



# JEFF TEDFORD

HEAD COACH | 3RD SEASON | FRESNO STATE (1992)

Jeff Tedford, 57, inherited a 1-11 football program when he took over the reins of his alma mater and in two seasons all he's done as the 19th head football coach in Fresno State history is lead the program to a 22-6 record, a 2018 Mountain West Championship, two MW West division titles and two bowl wins.

In 2018, in addition to defeating Boise State on the road in overtime, 19-16, for Fresno State's first conference championship since 2013, the Bulldogs capped the season with a 31-20 triumph over Arizona State to win the Mitsubishi Motors Las Vegas Bowl. The bowl win left the Bulldogs with their first 12-win season in the 97-year history of the program. This, one season after engineering one of the greatest turnarounds in FBS history guiding the Bulldogs to a 10-4 record, an appearance in the MW title game and a Hawai'i Bowl win over Houston.

The renaissance under Tedford has led to FBS history being made as Fresno State became the first team to secure back-to-back double-digit winning seasons following a double-digit loss season.

The 2018 Bulldogs finished nationally ranked in the final rankings of the season for the first time since 2004. Fresno State finished ranked No. 18 in both the AP Top 25 and Coaches poll, announced Jan. 8, 2019. It was the best finish in the AP Top 25 in program history, besting No. 22 in 2004. The 'Dogs also held a No. 21 ranking in the final College Football Playoff poll released on Dec. 2, 2018.

Individual accolades in 2018 included Tedford being named an Eddie Robinson Award finalist and a Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award finalist. Fresno State sported 15 all-conference honorees in 2018, including the league's Defensive Player of the Year in linebacker Jeff Allison. In addition, 19 student-athletes were named to the Fall Academic All-Mountain West team.

With a 10-4 record in his first season, Fresno State became the third team in FBS history to turn a double-digit loss season (2016) into a double-digit win season (2017) the following year. The season included an appearance in the nation's top 25, clinching the Mountain West's West Division crown and leading the 'Dogs to their first

appearance in the MW Championship game since 2014. He also guided the 'Dogs to the program's first bowl victory since 2007 with their win at the Hawai'i Bowl.

Great success brought great notoriety as Tedford was named the 2017 Mountain West Coach of the Year, was a semifinalist for the George Munger College Coach of the Year Award presented by the Maxwell Football Club, a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, and the AFCA Region-5 Coach of the Year.

While Tedford was honored as the league's coach of the year, the team had 16 student-athletes recognized with MW postseason honors - the most for the Bulldogs in a single-season since joining the conference in 2012. In the classroom, the 'Dogs also set a team-best number since joining the conference as they had 24 named to the Fall Academic All-Mountain West team.

Tedford, a former Bulldog quarterback and Fresno State assistant coach, returned to the Valley after holding the position of offensive consultant for the Washington Huskies - a 2016 College Football Playoff team.

Tedford assumed the role of acting head coach on Nov. 27, 2016, following the conclusion of the 2016 season as Eric Kiesau carried out interim head coaching duties for the remaining two games on the 2016 schedule following Tedford's introductory press conference. Tedford was officially hired on Nov. 10, 2016.

Tedford, who was an already proven winner on the West Coast, came to the Valley with 11 years of head coaching experience at the Division I level - having led the California Golden Bears to 82 wins from 2002-2012. He left as the school's all-time winningest coach.

Tedford's ties to the Valley and Fresno State run deep. He played quarterback at Fresno State in 1981-82 under Jim Sweeney and coached at Fresno State under Sweeney from 1987-88 and 1992-96, and under a then-first-year head coach Pat Hill in 1997.

Tedford's coaching career started at Fresno State, volunteering as an assistant for the 1987-88 seasons. From there he picked up his first

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full-time position as an assistant for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League – a familiar league in which he played quarterback for six seasons after his collegiate career at Fresno State.

He returned to Fresno State in 1992 as the quarterbacks coach and served as the offensive coordinator for the Bulldogs over the ensuing five seasons.

Tedford held the same position at Oregon (1998-2001) before he became the head coach at Cal. He was named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year twice, leading the Golden Bears to a school record seven consecutive bowl games and to a conference title in 2006.

Following Tedford's stint at Cal, he moved on to the NFL in 2014 as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' offensive coordinator. The stop did not last long due to health issues during the preseason that evolved into an indefinite leave of absence, which resulted in the two sides mutually agreeing to part ways.

Tedford made his return to the CFL in 2015 as he was named the head coach of the B.C. Lions. At the conclusion of the season, Tedford elected to exercise an option in his contract to resign and pursue opportunities in college football.

Tedford made his return to college football as an offensive consultant for the Washington Huskies under head coach Chris Peterson in 2016. A relationship rekindled after their time together as assistants at Oregon under then-coach Mike Belotti. Washington's staff also included associate head coach Bob Gregory, who served as Tedford's defensive coordinator at Cal for eight seasons.

Tedford graduated from Warren High School in Downey, California and attended Cerritos Junior College for two seasons before becoming the Bulldogs' quarterback in 1981.

He and his wife Donna have two children, Taylor and Quinn.

### Cal Football (Head Coach, 2002-2012):

After accepting his first head coaching position in 2002, Tedford spent 11 seasons at the helm of the Cal football team. Tedford left Cal as the winningest coach in program history with 82 wins; the Golden Bears posted a school-record run of seven straight bowl appearances from 2003-09 and ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation in 2007 - its highest ranking since 1951.

The Bears were 5-3 in the postseason under Tedford, including a school-record string of four consecutive bowl wins from 2005-08, making him the only Cal mentor with more than two postseason victories. The Bears also won enough games to be bowl eligible with a seven-victory season in his first campaign in 2002, but were ineligible for a bowl. In addition, Cal put together a school-record-tying eight consecutive winning campaigns from 2002-09 and added a ninth in 10 seasons in 2011. Cal twice posted a school record-tying 10 wins under Tedford, the sixth and seventh times in school history, in 2004 and 2006.

All of this at the head of a program that won just one game in 2001, the year prior to his arrival - making the renaissance of the Cal football program over that decade arguably one of the most impressive turnarounds in college football history.

The Bears had 40 players selected in the NFL Draft during the 11 drafts following seasons that have occurred while Tedford was the head coach at Cal, including eight first-round picks.

Tedford also has earned a reputation as a strong recruiter, with his last three classes in 2010, '11 and '12 being ranked as high as No. 11, No. 13 and No. 15 nationally. Prior to the 2011 campaign, Sporting News bestowed the honor of the Pac-12's best recruiter on him.

#### Tedford Year-by-Year College Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Overall	Conference	Postseason
2002	Cal	7-5	4-4 (T-4th)	---
2003	Cal	8-6	5-3 (T-3rd)	Insight
2004	Cal	10-2	7-1 (2nd)	Holiday
2005	Cal	8-4	4-4 (T-4th)	Las Vegas
2006	Cal	10-3	7-2 (T-1st)	Holiday
2007	Cal	7-6	3-6 (T-7th)	Armed Forces
2008	Cal	9-4	6-3 (4th)	Emerald
2009	Cal	8-5	5-4 (T-5th)	Poinsettia
2010	Cal	5-7	3-6 (8th)	---
2011	Cal	7-6	4-5 (4th North)	Holiday
2012	Cal	3-9	2-7 (5th North)	---
2017	Fresno State	10-4	7-1 (1st West)	Hawai'i
2018	Fresno State	12-2	7-1 (1st West)	Las Vegas
Totals	14 Years	104-63 (.623)	64-47 (.577)	10 Bowl Appearances

But Tedford's teams not only got it done on the field, they got it done in the classroom in Berkeley. His players were recognized as conference All-Academic honorees 110 times in 11 seasons.

Tedford's success with the Cal program also resulted in local devotion and national attention. Cal averaged more than 57,000 fans per contest for seven consecutive seasons from 2004-10, before



### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Fresno State (2016-Pres.)

