

# NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF

*Notre Dame head coach Tracy Coyne and the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program move into the 2008 season looking for the 100th win in the program's 12-year history.*





**Head Coach  
12th Season  
Ohio University '83**

Notre Dame women's lacrosse coach Tracy Coyne enters her 12th season directing the Irish. As the only coach in the program's Division I history, Coyne has seen the program come a long way.

From the first steps of making the jump from a club program, to leading Notre Dame to its first-ever Final Four appearance in 2006 and last year's first-ever BIG EAST Tournament, Coyne has been there every step of the way.

The veteran coach has seen her team make the NCAA tournament three times in the first 11 seasons of the program (2002, 2004 and 2006) and in 2006, saw her team engineer the biggest turnaround in NCAA women's lacrosse history, going from 3-12 in 2005 to 15-4 in 2006.

She has provided the guiding hand as Irish women's lacrosse has moved from a first-year var-

sity program in 1997 to one of the top programs in the nation in 2008.

From her first days as head coach, Coyne and her coaching staff laid the groundwork that led to the success the program has achieved in its first 11 years of existence.

During the 2007 season, the Irish were led by second team All-Americans Caitlin McKinney and Jillian Byers, finishing with an 11-6 overall record and a 3-2 mark in the BIG EAST. That qualified Notre Dame for a berth in the first BIG EAST Tournament that was held in Syracuse, N.Y.

The Irish also accomplished something in 2007 that no BIG EAST team had ever done as they handed Georgetown its first regular-season loss since the BIG EAST began play in 2001.

While the Irish did not reach the level they reached in 2006, Coyne was able to add one of the top recruiting classes in the nation - a group that included six U.S. Lacrosse high school All-Americans



### Tracy Coyne's Career Record

Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Postseason
1988	Denison	13	3	.813	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
1989	Denison	10	2	.833	
Denison Total (2 yrs.)		23	5	.821	1 NCAA appearances/2 conference titles
Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Postseason
1990	Roanoke	17	1	.944	NCAA Div. III Semifinalist
1991	Roanoke	15	3	.833	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
1992	Roanoke	15	2	.882	NCAA Div. III Semifinalist
1993	Roanoke	10	4	.714	
1994	Roanoke	11	4	.733	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
1995	Roanoke	11	4	.733	
1996	Roanoke	12	3	.800	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
Roanoke Total (7 yrs.)		91	21	.813	5 NCAA appearances/5 conference titles
Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Postseason
1997	Notre Dame	5	4	.556	
1998	Notre Dame	7	6	.538	
1999	Notre Dame	9	6	.600	
2000	Notre Dame	5	10	.333	
2001	Notre Dame	10	5	.667	
2002	Notre Dame	13	5	.722	NCAA Div. I Quarterfinalist
2003	Notre Dame	8	7	.533	
2004	Notre Dame	12	5	.706	NCAA Div. I First Round
2005	Notre Dame	3	12	.200	
2006	Notre Dame	15	4	.789	NCAA Div. I Semifinals
2007	Notre Dame	11	6	.647	BIG EAST Tournament
<b>Notre Dame Total (11 yrs.)</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>.583</b>	<b>3 NCAA appearances</b>
<b>Career Total (20 yrs.)</b>		<b>212</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>.688</b>	<b>9 NCAA appearances/7 conference titles</b>

### The Coyne File

- **Hire Date:** July 11, 1996
- **Career Record:** 212-96/20 years
- **Record at ND:** 98-70/11 years
- **Postseason Appearances:** 9
- **Awards and Honors:**
  - 2006 – IWLCA Coach of the Year
  - 2006 – BIG EAST Coach of the Year
  - 1999-2005 – Head Coach Canadian National Team
  - 2004 – BIG EAST Coach of the Year
  - 1995 – ODAC Coach of the Year
  - 1990 – NCAA Coach of the Year
  - 1990 – ODAC Coach of the Year
  - 1988 – NCAC Coach of the Year
- **Education:**
  - 1983 – B.S. in organizational communications from Ohio University
  - 1985 – M.S. in sports administration from St. Thomas University

who will be in the lineup this spring.

