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## Dr. Stephen J. Langendorfer, PhD *Recipient of the 2013 Ireland Medal*

Dr. Stephen J. Langendorfer, Ph.D., is interim Director of the School of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies and Professor, Exercise Science (formerly Kinesiology), at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, USA. Dr. Langendorfer is a recognized authority in the areas of aquatics and lifespan motor development. In his



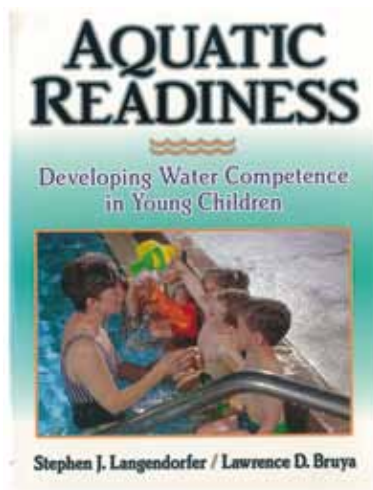
career, he has been employed by Lansing (NY) Central Schools, SUNY-Cortland, University of Wisconsin, Kent State University, and Bowling Green State University. In addition to academic

faculty positions, Stephen has held administrative responsibilities as the Chair of the Kinesiology Division and the Director of BGSU's general education program.



Stephen is the author of numerous scholarly publications in motor development, developmental aquatics and measurement and evaluation, including co-authoring Aquatic Readiness: Developing

Water Competence in Young Children (1995), Human Kinetics, currently under revision with the title Aquatic Readiness: Developing Water Competence across the Lifespan. He has presented several hundred scholarly papers at international, national, regional, and local venues. Since 1987 he has served as a volunteer consultant to the American



Red Cross [Infant and Preschool Aquatic Program (1988), Swimming and Diving (1992) and Water Safety Instructor (1992)] for which he was awarded the Golden Whale Award from



the Commodore Longfellow Society and Lifesaving Hall of Fame. Currently he serves as a member of the Red Cross's Scientific Advisory Council (aquatic sub-council) that reviews and provides evidenced-based science in support of Red Cross programs. He was selected as the founding editor for the International Journal in Aquatic Research and Education, a peer-reviewed scholarly publication focusing on dissemination

of non-competitive aquatic research from around the world. His scholarly work and service, especially in aquatics, has been recognized nationally and internationally with a number of awards.

As a Boy Scout, he earned all the aquatic merit badges on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout and summer camp counsellor. He competed on Haverling (Bath, N.Y.) Central School's first competitive swim team from 1964-1968 and was a member of the Cortland Red Dragon's swim teams from 1968-1972. He was the first head lifeguard for the City of Ithaca's Cass Park Pool while coaching for Roy Staley's Ithaca Aquatics and then served as the first aquatic instructor and swim coach for the Lansing (N.Y.) Central Schools from 1974-1977.



He loves to swim for the fun of it, doing so daily whenever possible. In addition to competing in Masters swimming, Stephen and two of his brothers are most proud of having swum non-stop the 20-mile length of Keuka Lake as a benefit for the American Red Cross.

### IRISH HERITAGE

Stephen's great grandfather Patrick McNally was born in Co. Mayo in 1843. His great grandmother Mary Cunningham was born in Ireland in 1849. Patrick and Mary married in the USA in 1870. One of their daughters Katherine Teresa McNally married Stephen's grandfather John Francis Langendorfer.

