# COACHING STAFF



Brandon Brooks begins his second season as UCLA's head women's water polo coach in 2011. The former standout UCLA and Team USA goalkeeper was named the third head coach in program history on June 3, 2009.

Brooks coached the Bruins to the MPSF Tournament title in 2010, as UCLA earned an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years. UCLA advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh straight season, becoming the first MPSF team to win the conference tournament title as the fifth seed.

Along the way, Brooks helped with the development of goalkeeper Caitlin Dement, who set UCLA's single-season saves record (264). Dement ranked fourth among MPSF goalkeepers with a 9.10 saves per game average and registered a program-record 22 saves in an 8-3 win over UC Davis on Feb. 21, 2010. At the end of the season, she earned second-team All-MPSF honors.

UCLA finished its 2010 campaign with a 22-8 overall record, including a 4-3 mark in MPSF action. In all, three players earned All-MPSF Team honors, highlighted by first-team selection Priscilla Orozco. The Bruins had five players selected as ACWPC All-Academic selections and five named MPSF All-Academic honorees (four players received both academic awards).

Brooks served as an assistant coach with the UCLA men's and women's water polo teams for three seasons prior to his appointment as the head coach of the women's program (men's assistant in 2006, 2007 and 2008; women's assistant in 2007, 2008 and 2009). He also served as an undergraduate assistant coach with the men's program in 2004. Brooks helped lead the women's program to NCAA Championships each spring and guided the men's program to the 2004 NCAA title.

In his three seasons as an assistant coach with the women's program, Brooks' work with goalkeepers Emily Feher (2007) and Brittany Fullen (2008, 2009) proved instrumental to UCLA's national championship finishes. Fullen established a new single-season saves record as a junior, totaling 237 stops in 2008 (that record was eclipsed by Dement in 2010). The previous season, Feher recorded a 4.96 goals against average in 25 games before securing first-team All-America honors for the third consecutive season.

An undergraduate assistant on the men's water polo coaching staff in 2004, Brooks helped Joe Axelrad develop into the one of the nation's premier goalkeepers, leading UCLA to the NCAA Championship that fall.

Brooks starred on the men's water polo team from 1999-2002, leading the Bruins to back-to-back NCAA championships in 1999 and 2000, before excelling in the international water polo ranks and participating in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games for the USA Men's National Team.

In the summer of 2008, Brooks and former teammate Adam Wright (UCLA's men's water polo head coach) helped lead the USA Men's National Team to the silver medal at the Olympic Games in Beijing. Brooks, Wright and former teammate Brett Ormsby competed in the 2004 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Brooks was head coach of the Los Angeles Water Polo Club's boys 16-and-under team from 2006-08. In 2006, he coached the club team to an undefeated season, culminating in the Junior Olympic Championship. He helped develop 15 Division I men's water polo student-athletes in his tenure as head coach. Additionally, Brooks served on the coaching staff of the U.S. Women's National Team in the summer of 2009, alongside former UCLA head coach Adam Krikorian.

One of the nation's premier goalkeepers in four seasons at UCLA, Brooks helped lead the Bruins to back-to-back NCAA titles in his first two years (1999, 2000). He continued his stellar play in his final two seasons, earning All-America and All-MPSF honors each year. Brooks ranks second on UCLA's all-time saves list with 700 stops in four seasons.

A key goalkeeper on the USA National Team, Brooks led Team USA to the gold medal at the 2001 and 2003 Pan American Games. He served as the starting goalkeeper at the 2003 FINA World Championships (Barcelona), the 2004 Olympics (Athens) and the 2005 FINA World Championships (Montreal).

Brooks, 29, graduated from UCLA in 2005 with a degree in sociology. A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, Brooks is the oldest of three children and has 24-year-old twin sisters (Nicole and Jessica).



## THE BROOKS FILE

#### Brooks' Head Coaching Record (W. Water Polo)

Year	Overall	Conf.	Finish
2010	22-8	4-3	5th at NCAA Tourn., 1st at MPSF Tourn.
Totals	22-8	4-3	1 MPSF Tournament Championship

### **Brooks' Assistant Coaching Record (W. Water Polo)**

Year	Overall	Conf.	Finish	
2007	28-2	11-1	NCAA Champions	
2008	33-0	12-0	NCAA Champions	
2009	25-6	5-2	NCAA Champions	
Totals	86-8	28-3	3 NCAA Championships	

## Brooks' Assistant Coaching Record (M. Water Polo)

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2004	25-3	8-0	NCAA Champions
2006	17-6	6-2	3rd
2007	21-7	5-3	5th
2008	16-8	5-3	4th
Totals	79-24	24-8	1 NCAA Championship

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- •Two-time USA Olympic participant (2004, Athens; 2008, Beijing)
- · Member of silver-medal winning USA team at 2008 Beijing Olympics
- •Starting goalie for USA National Team at 2004 Athens Olympics
- Led Team USA to second place finish at 2008 FINA World League Finals
   Competed for USA on 2003 and 2005 World Championship squads
- Helped lead UCLA to NCAA Championships in 1999 and 2000
- Earned All-America and All-MPSF honors at UCLA in 2000, 2001 and 2002
- Ranks second on UCLA's all-time saves list with 700 stops (1999-2002)

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# THE CAHILL FILE

	Cahill's	Assistant	Coaching	Record
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Year	Overall	Conf.	Finish
2008	33-0	12-0	NCAA Champions
2010	22-8	4-3	5th
Totals	22-8	4-3	1 NCAA Championship

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Has led UCLA to the NCAA Tournament in each of her six years with the program
- •Guided the Bruins to the 2008 NCAA Championship as an assistant coach
- ·As a student-athlete at UCLA, won three NCAA titles (2005-07)
- Starred on the Bruins' undefeated NCAA Championship team in 2005 (33-0)



Molly Cahill enters her third season as an assistant coach with the UCLA women's water polo program in 2011. A four-year UCLA women's water polo letterwinner (2004-07), Cahill helped lead the Bruins to the MPSF Tournament title in 2010 after having served as an undergraduate assistant coach in 2008.

Cahill has guided the Bruins to the NCAA Tournament in each of her six years associated with the program. Likewise, she has lifted UCLA to the NCAA Championship in four of her six seasons — three as a student-athlete (2005-07) and one as undergraduate assistant coach in 2008.

In 2010, Cahill helped a young team, devoid of any seniors on the roster, improve over the course of the season and win the MPSF Tournament title as the conference's fifth-seeded team. The Bruins defeated No. 4-seed Hawai'i and No. 1-seed Stanford before taking down No. 2-seed USC in the tournament's title match at UCLA's Spieker Aquatics Center.

Serving as an undergraduate assistant coach in 2008, Cahill helped the Bruins win their fourth consecutive NCAA title - a streak with which she helped start during her sophomore season in 2005. UCLA posted a perfect 33-0 record that season, duplicating a feat the program had accomplished in 2005.

In four seasons as a UCLA student-athlete, Cahill registered 95 goals on 260 attempts and played in all 123 matches. She earned MPSF All-Academic Team honors her final three seasons (2005-07). Cahill was recognized as an ACWPC All-Academic "excellent" selection in 2005.

A senior in 2007, Cahill logged 26 goals on 52 attempts, collecting 12 steals and 11 assists. She scored 14 goals on 35 attempts her junior season (2006) and added 17 goals on 38 attempts as a sophomore (2005). The native of Santa Barbara, Calif., registered a career-best 38 goals on 135 attempts as a freshman (2004) before earning MPSF All-Freshman Team honors that spring.

Cahill, 25, graduated from UCLA in 2008 with a degree in history.

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