Through all the success and growing pains, Coyne has been the one constant the program has had.

Hired in July of 1996, the Pittsburgh, Pa., native quickly spread the word about the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program, put together a team that fashioned a 5-4 record during the 1997 season, and assembled a top-notch recruiting class that included four high school All-Americans.

She followed her inaugural season with a 7-6 mark in 1998, including wins against two teams that had beaten the Irish in 1997 - Ohio State and Davidson. The 1999 Irish continued their ascent with nine wins against an enhanced schedule, while the 2000 team completed one of the toughest schedules in the country with a 5-10 mark.

In 2001, the Irish served notice to the women's lacrosse world that Notre Dame was ready to become a prime-time player on a national level.

In the first year of competition in the BIG EAST, the Irish were 10-5 overall and finished third with a 4-2 mark in conference play.

Late in the season, Notre Dame moved into the national rankings after road wins against 17th-ranked Delaware and seventh-ranked Yale. The Irish finished the year ranked 18th in the nation.

The 2002 season saw the Irish ranked for the first time in the preseason, set records for wins (13) and BIG EAST wins (5) and finish the year seventh in the nation. That season also produced the first two All-Americans in the program's history - Kathryn Lam and Danielle Shearer - plus a first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament.

In 2003, the Irish finished the campaign ranked 16th with an 8-7 record capped by a four-game winning streak to end the year. Three Irish players - Andrea Kinnik, Danielle Shearer and Jen White - received various media and national All-America honors.

The 2004 campaign saw Coyne recognized by her peers as the BIG EAST coach of the year as her team finished the year ranked ninth in the nation in the IWLCA coaches' poll with a 12-5 mark. The Irish lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament at Northwestern and achieved its highest ranking ever as they moved to No. 2 on April 11. Three more players joined the list of Irish All-Americans as Andrea Kinnik, Abby Owen and Meredith Simon all received honors with Simon becoming the program's first first-team All-American.

The 2005 season saw the Irish struggle to a 3-12 record. Crysti Foote was named third-team All-American and freshman Caitlin McKinney was

## Coyne Versus Division I Foes

	W	L	Pct.
Boston College	6	1	.857
<b>California</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
California-Davis	1	0	1.000
<b>Canisius</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Colgate	0	1	.000
Columbia	2	1	.667
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.778</b>
<b>Cornell</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.571</b>
Dartmouth	0	1	.000
Davidson	3	1	.750
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Denver	5	0	1.000
<b>Duquesne</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Duke</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.100</b>
Fairfield	1	0	1.000
Gannon	3	0	1.000
<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.200</b>
George Mason	1	0	1.000
Harvard	1	3	.250
James Madison	3	2	.600
Johns Hopkins	0	3	.000
Lehigh	1	0	1.000
<b>Loyola (MD)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.286</b>
Ohio	7	0	1.000
<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.500</b>
Pennsylvania	1	0	1.000
Princeton	0	1	.000
Richmond	2	0	1.000
<b>Rutgers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.625</b>
St. Joseph's	0	1	.000
<b>Stanford</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.750</b>
<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.300</b>
<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.364</b>
Villanova	1	0	1.000
Virginia Tech	4	0	1.000
Yale	3	3	.500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>.583</b>

Teams in **bold** are 2008 opponents

selected to the U.S. National Developmental Team.

Coyne and the Irish got back on the winning side of the ledger in 2006, going 15-4 overall and 4-1 in the BIG EAST. The Irish, who went 7-4 against nationally ranked teams, hosted a pair of NCAA Tournament games, defeating BIG EAST foe Georgetown (first time in eight tries) in the quarterfinals to move on to the NCAA finals. Foote became the first Irish player to be named All-American twice in her career, taking first team honors in 2006. Freshman Jillian Byers was a second team All-American and McKinney took third team honors.