- Head Coach

#### Washington (2016)

- Offensive Consultant

#### B.C. Lions (2015)

- Head Coach

#### Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2014)

- Offensive Coordinator

#### California (2002-12)

- Head Coach

#### Oregon (1998-2001)

- Offensive Coordinator

#### Fresno State (1992-97)

- Offensive Coordinator (1993-97)
- Quarterbacks Coach (1992)

#### Calgary Stampeders (1989-91)

- Offensive Assistant

#### Fresno State (1987-88)

- Volunteer Assistant Coach

### PERSONAL

#### Hometown

- Downey, Calif.

#### Education

- Fresno State - B.A. (1992)

#### Playing Exp.

- Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1983-85)
- Calgary Stampeders (1986)
- Saskatchewan Roughriders (1987)
- Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1988)
- Fresno State (QB, 1981-82)
- Cerritos College (QB, 1979-80)

#### Family

- Wife: Donna
- Children: Taylor, Quinn



moving to the 45,000-seat AT&T Park in 2011 while Memorial Stadium underwent an extensive renovation and retrofit prior to reopening for the team's 2012 home contests. The seven-year stretch included a string of 43 consecutive games in front of at least 50,000 fans at Memorial Stadium (Sept. 11, 2004 – Nov. 20, 2010). In 2006, the Bears set school records for average fans per home game (64,318) and overall spectators (450,223). The following year in 2007, Cal established a school record with 41,366 season-ticket holders.

Nationally, Cal had multiple Heisman Trophy candidates under Tedford's tutelage, with J.J. Arrington (2004), Marshawn Lynch (2006), DeSean Jackson (2007) and Jahvid Best (2009) among top candidates for the prestigious honor at some point in the season; Arrington finished eighth in the final voting.

Tedford has used his own signal-calling experience to build a reputation as a quarterback guru. During his lengthy collegiate coaching career at Cal (2002-2012), Oregon (1998-2001) and Fresno State (1992-97), Tedford has been an integral piece in the development of six quarterbacks that became NFL first-round picks – Kyle Boller, David Carr, Trent Dilfer, Joey Harrington, Aaron Rodgers and Akili Smith.

Rodgers, an under-the-radar junior college transfer like Tedford, ranked No. 8 nationally in pass efficiency in 2004 when he completed 66.1 percent of his passes for 2,566 yards and 24 touchdowns with only eight interceptions for the Bears. He put up similar numbers the previous season when he completed 61.6 percent of his passes for 2,903 yards and 19 touchdowns with only five interceptions. After being drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the first round of the 2005 NFL Draft, Rodgers has become one of the top quarterbacks in the NFL and followed his first Pro Bowl selection in 2009 by earning Super Bowl XLV MVP honors the following season after leading the Packers to a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

In addition to his success with quarterbacks, Tedford's teams have featured balanced attacks and became notorious for their ferocity on the ground. In nine of his first 10 seasons at Cal, Tedford had at least one running back post a 1,000-yard rushing season, including a string of seven consecutive years with a 1,000-yard rusher from 2002-08 and then again in 2010 and 2011.

In 2004, Arrington broke Chuck Muncie's single-season school record with 2,018 yards, which led the country (168.2 ypg) as Arrington rushed for at least 100 yards in each of his 12 contests. In 2007, Justin Forsett's 1,546 rushing yards were briefly the second-best in Cal history, but Best's four-game flourish (814 yards) at the end of 2008 gave him 1,580 for the year to move past Forsett. Lynch had back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in 2005 and 2006, while Adimchinobe Echemandu (1,195 yards in 2003), Isi Sofole (1,322 yards in 2011), Shane Vereen (1,167 yards in 2010), and Joe Igber (1,075 yards in 2002) each reached the 1,000-yard milestone under Tedford as well.

While offense has been Tedford's forte, Cal's defense toughened considerably during his reign as the Bears' coach. His 2004 team ranked eighth nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 16.0 points per game. In 2005, the Bears led the Pac-10 in scoring defense, giving up only 21.2 points per contest. In 2008, Cal led the Pac-10 in the two key categories of red zone defense (68.2%) and takeaways (34). The Bears were second in the conference in rush defense (112.0 ypg) in 2009. Cal then had a stellar season on defense in 2010 in their first year under

**“I can't think of a better place to lead a group of young men onto the football field. Coming to Fresno State is coming home for myself and my family. To have this special opportunity to return to my coaching roots is truly a dream come true. Our mission will be to grow and develop young people to reach their full potential in all areas ... academically, athletically, socially and spiritually ... to complete at high levels in the classroom and on the field while doing so with great character and high integrity.”**

***Fresno State head coach Jeff Tedford***

former Super Bowl coordinator Clancy Pendergast, leading the league and ranking among the top 25 nationally in sacks (2.83 spg, No. 13 NCAA), total defense (319.08 ypg, No. 18 NCAA) and pass defense (187.0 ypg, No. 21 NCAA). In 2011, Cal again led the Pac-12 in total defense (332.92 ypg) and pass defense (204.23 ypg), ranking 25th and 37th nationally. Cal also continued to make big plays on defense in 2011 as the Pac-12's top team in tackles for loss (7.69 tflpg, No. 7 NCAA) while ranking third in the conference in sacks (2.62 spg, No. 19 NCAA). In addition, the Bears led the Pac-12 in opponents' first downs, allowing only 17.4 per game.

Other national recognition that came the Bears way under Tedford was: Alex Mack picking up the 2008 Draddy Award (often referred to as the Academic Heisman), while Mike Mohamed was one of 16 players across the country in the National Football Foundation's Scholar-Athlete Class of 2010 and a finalist for the prestigious honor won by Mack now known as the William V. Campbell Trophy. Giorgio Tavecchio was a semifinalist for the same honor in 2011. In 2006, the Bears had a pair of players

#### **First Round NFL Quarterbacks Coached by Tedford**

- Kyle Boller (Cal) - 2003: 19th pick (Baltimore)  
- Coached in 2002
- David Carr (Fresno State) - 2002: 1st pick (Houston)  
- Coached in 1997
- Trent Dilfer (Fresno State) - 1994: 6th pick (Tampa Bay)  
- Coached from 1992-93
- Joey Harrington (Oregon) - 2002: 3rd pick (Detroit)  
- Coached from 1998-2001
- Aaron Rodgers (Cal) - 2005: 24th pick (Green Bay)  
- Coached from 2003-04
- Akili Smith (Oregon) - 1999: 3rd pick (Cincinnati)  
- Coached in 1998

collect national awards. Jackson was the recipient of the inaugural Randy Moss Award as the top returner in the country, while Daymeion Hughes earned The Lott IMPACT Trophy, given to the nation's top defensive player to equally recognize his athletic performance and personal character.

#### **As an Assistant Coach:**

Prior to his arrival in Berkeley, Tedford was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Oregon, serving in that role for four seasons,

including the 2001 campaign when the Ducks finished with a No. 2 national ranking.

Tedford played an integral role in the rise of the Oregon program during his tenure in Eugene – a period in which the Ducks posted the Pac-10's best record (38-10) while finishing progressively better each year (8-4 in 1998, 9-3 in 1999, 10-2 in 2000 and 11-1 in 2001). During his first season as offensive coordinator in 1998, Oregon set school records in passing yards, total offense and points scored. Tedford's passing acumen was clearly evident in the rapid development of Smith, who earned Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year accolades as he finished second in the nation in pass efficiency and was later chosen third overall in the 1999 NFL Draft by Cincinnati.

Duck quarterbacks A.J. Feeley and Joey Harrington combined to pass for 3,131 yards and 24 TDs on the Sun Bowl champion team that ranked 13th nationally in scoring in 1999, while the 2000 club tied for the Pac-10 crown and defeated Texas in the Holiday Bowl. Tedford's last Oregon squad in 2001 showcased one of the nation's premier quarterbacks in Harrington, who won Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year honors and finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

In 1992 as the quarterbacks coach at Fresno State, Tedford began honing the skills of Trent Dilfer. Under Tedford's guidance, the Bulldogs' quarterback earned first-team All-WAC honors for an offense that led the nation in scoring (44.2 ppg), ranked second in total offense (541.9 ypg) and beat USC in the Freedom Bowl. A season later, Tedford became the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator, and Fresno State ranked third nationally in scoring and total offense while earning an Aloha Bowl invitation. Dilfer ranked first nationally in passing efficiency (173.1 rating) and won the WAC Offensive Player of the Year award. He was later chosen by Tampa Bay with the sixth overall selection of the 1994 NFL Draft.

