

# Distinguished Achievement Citation

Richard “Rich” Gordin, Ed.D.

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With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan’s Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Richard Gordin as teacher and leader in the field of sport psychology.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Rich was a member of the varsity football team and “W” Association. After graduation, he earned a master’s degree in physical education from The Ohio State University, and an Ed. D. in Sport Psychology and Educational Psychology from the University of Utah. He is now a professor in the department of physical education and recreation at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, where he has been a member of the faculty for 33 years. He is also an adjunct professor in the department of psychology. Rich has published 85 articles and book chapters and has made 350 professional presentations at state, regional, national, and international conferences.

Rich has been a sport psychology consultant for numerous athletic teams at Utah State and currently with USA Gymnastics, USA Track & Field, United States Fencing Association, USA Swimming, United States Ski and Snowboard Association, and the Team Type 1 Professional Cycling Team in 2010. Additionally, he has worked with several professionals on the PGA and Champions tours.

The former chair of the certification committee of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP), Rich was the sport psychology consultant for the USA women’s gymnastics team in Seoul in 1988 and for the USA track and field team during the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. In 2010, he served as the sport psychologist for the USA Nordic combined ski team in Vancouver and was a consultant during the recent Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. In Sochi, he was a personal advisor to six-time Nordic combined Olympic skier, and US flag-bearer, Todd Lodwick. He also has consulted in the business world for Bank of America, ING, The Hartford, Transamerica Retirement Services, Nationwide, and Pioneer Investments.

During 2010 and 2011, Rich was a visiting professor at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland and visiting professor at the Academy of Physical Education and Sport in Gdansk, Poland.

Today, for his work as educator and motivator, Ohio Wesleyan applauds Richard Gordin with the presentation of this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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