

Dr. Wendy Bedingfield

Dr Wendy Bedingfield completed a Bachelor of Physical Education (1967) at Memorial University; a master of Science (Physical Education) (1970) at the University of Oregon; and Doctor of Philosophy (Human Performance) (1978) at Indiana State University.

She was a faculty member at the University of Alberta for ten years before becoming Director of the School of Recreation and Physical Education at Acadia. Dr. Bedingfield subsequently served as Dean of the Faculty of Management and Education, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, and as President of the Acadia University Faculty Association. Much of her early work in Alberta focused on biomechanics, but at Acadia her teaching focused on leadership, organizational change, sport, and gender equity.

Dr. Bedingfield has had extensive involvement with, and impact upon, the sport system in Canada. She is a founding mother and former board member of the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport; served as President of Canadian Inter-University Sport; as a member of Implementation Group named by the Secretary of State to advise on the implementation of coach education, certification and accreditation programs in Canada; and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Soccer Association. She also served in various roles with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) including member of the Board of Directors, founder and first chair of the CAC Research Committee, and chair of the International Council on Coach Education committee; and of the Steering Committee, National Study on Status of Coaches in Canada.

Her work has been acknowledged in a variety of ways including induction into the Acadia Sport Hall of Fame, and she is the recipient of numerous awards including the Nova Scotia Progress Club Women of Excellence Award, Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity from Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport, Women Active Nova Scotia Trailblazer, and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Bedingfield was appointed Professor Emeritus in May 2013.

