current

- Lead 13-member President's Cabinet, overseeing the work of a comprehensive university: Academics, Student Life, Finance & Administration, Enrollment Management, Campus Ministry, Institutional Advancement, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Athletics (my direct reports).
- Lead University Council, and the adoption and execution of a five-year university strategic plan.
- Speak to a host of student, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporter audiences for myriad purposes related to Whitworth's mission and distinctiveness, student recruitment, welcome, gratitude, ministry, and seeking of investment and support.
- Lead and participate in university fundraising efforts.
- Interview faculty finalist candidates.
- Service on local and regional boards, including University District, Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW), Northwest Conference Presidents Council, Northwest Harvest (chair).

Vice President for Institutional Advancement 2009-2021

- Oversee 40-person operation responsible for fundraising, marketing, communications, foundation, special events, alumni and parent relations, donor relations and advancement services.
- Serve on President's Cabinet.
- With a superior team of colleagues, led university in \$156 million comprehensive fundraising campaign.
- Travel extensively representing university to its multiple constituencies.
- Secured major gifts from individuals and foundations.
- Served on University Council and participated in the formation of a 10-year strategic plan, *Whitworth 2021*.
- Work closely with Board of Trustees and Whitworth Foundation Board.
- Provide direction and leadership for President's Leadership Forum.
- Speak at university functions to multitude of audiences.
- Serve on Whitworth Foundation Board.
- Attended professional development conferences, including CASE CAO Conference.

Director of Athletics 1996-2009

- Headed program of 20 intercollegiate athletics programs.
- Supervised a highly successful coaching staff that led programs to numerous conference championships, NCAA Championships appearances, and victory in the Northwest Conference's McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy, recognizing the conference's best overall intercollegiate athletics program.
- Directed the hosting of numerous NCAA Championships events, including NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, Women's Volleyball Regionals, and multiple events for soccer, basketball, and football.
- Responsibilities included departmental budget, personnel, facility oversight, NCAA and Gender Equity compliance, and fundraising projects including Pirate Night Dinner and Auction and annual Whitworth Pirate Golf Classic.

## **Academic and Coaching Appointments**

Professor of Kinesiology, Whitworth College 2001-present

- Taught for six years on the Core 150 (Jewish-Christian Tradition) team and four years on the Core 350 (Ethics, Justice & Public Policy) team.
- Served as Kinesiology Department Academic Chair, 1993-95 and 2008-09
- As academic chair, headed department of 14 full-time professors and coaches.
- Taught undergraduate courses including History & Principles of Physical Education and Sport & Society.
- Taught graduate courses including Seminar in the History of Sport and Current Trends & Problems in Physical Education.

- Associate Professor of Kinesiology, Whitworth College 1994-2001
- Same duties as noted directly above.
  - Tenure granted, 1994.
- Assistant Professor of Physical Education, Whitworth College 1989-1990
- Courses taught included Curriculum & Methods of Health Education, Foundations of Physical Activity, Fitness Programs, Slimnastics, Beginning Volleyball, Intermediate Volleyball, Fencing, Senior Seminar.
  - Served as Fitness/Wellness Coordinator for physical education courses required of all students for graduation.
- Instructor 1985-1989
- Same duties as listed directly above.
- Head Baseball Coach, Whitworth College 1985-1990
- Responsibilities included recruiting, budgeting, scheduling, transportation, housing, field maintenance, and media relations.
  - 4 consecutive NAIA District 1 regular season championships, 1986-1989.
  - 3 NAIA District 1 championships, 1987, 1989, 1990.
  - 3 appearances in the NAIA Western Regional Playoffs, 1987, 1989, 1990.
  - Three-time Coach of the Year honoree.
- Assistant Baseball Coach, The Pennsylvania State University 1991-1993
- Primary responsibilities included infielders, catchers, and team defense.
- Head Baseball Coach, Athletes in Action, Europe Team Summer 1990
- Head coach of a national team that played in Czechoslovakia, USSR, Holland, and Spain, and compiled a 20-10 win-loss record.
- Graduate Assistant, The Pennsylvania State University 1990-1993
- Part-time lecturer in The History of Physical Education and Sport; also taught jogging, golf, volleyball, racquetball, tennis, badminton, and softball for the Exercise and Sport Activity program.
  - Scholarly research included amateurism and its relation to professional golf, specifically Bobby Jones; late 19th century intercollegiate football; and the history of television and the NCAA.

