

**SHAPE AMERICA**  
**SOCIETY OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**  
**DR. DORIS R. CORBETT**  
**BIOGRAPHICAL BRIEF**

Dr. Doris R Corbett is a retired Professor Emeritus and Director/Dean School of Kinesiology, Allied Health, and Human Services at the University of Northern Iowa, and retired Professor Emeritus at Howard University as Department Head. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology of Sport from the University of Maryland, College Park, and the M.S. and B.S. in Health and Physical Education from North Carolina Central University (formerly North Carolina College).

Dr. Corbett has served as President of the District of Columbia SHAPE/AAHPERD (Society of Health, Physical Education/AAHPERD), President of the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance (ICHPER.SD) for eight years, President of the Eastern District Shape/AAHPERD Association, President of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport. In addition, she was Congressional Research Fellow at the United States Capitol Historical Society, Washington, DC; and she held several distinguished professorships at The United



States Military Academy (West Point) where she received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the Department of the Army. She received a distinguished professorship at Nanyang Technological University, School of Physical Education, Republic of Singapore, and Emporia State University's Jones Institute of Educational Excellence, Emporia, Kansas.

Early in her academic career, in conjunction with support from a few colleagues, Dr. Corbett worked to establish women's intercollegiate athletics at Howard University in Washington, DC in 1973/74 and coached its first women's basketball team. In later years she was privileged to serve one quadrennial on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) "Sport for All Commission. In her work as a Sport Sociologist, she has participated fully in the reframing and restructuring of social views and images of women in sport. She has been one of the few scholars who has made distinct the similarities and differences for women of color within the larger contexts of "Women in Sport" and "African Americans in Sport." In recognition of this fact, it should be noted that the 1998 International Olympic Committee "World Conference on Women in Sport" held in Amman, Jordan, Dr. Corbett was the only American scholar invited to present. Her textbook contributions and articles have also focused attention on multi-culturalism in physical education and the re-emphasis on elevating moral development among youth sports participants. Her textbook Outstanding Athletes of Congress, published in 1997 by The United States Capitol Historical Society is another notable contribution.

The author/co-author of numerous professional journal articles and academic publications she has published, edited, and presented widely on race, gender, human rights, and social justice issues related to sport. Selected examples of her scholarship are the following:

Diversity in Kinesiology: Theoretical and Contemporary Considerations (Co-authored and published in *Quest Kinesiology Review*, 2020)

Promoting the Principles of Civility in NAKHE, (*Quest Journal* 2019)

Mentoring the Next Generation of Higher Education Professionals (*Quest Journal*, July 2016)

Academic Integrity and the Plight of the African American Student-Athlete, (Published in *Racism in College Athletics*, 2013)

The Social Significance of Sport: Implications for Race and Baseball (Co-authored and Published by "The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, 2002).

Minority Women of Color: Unpacking Racial Ideology, (Published in *Women in Sport Issues and Controversies*, 2001)

Unique Games and Sports Around the World, A Reference Guide (Co-authored and Published by Greenwood Press, 2001)

Social Impact of Distance Learning in Higher Education on Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Students (Monogram, published by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Emporia State University, November 2000)

Dr. Corbett is acknowledged as a world leader and much sought lecturer and teacher in Sociology of Sport and Physical Education. Her influence has been marked in SHAPE/AAHPERD, North American Society for Sociology of Sport, and the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Sport and Dance (ICHPER.SD). She has received high honor awards from these organizations.

**Award Recipient of the following SHAPE AMERICA/AAHPERD AWARDS, and NAKHE Recognitions**

**The Luther Halsey Gulick Award (1997)** for long and distinguished service was established in 1923 and is recognized as the highest honor afforded a member.

**The Honor Award (1995)** recognizes meritorious service by members of the Association and to the professions represented and was established in 1971.

**The Charles D Henry Award (1992)** established in 1984, recognizes a member's contribution through distinguished service to ethnic minorities in SHAPE America.

**The R. Tait McKenzie Award (1989)** which honors members who have had significant influence beyond the profession, was first bestowed in 1968

**The E.B. Henderson Award** established in 2010, recognizes minority members who have increased involvement of ethnic minorities and/or underserved populations within their profession, SHAPE America, or society.

**NAGWS (National Association for Girls and Women in Sport) Honor Award**

**NAGWS Guiding Women in Sport Award**

**NAGWS Nell Jackson Award**

**NAKHE/NAS (National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education and the North American Society (NAS) Fellow** that recognizes outstanding professionals from within the allied professions of health education physical education, recreation, sport, and dance in North America.

In 1998 Dr. Corbett presented the **NAKHE DELPHINE HANNA LECTURER.**

In 2019 Dr. Corbett presented the **NAKHE AMY MORRIS HOMMANS LECTURER**

One of her colleagues once wrote that "Dr. Corbett has an outstanding record in leadership, scholarship, and lectures delivered to professional bodies that is truly outstanding." Through her leadership positions in the profession, she has had the opportunity to share her knowledge and commitment to human right concerns, demonstrate the value of diversity and the importance of our profession throughout the world. She has been an invited Lecturer and keynote speaker throughout the Continental USA, Central and South America, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Europe. Dr. Corbett has lectured in the following countries: London, England; Republic

of Guatemala; Concepcion, Chile; Jamaica, West Indies; Limerick, Ireland; Quito, Ecuador; Cairo, Egypt; Perth and Sydney, Australia; Olympia Greece; Republic of Singapore; Lausanne, Switzerland; Brussels, Belgium; Taiwan, Republic of China; Hong Kong; Cebu, and Manila Philippines; Seoul Korea; Beijing and Shanghai, China; Kula Lumpur, Malaysia; Johannesburg and Durban South Africa; Prague, Czechoslovakia; Natanya, Israel; Yokohama, Japan; Chandīgarh, India; Amman, Jordon; and Saint Petersburg, Russia,