

Dr. Eric Zillmer
Athletic Director



Now in his tenth year as Director of Athletics, Dr. Eric A. Zillmer oversees all components of the Athletics Department, including varsity teams, fiscal management, NCAA compliance, academic support services, NCAA Life Skills program, facility and athletic event operations, community outreach, sports medicine, strength and conditioning, sports information, external relations, personnel, recreation, athletic equipment services, intramural and club sports, marketing, alumni relations, collegiate licensing, corporate sales, spirit groups, promotions, and fund-raising ventures. As a member of the Colonial

Athletic Association (CAA), Drexel University competes at the NCAA Division I level in 16 varsity sports. The department provides recreational opportunities and programming to 20,000 full-time students and 5,200 faculty and staff.

"Drexel is a premier academic institution that deserves an equally prominent athletic program," says Dr. Zillmer who will serve as President of the CAA in 2008. In 2001 Dr. Zillmer facilitated the transition from America East to the CAA, bringing all of Drexel's 16 Division I teams under the CAA umbrella, and overseeing the hiring of James "Bruiser" Flint and his staff. During his tenure as Director of Athletics, Dr. Zillmer has also been instrumental in the implementation of the Walter Spiro Varsity Weight Room, the Blue Cross Wellness Center, the remodeling of the department's Sport Medicine facility, extensive renovations that are being constructed at the Vidas Athletic Complex, and securing the winning bid for the 2008 Olympic Trials in Table Tennis. In March of 2002 Drexel Athletics was named #1 in the nation in Gender Equity by *U.S. News and World Report* and the Pennsylvania Law Project listed Drexel as one of the top athletic programs in terms of Title IX. Dr. Zillmer is currently a member of the CAA Board of Directors, a member of the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Sports Congress, and the chair of the CAA student-athlete issues committee.

Dr. Zillmer, a licensed clinical psychologist, received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Florida Tech in 1984 where he was subsequently awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1995. Dr. Zillmer completed internship training at Eastern Virginia Medical School and a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the University of Virginia Medical School. A member of Drexel University's faculty since 1988, Dr. Zillmer is a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the American Psychological Association, the Society for Personality Assessment, and the National Academy of Neuropsychology for which he has also served as President. He has written extensively in the area of sports psychology, neuropsychology, and psychological assessment, having published more than 100 journal articles, book chapters, and books, and he is a frequent contributor to the local and national media on topics ranging from sports psychology, forensic psychology, to the psychology of terrorism.

The Quest for the Nazi Personality, published in 1995, has been summarized as the definitive psychological analysis of Third Reich war criminals. His popular textbook *Principles of Neuropsychology* (2001) is used internationally and is now in its second edition (2008). He is the coauthor of the d2 Test of Attention and the Tower of London test. Dr. Zillmer serves on the editorial boards of *Journal of Personality Assessment* and *Applied Neuropsychology*. *Military Psychology - Clinical and Operational Applications* and was published in August of 2006 and examines the psychological contexts involved in the most recent military initiatives and geopolitical events. Related to this publication, in November of 2006 Dr. Zillmer was invited by the Pentagon as a Distinguished Visitor to visit the naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to evaluate the detention facilities and interrogation procedures used on detainees.

Dr. Zillmer has created the course Sports Psychology at Drexel University and helped facilitate the Principles of Coaching Certificate as well as a new major in sport management. A former student-athlete himself, Dr. Zillmer spent his formative years in Germany, where he skied competitively and played tennis and basketball. Dr. Zillmer comes from a sports-oriented family; his father played baseball for Army '44, and his mother coached his sister on the Olympic team in figure skating (Grenoble, France 1968).