## Select Honors and Distinctions, Academic

- Speakers & Artists Coordinator, 2007-09
- Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2008-09
- Search Committee, Academic Vice President, 2004-05
- Faculty Service Award, 2004
- Faculty Economic Welfare Committee, 2003-04
- Faculty Affairs Committee, 2001-2003
- Diversity Initiatives Task Force, 2000-01
- Facilities Planning Committee, 1999-2003
- Presented at the 2000 Washington State Interscholastic Athletic Activities annual conference for Athletics Directors. Title of presentation: "What Athletes Want from Coaches."
- Consultant on the movie *The Basket*, produced by North by Northwest Productions. Also had a small speaking role as a 1918 professional basketball player.
- Parents Weekend 1997 lecture presentation, "When the Faculty Took Over the Stadium"
- Faculty Executive, 1997-1999; Acting Faculty President, Fall 1998
- Search Committee, Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1997

## Select Honors and Distinctions, Athletic

- Northwest Conference President's Council, Chair, 2022-current
- Northwest Conference AD's, Chair, 2009-10
- Northwest Conference Marketing Committee, Chair
- NACDA NCAA Division III Western Region Athletic Director of the Year, 2002
- NCAA Division III Baseball Committee, 2001-04. Administered regional and national championships.
- Hosted NCAA Football (2001, 2006), Volleyball (2002, 2005), Men's Soccer (2001, 2004, 2005, 2008) and Men's Basketball (2008, 2009, 2010) Regional Championships competitions.
- Hosted 2000 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships.
- Chair, Fitness Center Planning Committee, 2000
- Chair, Athletic Fields Project, 1999-2000
- Attended NACDA conference, June 2000, Orlando.
- Annual attendance at the NCAA Convention, 1996-2002.
- Attended NACDA Conference, Reno, June 1999.
- Participated in "Sportsmanship Summit," Bellevue, WA, January 1999.
- Attended NACDA conference, June 1998, Marco Island, FL.
- Attended National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics conference, June 1997, Las Vegas.

## Scholarly Publications and Presentations

- Book review for *Journal of Sport History*, Peter Williams, *The Sports Immortals: Deifying the American Athlete*, Summer 2007.
- "Brutality in Football and the Creation of the NCAA: A Codified Moral Compass in Progressive America," *Sport History Review*, May 2002.
- Book review for *Journal of Sport History*, Christopher H. Evans and William Herzog II, *The Faith of 50 Million*, Westminster John Knox Press, September 2002.
- Book review for *International Journal of Sport History*, William J. Baker, *If Christ Came to the Olympics*, University of Washington Press.
- Book review for *Christian Scholar's Review*, Tony Ladd and James A. Mathisen, *Muscular Christianity: Evangelical Protestants and the Development of American Sport*, Baker Books.
- Book review for *International Journal of Sport History*, Steven Overman, *The Influence of the Protestant Ethic on Sport and Recreation*, Avebury Press.
- "Summer Baseball and the NCAA: The Second Vexation," *Journal of Sport History*, Spring 1998.
- Presented paper, "University Faculty and Progressivism: Disunity of Athletic Reform," North American Society for Sport History conference, Springfield, MA, May 23-26, 1997.
- Presented paper, "Summer Baseball and the NCAA: The Second Vexation," at the 1996 North American Society for Sport History conference, Auburn, AL.

## Select Community Activities

- Northwest Harvest Board of Directors, 2014-present, and Chair 2019-23. NWH was recently honored as Organization of the Year by the Washington Leadership Award. NWH is the leading hunger relief agency in the state with a \$65 million annual budget and is now in a \$100 million fundraising campaign.
- YMCA of the Inland Northwest, Corporate Board Chair (2005-08), Board Member (2000-09), and Mission Emphasis Committee Chair
- Spokane Rotary-North, Board Member, 1997-2008. Program Committee Chair, 2004-08. Club President, 2002-03.
- AAU basketball coach, 2007 and 2008
- Kalispel Tribe of Indians Kali Awards Dinner Keynote Speaker, March 2008
- Personnel Commission Elder, 2005-11, Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church
- Played the role of Egeus in the college production of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Fall 2003

- Keynote Speaker, “A Night of Excellence,” Mead Middle School, 700 students and parents, March 2001 and 2004
- Speaker, Camp Spalding, 5-6 grade camp, Summer 1995-2001, 2003, and 2005
- Youth and Adult Recreation Director, Whitworth Institute of Ministry, Summer 1995-2001
- Leadership team, College Age Ministry, Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church, 1998-99
- Sunday School Teacher, Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church, January 1998, “The Christian Faith and Recreation”
- Many dozen community speaking engagements