

Distinguished Alumni 2013
Suzan Ayers



Suzan F. Ayers graduated from Winthrop University with a BS in Physical Education in 1990. She continued her studies at the University of Florida completing a MS in Physical Education in 1995. She returned home in 1998 to enroll in the PhD program in Physical Education at the University of South Carolina achieving her degree in 2001. She began her collegiate teaching career at West Virginia University before moving to Western Michigan University where she is currently an Associate Professor in the PETE program.

Dr. Ayers is a leading educator. She has published over 21 articles in peer reviewed journals, 11 book chapters, and numerous abstracts.. She has made countless presentations at PETE conferences, national, district, and state AAHPERD conferences along with numerous PIPEline presentations. Her areas of expertise include assessment, health-related fitness education, student cognition, survey design, construction and analysis along with cognitive test design, construction and analysis.

Research Consortium awarded her Fellow status in 2007 and Midwest District named her the 2005 Young Professional of the Year. West Virginia University recognized her in 2003 and 2004 for her Outstanding Research and Creative Activity along with recognizing her as the Outstanding Teacher. She was also recognized for her Outstanding Service to Physical Education by WVU and was named the Young Scholar for the college in 2003 West Virginia AAHPERD presented her with a Presidential Citation in the same year.

Suzan has been active professionally with NASPE where she currently serves on the Board. She has been on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Teaching in Physical Education* and served as a reviewer for numerous publications. Her service to the discipline has been extensive and varied. It is my great pleasure, that we, the current faculty and staff, welcome Dr. Suzan Ayers as a member of the Class of 2013 Distinguished Alumni.