On the international level, Coyne spent seven years (1999-05) as the head coach of the Canadian women's lacrosse team, guiding Canada to fourth-place finishes in the World Cup in 2001 and 2005.

Admired by her coaching peers, there is little doubt Coyne has the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program headed in the right direction. Her accomplishments and success at the Division III level reflect the effort, dedication and passion she has for the sport.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Coyne spent seven years as head coach at Roanoke College (1990-96) and two seasons at Denison

Colleges. In her first season at the school (1990), her team finished with a 17-1 record and advanced to its first-ever appearance in the NCAA semifinals. In 1995, one of her players earned national goalkeeper-of-the-year accolades. She also had four players garner ODAC player-of-the-year honors during her tenure.

Her field hockey teams also achieved success, as she guided the school to its first-ever national ranking in that sport.

Prior to taking over at Roanoke, Coyne served as head lacrosse and field hockey coach at Denison. In two seasons there, her lacrosse teams compiled a 23-5 record and won back-to-back North Coast Athletic Conference titles. In her first season at Denison, she guided the squad to a 13-3 mark and a berth in the NCAA Division III tournament. In addition, her efforts earned her NCAC coach-of-the-year accolades.

In 20 seasons as a head coach, her lacrosse teams have a combined 212-90 record (.688) and have won 10-plus games in 14 of those seasons.

She starts the 2008 season as the 12th winningest coach of all-time by wins (212) and is 29th in winning percentage (.688). Among active Division I head coaches, Coyne is third in wins and tied for 10th in winning percentage.

Coyne served as an assistant coach for the United States women's lacrosse team in 1992 and has been a selector for that squad on three occasions. She chaired the Brine Division III national coaches' poll and currently serves on the NCAA West/Midwest Regional Advisory Committee, is on the Board of Directors of the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association (IWLCA) and chairs the West/Midwest Region All-American committee.

A 1983 graduate of Ohio University, Coyne received her bachelor of science degree in organizational communications. A letterwinner in both lacrosse and field hockey, Coyne helped the lacrosse squad to the 1982 Midwest Regional championship as well as an eighth-place finish at the AIAW National Lacrosse Championships. In 1981, she led her field hockey team to a share of the Mid-American Conference title.

Coyne served as senior class vice-president at Ohio and was the recipient of the Leona Hughes Pace Award, which is presented annually by the Student Alumni Board to the outstanding senior at the school.

Coyne was an administrative assistant in the University of Pittsburgh athletic department and was an assistant lacrosse and field hockey coach at Sewickley Academy in Sewickley, Pa., after attending graduate school at St. Thomas University (Fla.). She received a master of science degree in sports administration from the school in May of 1985.

College (1988-89).

At Roanoke, Coyne served as head coach of both the women's lacrosse and field hockey teams. In seven seasons, her lacrosse teams compiled a 91-21 record for an .813 winning percentage. She led her squads to the NCAA Division III tournament five times, with her 1992 and 1990 teams earning appearances in the national semifinals. Under Coyne, the 1990 Division III Coach of the Year, the Maroons won five Old Dominion Conference championships, including three straight titles from 1994-96. She also claimed ODAC coach-of-the-year honors in 1990 and 1995.

During her tenure at Roanoke, Coyne produced 22 All-Americans, including 12 first-team selec-

## Irish Lacrosse Alums In The The Coaching Ranks

Ten former Notre Dame women's lacrosse players are currently involved in coaching at the high school, club and collegiate levels.

**Jess Grom Shoulberg '98** - head coach West Morris Mendham H.S. (N.J.)

**Kathryn Lam '02** - volunteer assistant coach, Notre Dame

**Kelly McCardell '03** - head coach, Monmouth

**Danielle Shearer '03** - head coach, Maryland high school

**Meredith Simon '04** - assistant coach, Notre Dame

**Carol Dixon '05** - assistant coach, Wellington High School (Fla.)

**Jess Mikula '05** - coach, Capital Girls Lacrosse Club (Washington, D.C.)

**Lindsay Shaffer '05** - coach Capital Girls Lacrosse Club (Washington, D.C.)

**Crysti Foote '06** - assistant coach, Drew University

**Kristin Hopson '07** - assistant coach, University of Delaware

# Assistant Coaches



**Kateri Linville**

**Assistant Coach  
Third Season  
Delaware '03**

Kateri Linville begins her third season as an assistant coach with the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team in 2008.

