

## Biographical Sketch for Jerry R. Thomas

Dr. Jerry R. Thomas is Professor and Dean of the College of Education at the University of North Texas. Previously he was Professor and held administrative positions at Iowa State University, Arizona State University and Louisiana State University. His research in motor development has focused on cognitive factors, expertise, and gender differences in children's motor skill. He has authored over 230 research and professional publications, books, and book chapters. His best-selling graduate textbook, *Research Methods in Physical Activity*, is currently in its 7th edition, is widely used in the U.S., and has been translated into seven other languages. He has presented over 300 papers to conferences and universities in the U.S. and numerous other countries. He has been visiting scholar twice at institutions in Australia and Korea, as well as in China, Thailand, and Hong Kong. He has served as the C.H. McCloy Lecturer and Alliance Scholar, as well as presenting numerous named lectures.

He was Editor-in-Chief of *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport* from 1983-88 and subsequently served on the Editorial Board for 4 years. He received the AAHPERD Honor Award in 1989-90. He was elected Fellow in the National Academy of Kinesiology in 1984 and served as President in 1991-92. He has served as President of the North American Society for Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity and was presented with its Distinguished Scholar Award in 2003. He served as President of the Research Consortium of AAHPER and received its Distinguished Service Award in 2005. He was the first President of the American Kinesiology Association. He received an honorary *Doctor of Science* in 2015 from Furman University where he was an undergraduate.