

Liz Wanless

Biography

Liz Wanless serves as an instructor, undergraduate advisor and intern coordinator for the Sport Administration program. She received her master's degree in Sport Administration from Ball State University and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Higher Education in Ball State's Department of Education. A recently retired professional track and field shot putter, Liz has 6 years of experience competing nationally and internationally for Nike, Asics, Team USA and the New York Athletic Club. Liz competed collegiately at both the NCAA Division III and Division I levels. Her unique set of field experiences provides her firsthand knowledge and a distinct perspective of NCAA and international sport culture.

Liz began her collegiate career at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, achieved Division III All-America status in both volleyball and track and field and won the Division III National Championship in shot put twice. She graduated from Bates as the Maine NCAA Female Athlete of the Year, an award based on scholarship, athletic accomplishment and service. Liz finished her collegiate athletic career at the University of Florida as a Division I All-American in the shot put. As a professional athlete, Liz competed on the 2005 World Championship Team to Helsinki, Finland, finished 6th in the IAAF World Athletics Final and was an alternate for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Team. For all 6 years of her professional shot put career, she was ranked in the top 20 in the world.

As a scholar, Liz co-authored 13 peer-reviewed publications (2 first author) in prestigious journals such as the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research* and the *International Journal of Sports Science & Coaching*. She also authored 6 articles for Livestrong.com and has presented in numerous conferences such as *North American Society for Sport Management*, *Sport Marketing Association Conference*, and the *Scholarly Conference on Collegiate Sport*. Liz currently serves on the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Sport Management Council. She also was a co-principal investigator on 2 externally funded grants.