

assistant coach

sylvia kamp



Only five years removed from a stellar college career, Sylvia Kamp is ascending the NCAA coaching ladder quickly.

Kamp, who took an assistant coach position at Florida on August 12, 2003, has already been an asset to the Gator track and cross country programs. Her efforts can most be seen in the quality of athletes Florida is bringing to build the distance and middle distance program. She works tirelessly with Head Coach Jeff Pigg on the recruiting trail to bring the best athletes to Gainesville. During the track season, she works primarily with the women's program to help them with their training on the track.

Kamp graduated from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. Previously, she enjoyed coaching stints at Butler University and Xavier University.

"Sylvia is a great addition to the staff," Pigg said. "I think we compliment each other well. She is young, energetic and mature and has a great passion for coaching and recruiting."

Prior to her arrival at Florida, Kamp served as the interim head coach at Butler. At Butler she developed 30 Horizon League Conference individual champions, two NCAA qualifying cross country teams, eight NCAA individual track qualifiers, two All-American and two Academic All-Americans. In addition to her coaching duties, Kamp also taught Theory and Practice of Coaching Track and Field in Butler's College of Education.

Previous to her stay in Indianapolis Kamp served as an assistant head coach at Xavier University for two years while earning a Masters of Education in Sports Management degree.

At Centre College Kamp earned bachelor's degrees in biology and history from where she was a four-year member of the track and cross-country teams. As team captain her last three years, Kamp earned All-SCAC cross country honors all four years and was named to the NCAA Division III All-Southwest Region team in 1998. She set school records in the distance medley relay and the 3000 meters. In addition to her activities on the track, she earned several academic awards and served as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Committee on Athletics and Recreation.

"I am excited to be working at a university that is so committed to cross country," Kamp said upon her hire. "It is great to work with a staff with the same goals ... to make Florida cross country top in the SEC and to earn distance points on the track to contend for a national title."

Kamp resides in Gainesville.