

KEYNOTES SPEAKERS



James Rimmer is Professor in the Department of Disability and Human Development and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Dr Rimmer's research has focused on the effects of physical activity on reduction of secondary conditions including obesity and deconditioning, in adults and youth with physical and cognitive disabilities. He has published over 100 refereed journal articles and book chapters and has given more than 100 invited presentations to national and international audiences. He has received several national awards for research, teaching and advocacy to improve the health and quality of life for people with disabilities.

Lisette Burrows is an Associate Professor in Physical Education Pedagogy at the School of Physical Education, University of Otago. Previously she taught Music and Physical Education in secondary schools, worked as a journalist/photographer and as a researcher with families who have children with disabilities. In her current research, she draws on poststructural theoretical resources to examine how health and physical activity imperatives are recontextualised in and around homes and schools.

She is also interested in the meanings children advance about their own and others' health and fitness and, more generally, in the place and meaning of physical culture in the lives of young people. All of her work is informed by a recognition that physical and health education are normalized practices that derive from developmental, racialised, gendered and classed assumptions that do not serve all well.

Peter Downs joined the Australian Sports Commission in 1993 shortly after completing a European Masters Degree in Adapted Physical Activity.

His Masters thesis examined the attitudes of pre-service physical education teachers toward the inclusion of young people with disabilities in physical activity and has been internationally published. Peter has developed and managed major national projects including the Disability Education Program – which delivered workshops to over 50,000 people and Sports CONNECT

– to assist national sports organizations develop Disability Action Plans. He was Vice President of IFAPA 2000-2005 and was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2001 for services