Tedford's coaching career began with two seasons as a volunteer assistant at Fresno State (1987-88) before he joined Calgary of the CFL for three seasons (1989-91), including the 1991 team that advanced to the Grey Cup title game.

### Playing Career:

A relentless drive developed in Tedford as a young football player at Warren High School, in the Southern California city of Downey, that led the undersized quarterback to a solid prep career. Tedford had a standout two-year stint at Cerritos College (1979-80) before a record-setting two-year stay at Fresno State (1981-82). During his days as a Bulldog, he established several school passing records, including career marks for passing yardage (4,872) and touchdown passes (35), while earning honorable mention All-America notice in 1982 when he set single-season Fresno State standards for passing yardage (2,993) and TD passes (24).

After departing Fresno State, Tedford played professionally in the Canadian Football League for six seasons with Hamilton, Calgary, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg. He appeared in the league's championship game (Grey Cup) with Hamilton in 1984.

## JEFF TEDFORD COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Has coached in 16 Bowl Games.
- Has seen 41 players drafted in the NFL as a head coach.
- Engineered the second-largest win improvement in FBS history in his first year at Fresno State (+8) as the Bulldogs became only the third FBS team go from double-digit losses to double digit wins.
- Led Fresno State to its first bowl win since 2007 during his first season.
- Three-time conference Coach of the Year with two in the Pac-10 (2002, 2004) and one in the Mountain West (2017).
- Led Cal to a school-record seven consecutive bowl games.
- Led the Golden Bears to a school-record-tying eight straight winning seasons (2002-09).
- Recorded 14 wins over ranked teams during his 11 seasons at Cal.
- Offenses at Cal averaged at least 29 points per game in nine of 11 seasons, including a then-program best of 36.8 in 2004.
- Produced seven-straight 1,000-yard rushing seasons and had a 1,000-yard rusher in nine of his 11 seasons at Cal.
- 2008: Offensive lineman Alex Mack was awarded the Draddy Trophy, otherwise known as the "Academic Heisman".
- 2007: Six players selected in the 2008 NFL Draft, a school-record for the seven-round version of the draft.
- 2006: Named a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award.
- 2004: Posted school's best regular-season record (10-1) since 1950 team which was 9-0-1 en route to being named Pac-10 Coach of the Year for the second time, a feat that no other coach at Cal had accomplished.
- 2004: All-American J.J. Arrington rushed for a NCAA-best and program record, 2,018 yards.
- 2003: Led the Pac-10 in rushing for the first time in 45 years with 2,356 yards and a 168.3 yard per game average.
- 2002: Named Pac-10 Coach of the Year in his first season at Cal, tying for the biggest one-year turnaround in the nation, and second-largest in in program history, after a six-win increase.
- 2002: Led the Bears to three victories over nationally-ranked opponents in the same season for the first time in 52 years.

### Coaching History in Bowl Games

	School	Result (Opponent)
• As a Head Coach		
▪ 2018 Las Vegas	Fresno State	W, 31-20 (Arizona State)
▪ 2017 Hawai'i	Fresno State	W, 33-27 (Houston)
▪ 2011 Holiday	California	L, 21-10 (Texas)
▪ 2009 Poinsettia	California	L, 37-27 (Utah)
▪ 2008 Emerald	California	W, 24-17 (Miami)
▪ 2007 Armed Forces	California	W, 42-36 (Air Force)
▪ 2006 Holiday	California	W, 45-10 (Texas A&M)
▪ 2005 Las Vegas	California	W, 35-28 (BYU)
▪ 2004 Holiday	California	L, 45-31 (Texas Tech)
▪ 2003 Insight	California	W, 52-49 (Virginia Tech)
• As an Assistant		
▪ 2001 Fiesta	Oregon	W, 38-16 (Colorado)
▪ 2000 Holiday	Oregon	W, 35-30 (Texas)
▪ 1999 Sun	Oregon	W, 24-20 (Minnesota)
▪ 1998 Aloha	Oregon	L, 51-43 (Colorado)
▪ 1993 Aloha	Fresno State	L, 41-30 (Colorado)
▪ 1992 Freedom	Fresno State	W, 24-7 (USC)

# RYAN GRUBB

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

3RD SEASON | BUENA VISTA (1999)

Ryan Grubb enters his third year at Fresno State, but in a new capacity. It was announced on Feb. 18, 2019 he would be promoted to the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator and associate head coach. In the new role, Grubb will continue to be responsible for coaching the offensive line as he did the previous two seasons, but will work alongside newly appointed assistant offensive line coach Roman Sapolu for the 2019 season.

Grubb built on an impeccable first-year with the program in year two, having an offensive line unit that allowed just 12 sacks. In two seasons under Grubb, Fresno State has surrendered only 22 sacks. In 2018 alone, 97 of the 129 FBS programs allowed 22 sacks or more.

At a clip of 0.86 sacks allowed per game in 2018 by the Bulldogs, it ranked sixth-best in the FBS. In addition, Fresno State allowed just 54 tackles for loss, which at a rate of 3.86 tackles for loss allowed per game ranked fifth-best in the nation.

Under Grubb in his first season, the Bulldogs' offensive line turned into one of the team's strongest positions. His group allowed only 10 sacks in 14 games (0.71 per game) which ranked third in the FBS. It was a complete turnaround with a group that allowed 31 sacks the previous year. The Dogs held six opponents without a sack in 2017, with only two teams recording more than one sack in a single game. Fresno State ranked third in the FBS in tackles for loss allowed per game at 3.29 per outing.

The line also helped pave the way for the Bulldogs' rushing attack to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark for the first time since 2014 in Grubb's first season with the program in 2017. The team again surpassed the 2,000-yard plateau in 2018, which marked the first time since the 2008-09 seasons that the Bulldogs had back-to-back 2,000 yard rushing seasons.

All five linemen from the 2017 team earned all-conference recognition. Center Aaron Mitchell earned second-team all-conference honors while Christian Cronk, Netane Muti, David Patterson and Micah St. Andrew each received honorable mention nods. In 2018, Cronk picked up All-MW first-team honors and St. Andrew was a second-team selection.

Grubb previously served as the offensive line coach at EMU for three seasons where he guided a group which allowed the eighth-fewest sacks in the nation in 2016 by allowing a program record-low of 13 sacks, as well as the second-fewest tackles for a loss in the nation. His line produced two postseason All-MAC linemen in Cole Gardner and Andrew Wylie at seasons end.

Eastern Michigan shattered the school record for team offense with 5,917 yards, breaking the previous record of 5,010. EMU also set team season records for points scored (385), passing yards (3,849), touchdown passes (25), first downs (303), pass completions (309), plays (999) as well single-game plays (99). The squad racked up the second-most touchdowns (47) and rushing TDs (21) in a season and the second-most single-game touchdown (8) and first downs (35). On the ground, the team produced the seventh-most yards rushing in program history (2,068).

During the 2015 campaign, EMU finished the year with 39 touchdowns, a mark that tied for the fifth-most in a single

season in program history, while its 4,560 yards of total offense was also the fifth-most.

Before arriving to Eastern Michigan, Grubb spent seven seasons at the University of Sioux Falls: the first three as the run game coordinator and offensive line coach followed by four seasons as the offensive coordinator. Grubb shared the same sideline with current Bulldog offensive coordinator Kalen DeBoer from 2007-09 at USF and took over DeBoer's OC duties upon his departure.

During Grubb's time at Sioux Falls, the team posted an astonishing 75-13 (.852) record, as Grubb helped guide USF to two national championships and four Great Plains Athletic Conference championships. Grub mentored multiple All-American, and saw Jon Ryan (wide receiver) and Lorenzo Brown (quarterback) earn NAIA Player of the Year honors. He helped more than 20 USF athletes garner all-conference accolades during his time with the Cougars.