Linville has been a key member of head coach Tracy Coyne's coaching staff as she keeps a keen and watchful eye on the Notre Dame defense. In her two seasons with the Fighting Irish, Linville has helped Notre Dame to their first BIG EAST tournament in 2007 and the NCAA semifinals in 2006, turning in the best record - 15-4 - in the program's 12-year history.

Over the last two seasons, the Notre Dame defense has limited goals against to 9.72 goals-per-game in 2006 and 10.32 in 2007, the fourth and fifth lowest totals in the program's history. In 2006, the Irish held opponents to just 19.2 shots on goal per game while setting school records for caused turnovers (11.37 per game).

In her two seasons guiding Notre Dame's defense, Linville has seen four members of the Irish defense receive postseason honors. Meaghan Fitzpatrick was selected first team all-BIG EAST in 2007 and second team in 2006 along with defensive midfielder Mary Carpenter. Fitzpatrick, Carpenter and goalkeeper Carol Dixon were second team IWLCAs all-Region choices following the 2006 season with Fitzpatrick repeating in 2007. Defender Becky Ranck was selected to the NCAA all-tournament team in 2006.

A native of Moorestown, N.J., Linville joined the Notre Dame staff in 2006 after serving two seasons as a volunteer assistant at the University of Virginia. During her two years on the staff at Virginia, the Cavaliers claimed an



ACC and NCAA Championship in 2004 and returned to the national title game in 2005.

Linville got her start in coaching in the spring of 2003 as an assistant at Moorestown High School where she helped her alma mater to its fourth straight New Jersey state title and a No. 2 ranking by *Lacrosse Magazine*.

A 2003 graduate of the University of Delaware, Linville made an NCAA appearance in 2000, was a four-time scholar-athlete and was named captain of the 2002-03 squad. While a student at Delaware,

Linville toured Germany in 2001 and 2002 working with the German National Team. She also served as a camp director and coach for several German Lacrosse Clubs. She continues to serve the lacrosse community as a clinician and a member of US Lacrosse's Coach Education Program.

Linville graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in health and exercise science and received her Masters of Education with a concentration in sport & exercise psychology from Virginia in 2007.

## Support Staff



**Craig Cheek**  
*Strength and Conditioning  
Bluffton '97*



**Lisa Deibler**  
*Assistant Athletic  
Director/Sport  
Administrator  
Notre Dame '96*



**Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C.**  
*Team Chaplain  
Notre Dame '65*



**Chad Faber**  
*Academic Services  
Georgetown '95*



**Matt McCormack**  
*Marketing and Promotions  
Wisconsin-Eau Claire '01*



**John Oliva**  
*Junior Manager  
Notre Dame '09*



**Chantal Porter**  
*Athletic Trainer  
Iowa State '94*



**Mary Veith**  
*Student Assistant  
Notre Dame '09*



## Meredith Simon

**Assistant Coach  
First Season  
Notre Dame '04**

A familiar face returns to the Notre Dame sidelines in 2007-08 as Meredith Simon '04 joins Tracy Coyne's staff as an assistant coach.

She replaces former teammate, Alissa Moser '02, who was married last summer and is currently attending law school. Moser had served for three years as a Coyne assistant from 2004 through 2007.

In making the announcement Coyne said, "We're thrilled to welcome Meredith back to the Notre Dame family. She understands the expectations and demands of being a Notre Dame athlete and will be an invaluable asset to the team. Meredith gained valuable coaching experience while working at Towson. Not only are we excited about having another former player joining the staff, but she also brings fresh ideas to the program."

