



**James Rimmer**

James H. Rimmer, Ph.D, is a Professor in the School of Health Professions at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Department of Occupational Therapy, and the first Lakeshore Foundation Endowed Chair in Health Promotion and Rehabilitation Sciences and Director of Research at Lakeshore Foundation. Dr. Rimmer is also an adjunct professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and senior scientist in the Nutrition Obesity Research Center and Center for Exercise Medicine at UAB. For over 30 years he has been developing and directing health promotion programs for people with disabilities aimed at reducing obesity, increasing physical activity and improving nutrition in youths, adults and seniors with disabilities. Since 1997 he has provided leadership in the development of interdisciplinary research programs in disability, physical activity and health promotion at the University of Illinois at Chicago and now at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He currently serves as director of the UAB-Lakeshore Foundation Research Collaborative and is involved in a 5-year federally funded longitudinal study examining the health trajectories of people with disabilities. Dr. Rimmer directs two federally funded centers, the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (funded by CDC since 1999), and the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Interactive Exercise Technologies and Exercise Physiology for People with Disabilities (funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research since 2002). He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. His current funding portfolio includes three federal agencies (NIH, CDC and NIDRR). He has

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