In 2010, the Cougar offense thrived in its first year under the command of Grubb. The USF offense ranked third in scoring (577 pts) and fourth in passing (3,821 yds) in the NAIA. Under Grubb, senior receiver Jon Ryan was named the NAIA Football Player of the Year and the GPAC Offensive Player of the Year.

The 2009 offensive line provided spectacular blocking for both USF's running backs and NAIA Player of the Year quarterback Lorenzo Brown on the way to the program's fourth national title. The Cougar offense set school records for points in a game (80), points per game (51.6), points in a season (775), total offense (7,313 yards), rush offense (3,842), and the most rushing yards by a team in the NAIA. The unit only gave up 14 sacks in 15 games.

In 2008, the offensive line paved the way to the sixth-ranked rushing attack (235.6 yards per game) and 10th-best scoring attack (36.5) in the country, while only giving up 10 sacks in 14 games. Shawn Flanagan, Kyle Staudt and TJ Wendt earned all-conference recognition, while Wendt was named a first-team All-American, and Flanagan was named second-team All-American.

Grubb also served as the strength and conditioning coordinator for the USF football program and was named American Football Monthly's NAIA National Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year for the 2008 season.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fresno State (2017-pres.)

- Offensive Coordinator (2019-pres.)
- Assistant Coach (OL/RGC) (2017-18)

### Eastern Michigan (2014-16)

- Assistant Coach (OL)

### Sioux Falls (2007-13)

- Offensive Coordinator (2010-13)
- Assistant Coach (OL/RGC) (2007-09)

### South Dakota State (2005-06)

- Assistant Coach (WR/RB)

### Kingsley-Pierson HS

(Iowa) (2003-04)

- Offensive Coordinator

## PERSONAL

### Hometown

- Kingsley, Iowa

### Education

- Buena Vista (1999) - B.A.
- South Dakota State (2006) - M.A.

### Playing Exp.

- Buena Vista (RB/WR)

### Family

- Wife: Stephanie
- Children: Falyynn



# BERT WATTS

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ASSISTANT HEAD COACH

3RD SEASON | CALIFORNIA (2003)

Bert Watts enters his third season at Fresno State and second as the Bulldogs' defensive coordinator.

In year one leading the defense in place of Jeff Tedford's first defensive coordinator Orlando Steinauer - now head coach of the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats - the Bulldogs' production on defense was just as impressive in year two of the Tedford era as opponents were held to 14.1 points per game, a season after teams were limited to 17.9 points per game.

Fresno State, a 12-2 team and Mountain West Champions, finished the 2018 season ranked in the Top 10 in the FBS in several statistical categories under Watts, including red zone defense (1st), scoring defense (3rd), passes intercepted (4th), team passing efficiency defense (5th) as well as turnover margin (9th).

En route to grinding out a 19-16 overtime win at Boise State for the Bulldogs' first Mountain West title since 2013, the defense produced key stop after key stop. In the middle of it was Mykal Walker, the MVP of the game. He led the defense with 12 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, 1.5 sacks and a fumble recovery.

In addition, 2018 saw linebacker Jeff Allison named the Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year. He was the second Bulldog to earn MW Defensive Player of the Year honors dating back to 2012 when consensus All-American safety Phillip Thomas took home the award. Fresno State also saw Walker and Tank Kelly named first team All-MW selections.

As Fresno State's linebackers coach in 2017, Watts was instrumental in the rise in level of play in the middle of the Bulldogs' defense that led to the team ranking 10th in the FBS in scoring defense at 17.9 points per game and 15th in total defense with 320.6 yards allowed per game. Jeff Allison and George Helmuth ranked 1-2 on the team in tackles as both shattered their previous highs with 126 and 89, respectively.

Allison garnered first team All-Mountain West accolades as he became a force in the middle of the field, making the ninth-most stops in a season at Fresno State, and most since 2007. His total of 126 tackles was 105 more than his first year. Helmuth had a breakout season under Watts, posting 65 more tackles in 2017 than he had during his previous two seasons combined.

Watts came to Fresno State after four seasons as the defensive coordinator at UC Davis under Aggie head football coach Ron Gould; his position group focus was with the defensive backs.

Watts' history with Jeff Tedford dates back to his playing days at Cal, and later as a graduate assistant at Cal.

Watts' first season overseeing the UC Davis defense in 2013 resulted in four of his players earning postseason recognition from the Big Sky

Conference while it added two the next season and five more honors from the conference in 2016.

In 2012, defensive lineman Nick King was a second-team pick after amassing eight sacks, cornerback Jonathan Perkins had four pass breakups on his way to third-team accolades, linebacker Steven Pitts earned honorable mention after tallying 74 tackles and 11.5 TFLs, and cornerback Shamawn Wright was selected honorable mention after leading the team with nine PBUs. Pitts returned to the All-Big Sky honorable mention squad in 2014 and was joined by safety Charles Boyett.

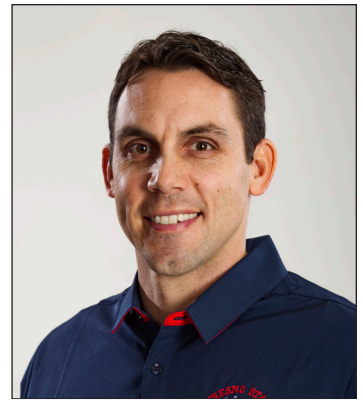
In 2016, defensive tackle Inoke Raikadroka was named a second-team selection after compiling 24 tackles, 3.5 TFLs, 1.0 sacks and one fumble recovery in nine games played. Defensive tackle Zak Pettit, inside linebacker Nas Anesi, cornerback Keelen Culberson and safety Zach Jones earned honorable mention recognition.

Watts joined the UC Davis staff after gaining coaching experience at the collegiate level and overseas. Watts spent 2012 with the Denver Broncos, who went on to earn the top seed in the AFC playoffs. Prior to that, he spent two seasons at the University of Colorado as the Buffaloes' defensive technical intern.

Watts, who also coached two years of high school football in Florida, was the defensive coordinator for the Raiffeisen Vikings in Austria in 2007.

He moved into coaching after playing for Cal, where he led the Bears with 80 tackles as a senior in 2002. The starting senior safety was the leading tackler for that season, which was Tedford's first Golden Bear football team. Following his final season, the three-year letterman was the recipient of the team's Joe Roth Award, given to the player that exemplifies superior courage, attitude and sportsmanship.

The Basking Ridge, N.J. native continued his football career as a graduate assistant coach under Tedford during the 2004 and 2005 seasons - helping the team to a combined 18-6 mark, including a 10-2 season in 2004 that ended with a berth in the Holiday Bowl.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fresno State (2017-pres.)

- Defensive Coordinator (2018-pres.)
- Assistant Coach (LB) (2017)

### UC Davis (2013-16)

- Defensive Coordinator

### Denver Broncos (2012)

- Staff Assistant

### Colorado (2010-11)

- Defensive Technical Intern

### Bishop Kenny HS (Fla.) (2009)

- Defensive Coordinator

### Bartram Trial (Fla.) (2008)

- Assistant Coach (TE)

### Raiffeisen Vikings-Austria (2007)

- Defensive Coordinator

### California (2004-05)

- Defensive Graduate Assistant

## PERSONAL

### Hometown

- Basking Ridge, New Jersey

### Education

- California (2003) - B.A
- California (2006) - M.A.

### Playing Exp.

- California (DB)

### Family

- Wife: Lyndsay
- Children: Vedder



# JAMIE CHRISTIAN

RUNNING BACKS/SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

3RD SEASON | CENTRAL WASHINGTON (1999)

Jamie Christian enters his third season at Fresno State as the running backs coach as well as the Bulldogs' special teams coordinator.