She added, "As a player, Meredith embodied all that we value at the University. Her enthusiasm and love of the game set her apart as a student-athlete. Now she will have the opportunity to inspire our current players with that same spirit."

As an assistant at Notre Dame, Simon will work with the Irish attack on a daily basis while assisting with recruiting and team travel in addition to the day-to-day office operations.

She rejoins the Irish as a coach after spending the last three seasons as an assistant at Towson University where she worked with the attack and the team's goalkeepers.

During her three seasons at Towson, the Tigers were 26-25 overall while capturing their first Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) title in 2005 and making their first NCAA Tournament appearance that season.

While at Notre Dame as a player (2000-04), Simon became the school's first-ever, first-team Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) All-American as she set a then Notre Dame single-season scoring mark with 74 points on 46 goals and 28 assists while leading the Irish to the NCAA tournament in 2004.

During that season, Simon also became the first Notre Dame player to be a nominee for the prestigious Tewaaron Trophy as the top player in the nation. A two-time first team All-BIG EAST selection (2003, 2004), Simon was the BIG EAST co-attack player of the year in 2004, sharing the honor with Leigh Ann Zimmer of Syracuse. During 2004, the attack standout also was selected as a second team All-American by *Inside Lacrosse Magazine* and *womenslacrosse.com*.

A team captain as a senior, the Flemington, N.J., native finished her Notre Dame career ranked first in games played (64), third in goals (109), fourth in assists (49), third in points (158), tied for fourth in ground balls (123) and third in draw controls (91). She ended her career with what is now the fifth-longest point-scoring streak in the program's history as she scored in 28 straight games, recording 68 goals and 35 assists for 103 points between March 25, 2003 and May 13, 2004. During her career, Simon was a member of Notre Dame's first two NCAA tournament teams in 2002 and 2004.

The 25-year old Simon graduated with a degree in American Studies from Notre Dame in 2004 and was a Dean's List selection four times. A graduate of Hunterdon Central High School in New Jersey, she was a three-sport standout in soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Simon was the second member of her family to play and serve as captain of a Notre Dame lacrosse team as she followed her brother, Eric '03 who captained the men's team in 2003.

### All-Time Notre Dame Assistant Coaches

Meredith Simon, 2007-present  
Kateri Linville, 2005- present  
Alissa Moser, 2004-2007  
Brooke Crawford, 2002-2005  
Jen Newitt, 2002-04  
Danielle Gallagher, 2000-02  
Christy Yarnell, 1999-01  
Liz Downing, 1996-99  
Kirsten Wagner, 1996-98  
Kathleen Ostar, 1998-99



## Kathryn Lam

**Volunteer Assistant Coach  
Second Season  
Notre Dame '02**

Former Notre Dame All-American Kathryn Lam '02 begins her second stint as a volunteer assistant coach with the Irish for the 2007-08 season.

She served in the same role with the 2006 team that advanced to the NCAA semifinals while she was working on her Masters in Business Administration.

Currently the executive assistant in the Dean's office of the Graduate School, Lam was one of Tracy Coyne's first All-Americans in 2002.

Defense was the name of Lam's game as a player and she will team with Kateri Linville in working with the 2008 defensive unit.

A member of Notre Dame's first-ever NCAA Tournament team in 2002, Lam was a three-time team captain and four-year starter for the Irish.

A teammate of first-year Irish assistant, Meredith Simon, Lam was a second-team All-American in 2002, helping Notre Dame to a 13-5 overall record and a trip to the NCAA Quarterfinals.

She was a three-time IWLCA Mid-Atlantic region selection in three consecutive years - 2000 (first team), 2001 (second team) and 2002 (first team).

A member of Coyne's first big recruiting class that featured four high school All-Americans, Lam was the backbone of Notre Dame's defense along with classmates Tina Fedarcyk and Maureen Henwood.

She finished her Irish career ranked first in ground balls (193), second in caused turnovers (83) and third in draw controls (90). Lam scored 14 goals and three assists for 17 points in 63 career games for the Irish.



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