With his top three running backs entering his first season being two true freshmen and one true sophomore, Christian helped the Bulldogs eclipse the 2,000-yard rushing mark for the first time since 2014. True freshmen Jordan Mims and Ronnie Rivers accounted for 1,082 yards and 11 touchdowns in 10 starts to help pile up a team total of 2,170 yards.

The Bulldogs gained more than 2,000 yards on the ground once again in 2018, marking the first back-to-back seasons of 2,000 yards rushing since the 2008-09 seasons. The 'Dogs registered 2,161 yards rushing aided by four different ball carriers producing 250 or more yards apiece. Despite missing three games and starting just seven due to a spring football injury, sophomore Ronnie Rivers led the team with 743 yards and 10 touchdowns, which included a breakout performance in the Las Vegas Bowl that earned him MVP honors. Rivers accounted for the fourth-most all-purpose yards in school history with 286 in the contest, 212 of those being rushing yards.

The former Bulldog fullback (1991-93) spent the previous two seasons as the running backs coach at UNLV; in his time there the Rebels rushing offense dramatically improved from ranking 102nd (129.2 yards/game) in the FBS before he arrived, to 36th (193.7 yards/game) in his first year, and 15th (241.5 yards/game) in 2016.

Christian arrived in Las Vegas after serving as the special teams coordinator and inside receivers and tight ends coach at Houston.

In Christian's final season at UH before the Tom

Herman regime took over, the Cougars had a passing offense that produced 230.2 yards per game and was led by Fresno native (Washington Union HS) Deontay Greenberry, who was named a second-team All-American Athletic Conference wide receiver in 2014.

Greenberry led the team with 841 yards receiving, with the next closest teammate trailing him by 302 yards. He left the program with the ninth-most receiving yards in school history (2,612) and eighth on the all-time list for career receptions (201).

In 2013, Christian's special teams at UH earned three honors from the American Athletic Conference as freshman Demarcus Ayers was named the league's Co-Special Teams Player of the Year and was named to the American's first-team while Richie Leone was named second-team.

Christian's other unit, inside receivers, received postseason accolades in 2013 as well. Greenberry was named to the American's first-team as he led the league with an average of 100.2 receiving yards per game and was second with 11 receiving touchdowns. Greenberry was second in the American with five 100-yard games.

Noted as a strong recruiter with ties to California, and now Houston and Louisiana, he was named to Rivals' top recruiters list in 2013.

Before joining the Cougars in 2012, Christian spent five seasons coaching the special teams, running backs, tight ends and inside receivers at Arizona State of the Pac-12 Conference, including mentoring 2007 Lou Groza Award winner Thomas Weber. Christian also tutored ASU's Gerell Robinson, one of college football's top pass-catchers in 2011, making 77 receptions for 1,397 yards and seven scores.

Prior to his time at Arizona State, Christian spent five seasons with Dennis Erickson (his uncle) at the University of Idaho (2006), the San Francisco 49ers (2003, 2004) and at Oregon State (2000, 2001). Christian has also coached at Northern Arizona (2002) and at Sacramento State (2005).

Christian was a fullback at Fresno State (1991-93) before transferring to Central Washington to finish out his collegiate career as a running back. In Christian's sophomore season in 1992, Jeff Tedford arrived to Fresno State as a first-year assistant coach. Christian switched to running back as a senior at Central Washington and was its leader in rushing yards and touchdowns and helped lead the Wildcats to the 1995 NAIA National Championship.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fresno State (2017-pres.)

- Assistant Coach (RB/STC)

### UNLV (2015-16)

- Assistant Coach (RB)

### Houston (2012-14)

- Assistant Coach (STC/TE/IWR)

### Arizona State (2007-11)

- Assistant Coach (STC/IWR/RB)

### Idaho (2006)

- Assistant Coach (RB)

### Sacramento State (2005)

- Assistant Coach (RB)

### San Francisco 49ers (2003-04)

- Defensive Quality Control

### Northern Arizona (2002)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

### Oregon State (2000-01)

- Defensive Graduate Assistant

## PERSONAL

### Hometown

- Milpitas, Calif.

### Education

- Central Washington (1999)

### Playing Exp.

- Central Washington (RB)
- Fresno State (FB)

### Family

- Wife: Deja
- Children: Cree
- Grand Children: Akari





# DANNY LANGSDORF

QUARTERBACKS/PASSING GAME COORDINATOR

1ST SEASON | LINFIELD (ORE.) COLLEGE (1995)

Danny Langsdorf enters his first season at Fresno State as the quarterbacks coach and Bulldogs' passing game coordinator. Langsdorf comes to the Central Valley from Oregon where he served one season as an offensive analyst.

Prior to Oregon, Langsdorf was an FBS level offensive coordinator 12 of the previous 13 seasons, having spent one season in that span in the NFL.

Langsdorf paired with Mike Riley for a second time at Nebraska for three seasons from 2015-17 as an offensive coordinator after working with Riley in the same capacity for nine seasons at Oregon State from 2005-13.

Langsdorf helped the NU offense to impressive numbers in his first season, as the Huskers finished in the top three in the Big Ten in passing, scoring, total offense and third-down offense. NU showed good balance, with 3,000 passing yards and 2,000 rushing yards for only the third time in school history and the first time since 2008.

Individually, Tommy Armstrong Jr. threw for better than 3,000 yards for the second straight season while connecting on 22 touchdown passes. Receiver Jordan Westerkamp set an NU receiver record with 65 receptions, while producing the third-highest yardage total in school history.

In 2016, the Husker offense was one of the nation's most improved teams in protecting the football. Nebraska turned the ball over on offense just 14 times, NU's lowest total since 1992. The Huskers also ranked among the nation's leaders in sacks allowed and time of possession. Five Husker offensive players earned All-Big Ten honors in 2016, including quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr., who became NU's career leader in passing and total offense.

In year three, Nebraska's offense was led by standout wideout Stanley Morgan Jr. The second team All-Big Ten honoree set a Nebraska season record with 986 receiving yards on 61 receptions and his 10 touchdown catches ranked third on the NU single-season list. Morgan led the Big Ten Conference in touchdown catches (10), receiving yards per game (89.6 ypg) and 100-yard receiving games (5), while ranking second in receiving yards (986) and third in receptions (61).

In 2014, Langsdorf served as the quarterbacks coach with the New York Giants. Langsdorf worked directly with two-time Super Bowl winning quarterback Eli Manning, who had one of the top seasons of his career.

Before joining the Giants' staff, Langsdorf spent the previous nine seasons as Riley's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Oregon State. Langsdorf's Oregon State offenses were regularly among the most productive in the Pac-12 Conference, and nine of OSU's top 13 single season yardage outputs came under Langsdorf's coaching. The play of the Beaver offenses helped OSU to six bowl appearances in eight seasons from 2006 to 2013, including four bowl wins.

From 2002-04, Langsdorf was on the New Orleans Saints' coaching staff. Before New Orleans, he spent three seasons in the Canadian Football League with the Edmonton Eskimos. Langsdorf first worked for Riley at Oregon State in 1997 and 1998, when he coached the tight ends.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fresno State (2019-pres.)

- Assistant Coach (QBs)

### Oregon (2018)

- Offensive Analyst

### Nebraska (2015-17)

- Offensive Coordinator (QBs)

### New York Giants (2014)

- Assistant Coach (QBs)

### Oregon State (2005-13)

- Offensive Coordinator (QBs)

### New Orleans Saints (2002-04)

- Assistant Coach (QBs)

### Edmonton Eskimos (1999-2001)

- Offensive Coordinator (QB/WR)

### Oregon State (1997-98)

- Graduate Assistant (TE)

### California Lutheran (1996)

- Assistant Coach

## PERSONAL

### Hometown

- McMinnville, Ore.

### Education

- Linfield College (1995)

### Playing Exp.

- Linfield College (QB)
- Boise State (QB)

### Family

- Wife: Michele
- Children: Carter, Dawson





# KIRBY MOORE

WIDE RECEIVERS

3RD SEASON | BOISE STATE (2012)

Kirby Moore joined Fresno State in 2017 as a wide receivers coach following two years as a graduate assistant at Washington.

In Moore's first season at Fresno State he helped guide KeeSean Johnson to All-Mountain West honors after the junior accounted for nearly half of his group's production in 2017 with 1,013 yards coming on a then-career-best 77 receptions.

In year two guiding the Bulldogs' receiving corps, the offense amassed over 3,000 yards through the air for the ninth time in program history, totaling 3,629 yards in 2018.

Leading the way in 2018 was Johnson as the standout exploded in his senior campaign. Johnson led the team in receptions (95), receiving yards (1,340) and touchdowns (8). His 95 receptions ranked fourth-most in the FBS in 2018 and fifth-most in a single season in program history while his 1,340 yards ranked sixth-most in the FBS in 2018 and the fifth-most in a single season in program history. The following offseason, Johnson heard his name called in the sixth round of the NFL Draft, selected by the Arizona Cardinals.

Moore, a former wide receiver at Boise State, reunited with college coach Chris Petersen at Washington, and was alongside Jeff Tedford while he was an offensive consultant for the Huskies in 2016.

The Boise State grad earned four varsity letters as a Bronco (2009, 2011-13), lettering on a 14-0 team as a true freshman in 2009. After redshirting

the 2010 season, he helped Boise State compile a record of 31-8 over his final three seasons.

As a G.A. who worked with Washington's wide receivers corps, Huskies' wideouts John Ross and Dante Pettis led the nation in touchdown receptions as a duo with 32 in 2016. Ross was named a first-team All-Pac-12 selection. The Huskies won the Pac-12 Championship and advanced to their first College Football Playoff berth to cap a standout season.

In 2014, Moore's season in between his playing days at Boise State and serving as a graduate assistant at Washington, he coached the wide receivers at the College of Idaho.

As a senior in 2013, Moore caught 36 passes for 280 yards despite missing six games due to injury. In 2012, he was the team's second-leading receiver with 36 catches for 368 yards. Following the 2013 season, he earned Academic All-District VII and Academic All-Mountain West Conference honors.

As a freshman, united with older brother Kellen Moore, the two were a part of the Broncos' 2010 Fiesta Bowl win over TCU. Both brothers attended Prosser High in Washington, where Kirby set a national record with 95 career touchdown receptions. Playing for his father, Tom Moore, he was first-team all-state as a junior and senior and was named the Washington 2A Player of the Year as a senior, when he had 131 receptions for 2,126 yards and 34 TDs.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

**Fresno State (2017-pres.)**

- Assistant Coach (WR)

**Washington (2015-16)**

- Offensive Graduate Assistant

**College of Idaho (2014)**

- Assistant Coach (WR)

## PERSONAL

**Hometown**

- Prosser, Wash.

**Education**

- Boise State (2012)

**Playing Exp.**

- Boise State (WR)

**Family**

- Wife: Kayla



# WILL PLEMONS

DEFENSIVE LINE

1ST SEASON | CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN (1997)

Will Plemons enters his first season at Fresno State under head coach Jeff Tedford as the team's defensive line coach, but is a familiar face in the Valley as a former assistant under Pat Hill. Plemons served two stints under Hill, once as an assistant coach from 2008-11 and as a graduate assistant in 2004-05.

Plemons most recently served as a defensive line coach at Sacramento State. Despite a change at the top after the 2018 season in Sacramento, Plemons was one of two assistants retained heading into a new era until the opportunity to return to Fresno State arose. He was there three seasons (2016-18).

During his tenure with the Hornets, Plemons coached a pair of first team all-Big Sky honorees, which included Ben Sorensen, a third team All-American named by the Associated Press, that has since moved on to the CFL. With Sorensen leading the way, 2017 was a highlight season as Hornet defensive linemen combined for 32 of the team's Div. I-era record 43 sacks under Plemons' watch.

Alike multiple stops at Fresno State, Plemons returned to Sacramento State in 2016, a place where he was the defensive line coach in 2007. That year, he guided a unit which included first team all-Big Sky selections Mike Brannon and Dallas Mauga. Brannon was also an honorable mention All-American after recording 18.0 tackles-for-loss and 9.0 sacks.

The following year, he moved to Fresno State where he coached linebackers in 2008 before mentoring the defensive line from 2009-11. In 2010, the Bulldogs ranked ninth in the Football Bowl Subdivision with 2.85 sacks per game. That year, he coach Chris Carter and Logan Harrell to first team all-WAC honors and

Carter was named the WAC Defensive Player of the Year.

Plemons spent the next four seasons as a defensive line coach in the Canadian Football League. He was on the staff of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for two seasons before shifting to the Toronto Argonauts prior to the 2014 season. While in Winnipeg, Plemons coached a defensive line which accounted for 74 of the team's 94 sacks in his two seasons.

Prior to his first stop at Sacramento State, Plemons coached the defensive line at Idaho State in 2006.

He graduated from Cal Lutheran in 1997 where he was a four-year starter for the Kingsmen and was a team captain and all-conference player. He started his coaching career at CLU as the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach before being elevated to the defensive line coach in 2002 and adding the recruiting coordinator title the following year. During his tenure, Plemons coached seven all-conference players, including a second team All-American.

He and his wife, Mary Beth, have four children: William Jr., Bear, Nadia and Anya.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fresno State (2019-pres.)

- Assistant Coach (DL)

### Sacramento State (2016-18)

- Assistant Coach (DL)

### Toronto Argonauts (2014-15)

- Assistant Coach

### Winnipeg Blue Bombers (2012-13)

- Assistant Coach (DL)

### Fresno State (2008-11)

- Assistant Coach (DL) (2009-11)
- Assistant Coach (LB) (2008)

### Sacramento State (2007)

- Assistant Coach (DL)

### Idaho State (2006)

- Assistant Coach (DL)

### Fresno State (2004-05)

- Graduate Assistant (DL)

### Cal Lutheran (1998-2003)

- Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coord.

## PERSONAL

### Hometown

- Sprague River, Ore.

### Education

- Cal Lutheran (1997) - B.A.
- Cal Lutheran (2001) - M.A.

### Playing Exp.

- Cal Lutheran

### Family

- Wife: Mary Beth
- Children: William Jr.





# ROMAN SAPOLU

ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE

1ST SEASON | OREGON STATE (2014)

Roman Sapolu (pronounced sap-OH-lu) joins the Bulldogs' staff in 2019 as the team's assistant offensive line coach. He will work alongside offensive coordinator/offensive line coach Ryan Grubb.

Sapolu has a strong tie at his new stop, working next to a familiar face in newly appointed quarterbacks coach Danny Langsdorf. During Sapolu's playing career at Oregon State (2010-14), Langsdorf was OSU's offensive coordinator each year outside of his senior campaign. The two reconnected in 2015 after Sapolu's playing career was cut short to injury as members of the Nebraska football staff. Sapolu served as a graduate assistant for three seasons for NU's offensive line, while Langsdorf was again the offensive coordinator.

Sapolu earned his first full-time assistant coaching position at Idaho State in 2018. In his only season at ISU, the Bengal offense tallied 5,403 total yards, the third most since their 1981 National Championship season. That season's squad saw eight offensive players earn all-conference honors.

Sapolu is the son of Jese Sapolu, a four-time Super Bowl Champion during a long NFL career with the San Francisco 49ers from 1983-97. His father played college football at Hawai'i.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fresno State (2019-pres.)

- Assistant Coach (Asst. OL)

### Idaho State (2018)

- Assistant Coach (OL)

### Nebraska (2015-17)

- Graduate Assistant (OL)
- Graduate Manager

## PERSONAL

### Hometown

- Huntington Beach, Calif.

### Education

- Oregon State (2014) - B.A.

### Playing Exp.

- Oregon State (OL)



# KENWICK THOMPSON

## LINEBACKERS

2ND SEASON | HARDING (1992)

Kenwick Thompson enters his second season at Fresno State and will serve as the Bulldogs' linebackers coach.

In Thompson's first year in Fresno, middle linebacker Jeff Allison was named Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year, the program's second player to win the honor and first linebacker to do so. The junior ranked 11th in the FBS in total tackles with 132. Along with Allison being an All-MW First Team selection, George Helmuth also earned All-MW honorable mention.

His three starting linebackers in Allison, Helmuth and James Bailey accounted for 299 tackles, 26.5 for loss, were key in helping the team rank No. 1 in the FBS in the red zone defense and third in scoring defense.

Thompson previously spent the past two seasons as the defensive coordinator at East Carolina. He joined the Pirate staff after two seasons at Vanderbilt, where he served as an associate head coach and linebackers coach in 2015.

In 2015, he helped the Commodores to Top 25 FBS statistical rankings in fourth down defense (4th), first down defense (5th), redzone defense (6th), third down defense (7th), most fumbles recovered (20th) and scoring defense (23rd) by allowing only 21.0 points per game. His star pupil Zach Cunningham earned Associated Press First-Team All-SEC honors after ranking among league leaders in tackles for loss (16.5), solo tackles (69), overall stops (103), forced fumbles (4) and recovered fumbles (3).

Thompson was hired by Vanderbilt after spending the 2013 season as defensive coordinator at San

Jose State. While coaching the Spartan linebackers, Thompson helped senior captain Keith Smith become just the second player in school history to earn All-MWC honors for four years after leading the nation in total tackles with 159. In addition to Smith, Thompson also tutored First-Team All-MWC defensive back Bene Benwikere at SJSU. Benwikere matched the Spartan career record with 14 interceptions, including five picks as a senior. He also ranked among NCAA leaders with 16 passes defended.

Thompson was first hired by Tedford in 2007 to be his linebackers coach. By the time 2012 rolled around, Thompson was promoted to associate head coach by Tedford in their sixth season together.

Prior to Thompson's promotion, the 2011 Golden Bears' team led the Pac-12 in total defense (332.92 ypg) and pass defense (204.23 ypg) and the linebacker corps accounted for 307 of the team's 517 tackles, which was led by linebacker Mychal Kendricks, the Pat Tillman Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and a second-team All-American that recently won a Super Bowl with the Philadelphia Eagles.

From 2007 to 2012, Thompson worked as linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at California, playing a key role assisting the Golden Bears to four bowl appearances. In 2012, he was elevated to associate head coach status.

In 2011, Thompson's linebacker corps helped the Golden Bears lead the Pac-12 in both total defense (332.9 yards) and pass defense (204.2 yards) during a 7-6 regular season that concluded with a Holiday Bowl appearance. Cal also topped the Pac-12 in total defense during the 2010 season.

In the recruiting world, Thompson helped guide Cal to three consecutive classes from 2010-12 ranked as high as No. 11, No. 13 and No. 15 nationally.

During his first tour of duty at San Jose State from 2001 until 2006, Thompson served in a variety of coaching roles under head coaches Fitz Hill and Dick Tomey. His positions included linebackers coach (2001-03), defensive line coach (2004), defensive tackles coach (2006), recruiting coordinator (2001-2004) and head strength and conditioning coach (2005).

From 1994 to 2000, Thompson was on the coaching staff at Texas Southern University, including the last five seasons as defensive coordinator. During the summer of 2000, he was a participant in the prestigious National Football League Minority Coaching Fellowship with the Oakland Raiders, working with the linebackers and defensive line.



### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Fresno State (2018-pres.)

- Assistant Coach (LB)

#### East Carolina (2016-17)

- Defensive Coordinator

#### Vanderbilt (2014-15)

- Associate Head Coach (LB)

#### San Jose State (2013)

- Defensive Coordinator (LB)

#### California (2007-12)

- Associate Head Coach (LB) (2012)
- Assistant Coach (LB) (2007-11)

#### San Jose State (2001-06)

- Assistant Coach (DT) (2006)
- Strength & Conditioning Coach (2005)
- Assistant Coach (DL) (2004)
- Assistant Coach (LB) (2001-03)

#### Texas Southern (1994-2000)

- Assistant HC/Defensive Coordinator (1996-2000)
- Assistant Coach (DL) (1995)
- Assistant Coach (RB) (1994)

#### Harding University (1991-92)

- Graduate Assistant

### PERSONAL

#### Hometown

- Houston, Texas

#### Education

- Harding (1992) - B.A

#### Playing Exp.

- Harding (LB)

#### Family

- Wife: Monica
- Children: Jaxson, Jacob





# SCOTT THOMPSON

TIGHT ENDS

3RD SEASON | FRESNO STATE (2010)

Scott Thompson, a Fresno State alum, enters his third season coaching the Bulldog tight ends.

In 2018, Thompson's development of Mackey Award watch lister Jared Rice continued as the Bulldog produced the best single season for a tight end in Fresno State history. The junior broke Bear Pascoe's program records for receptions (55) and receiving yards (664) in a season. His 55 receptions ranked fourth among FBS tight ends while his 664 yards ranked sixth. Rice was selected to the All-Mountain West second team.

Prior to Fresno State, Thompson spent seven seasons at Southern California, holding positions of director of player personnel (2010-14), director of scouting/high school relations (2015) and as an offensive assistant that helped with the tight ends and specials teams (2016).

He managed all aspects of USC recruiting and supervised all official and unofficial visits for nearly six years, assisting in the Trojans bringing in 30 first-team All-Pac 12 selections from 2010-16.

Before the June Lake, California native returned home in 2010, he spent the 2009 season at Tennessee as an offensive assistant (tight ends/running backs). Thompson assisted the Volunteers in opponent film breakdown and evaluation and assisted in week-to-week game planning.

Prior to joining the college ranks, Thompson coached at Crespi High School (CA) from 2004-2009. He was the offensive coordinator while also focusing on quarterbacks and tight ends.

Thompson, a former Fresno State tight end, lettered from 1995-98, and was coached by then-offensive coordinator Jeff Tedford during his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons. As a senior, Fresno State quarterback Billy Volek connected with Thompson for 31 receptions and 375 yards and a touchdown. His older brother, Marty Thompson, played three seasons in the NFL after a standout Fresno State career from 1989-92.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fresno State (2017-pres.)

- Assistant Coach (TE)

### USC (2010-16)

- Assistant Coach (TE/ST) (2016)
- Director of Scouting/High School Relations (2015)
- Director of Player Personnel (2010-14)

### Tennessee (2009)

- Offensive Assistant (TE/RB)

### Crespi HS (2004-09)

- Offensive Coordinator

## PERSONAL

### Hometown

- Lake June, Calif.

### Education

- Fresno State (2010)

### Playing Exp.

- Fresno State (TE)

### Family

- Wife: Alise
- Children: Charlotte, Glenn



# J.D. WILLIAMS

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

3RD SEASON | FRESNO STATE (1997)

J.D. Williams enters his third season at Fresno State as the Bulldogs' defensive backs coach. He returned to his alma mater for his third coaching stint at Fresno State in 2017.

Williams' impact took a step forward in year two with the Bulldogs' as his secondary ranked as one the best in the nation in 2018. His group totaled 13 of the Bulldogs' 19 interceptions which was fifth-best for a FBS team, and as a defensive unit Fresno State was tied for the third-most passes defended in the nation with 79, the most by a Bulldog defense since 1999. The team also held opposing quarterbacks to the fifth-lowest pass efficiency in the FBS at 104.09.

Under his guidance, Tank Kelly was named to the All-Mountain West first team. The senior finished third in the nation with 22 passes defended and was tied for a MW-best four interceptions. He was tied with teammate Juju Hughes who, along with fellow Bulldog safety Mike Bell, was selected to the All-MW second team.

During his first year back in Fresno, the Bulldogs ranked as one of the top defensive units in 2017, finishing 10th in the FBS in scoring defense at 17.9 points per game and 15th in total defense with 320.6 yards allowed per game. Williams guided one of the Bulldogs' youngest groups on the field with his secondary accounting for 11 of the team's 19 forced turnovers.

A wide receiver turned cornerback at Fresno State from 1986-89, he is one of five Bulldogs to have been selected in the first round of the NFL Draft (16th overall by the Buffalo Bills, 1990) in school history. Williams was an AP honorable mention All-American in 1988, a second-team Sporting News All-American, and a third-team AP All-American in 1989. During his seven-year professional career, he was a member of all four Bills' teams that advanced to the Super Bowl from 1991-94.

Williams was a G.A. one season under Pat Hill (1997) – Tedford was on that staff as the offensive

coordinator. He returned as an assistant coach under Pat Hill from 2000-01.

Williams finished his second season of his second stop at UNLV in 2016. He returned to Las Vegas after serving as the defensive backs coach and special teams coordinator at Georgia State for two seasons (2013-14).

In 2013, the GSU special teams featured all-conference return specialist Albert Wilson, who ranked in the top five in the Sun Belt Conference in both punt returns and kickoff returns and is now a member of the Miami Dolphins.

During his first go-around at UNLV, Williams served two seasons (2010-11) as the Rebels' assistant head coach, secondary coach and pass defense coordinator before he was elevated to defensive coordinator in 2012, when he continued to coach the defensive backs.

Williams went to UNLV after spending the 2009 season as the cornerbacks coach at Utah. The Utes posted a 10-3 record, including a victory over Washington in the Poinsettia Bowl, and ranked 16th in the nation in passing yards allowed and ninth in pass efficiency defense.

He joined Utah after seven years working in the Pac-10. Williams was the defensive backs coach at Washington from 2006-08. He went to Washington after four seasons coaching the secondary at California.

Under then-head coach Jeff Tedford, the Bears amassed a 33-17 record and played in three bowl games during Williams' stay from 2002-05. In 2005, Cal led the Pac-10 in pass efficiency defense (24th in the nation) and finished second in the league in total defense. In 2004, Cal ranked eighth in the nation in scoring defense and 24th in total defense.

Prior to going to Berkeley, Williams served two seasons as secondary coach at his alma mater, Fresno State, from 2000-01. Fresno State posted an 18-7 record and made back-to-back Silicon Valley Bowl appearances.

Williams also coached the secondary at Cal Poly in 1998 and San Jose State in 1999. He began his coaching career in 1997 as a Fresno State graduate assistant.

As a player, in addition to being named an All-American, he was a two-time all-Big West first-team selection and the Defensive MVP of the East-West Shrine game. He was also a standout triple jumper and sprinter, winning the 1986 Big West triple jump crown and competing on the conference championship 4x100-meter relay team that set a school record of 40.18. In 2002, he was inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame.



### COACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Fresno State (2017-pres.)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### UNLV (2015-16)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### Georgia State (2013-14)

- Assistant Coach (DB/ST)

#### UNLV (2010-12)

- Defensive Coordinator (2012)
- Assistant HC/pass defense coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach (2010-11)

#### Utah (2009)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### Washington (2006-08)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### California (2002-05)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### Fresno State (2000-01)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### San Jose State (1999)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### Cal Poly (1998)

- Assistant Coach (DB)

#### Fresno State (1997)

- Graduate Assistant

### PERSONAL

#### Hometown

- Fresno, Calif.

#### Education

- Fresno State (1997)

#### Playing Exp.

- San Francisco 49ers (1996)
- Arizona Cardinals (1994)
- Buffalo Bills (1990-93)
- Fresno State (DB)

#### Family

- Wife: Jamie
- Children: Nicole, Kyra, Zoe, David







## ANDY WARD

HEAD STRENGTH & CONDITIONING  
COACH, FOOTBALL

3RD SEASON | CAL STATE STANISLAUS (2009)

Andy Ward enters his third year as Fresno State's head football strength and conditioning coach. He joined the program after six years at Stanford.

Ward worked full-time with the Cardinal football program for three seasons and with the team for six total seasons. Before going full-time with football, he also oversaw developing strength training aspects for the Cardinal track and field program.

Prior to arriving at Stanford, Ward split the 2010-11 academic year with internships at UC San Diego and Sacramento State. At UC San Diego, Ward assisted with the design and implementation of 13 sport-specific programs. His time at Sacramento State was spent implementing programs for the men's soccer, women's soccer and men's golf teams while assisting with 11 other programs.

Ward earned an undergraduate degree in physical education from Cal State Stanislaus in 2009, where he was a student assistant in the strength program while serving as a performance trainer at nearby Custom Built Personal Training.

The Sutter, California native earned his master's degree in exercise science at California University (Pa.). He is married to Erin Blech-Ward.



## BRAD VONNAHME

OFFENSIVE ANALYST

4TH SEASON | UTAH STATE (2011)

Brad Vonnahme is in his fourth season as an offensive analyst for the Bulldog football coaching staff.

The Omaha, Neb., native came to Fresno State after spending a year (2014) as a graduate assistant coach at Hawai'i and a year on staff at Utah State (2015).

Vonnahme spent the 2013 season as linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at Midland University in Fremont, Neb. He also assisted with the strength and conditioning program. Prior to that, he was a graduate assistant at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb., from 2011-12.

During his two-year stint as defensive administrative assistant at Utah State from 2009-10, Vonnahme's duties included film breakdown, preparing scouting reports and running the scout teams.

From 2006-08, Vonnahme served as a student manager at the University of Nebraska before transferring to USU, where he earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in 2011. He also earned a master's degree in sport management from Wayne State in 2013.

He and his wife Ashley reside in Fresno.



## MIKE MCHUGH

ASST. ATHLETICS DIRECTOR OF  
OPERATIONS/CHIEF OF STAFF

2ND SEASON | FINDLAY (1983)

Mike McHugh reunited with Jeff Tedford in 2018 after having spent 10 seasons (2003-12) at California serving as director of football operations as well as two seasons at Oregon (1999-2000) when Tedford was the Ducks' offensive coordinator. McHugh also returns to familiar territory as he was the Bulldogs' director of football operations in Fresno State's 2013 Mountain West Championship season.

Since McHugh's one season at Fresno State, he was the director of football operations for two seasons (2014-15) at Washington under Chris Petersen and two seasons (2016-17) at Missouri under Barry Odom.

In his career, McHugh has turned in over 24 years of experience in the crucial role of ops director. In the role, McHugh is involved in a wide variety of important administrative duties related to overseeing the coordination of all team travel, oversight of the football budget, handling compliance and academic issues, scheduling of facilities, assisting with recruiting operations and managing the day-to-day functions of the program.

A native of Boyertown, Pa., McHugh started his playing career at Potomac State College (Keyser, WV) in 1976 and '77 and was the team's leading receiver and elected team captain for the 1977 season. McHugh continued his playing career at Findlay University in Ohio, where he was a member of the Oilers' 1979 NAIA championship team. He led Findlay in receiving in 1981 and earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1983.

McHugh served as Findlay's head women's track & field coach in 1982 before going on to a football coaching job at Liberty Benton High School in Findlay, Ohio that same year. He took an assistant football coaching position at Northmor High in Galion, Ohio for the 1983 season and then became head coach from 1984-87. McHugh was also Northmor's girls' track coach in 1984 and 1985. McHugh moved to the college ranks in 1989, working as an offensive line coach at Eastern Michigan in 1989 and 1990 before moving to recruiting coordinator in 1991 and defensive line coach in 1992. He earned a master's degree in physical education from EMU in 1993.

In 1993, McHugh was named Video Coordinator/Recruiting assistant at Missouri, and became the Director of Football Operations in 1994, a position he held through the 1998 season, and he was part of the Holiday Bowl (1997) and Insight.com (1998) bowl teams. After six seasons at MU, he joined Mike Bellotti's staff at Oregon for the 1999 and 2000 seasons. He then spent two seasons as a quality control coach with the Detroit Lions in 2001 and 2002 before taking the operations job at California, where he worked for Tedford from 2003-12.



## TYLER GILES

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL  
1ST SEASON | GEORGIA (2017)

Giles enters his first season at Fresno State as the team's director of player personnel. He served in a similar role for one season at San Jose State in 2018.

Giles is a graduate of the University of Georgia and coupled that with experience in its football office. Giles worked directly with Georgia's director of player personnel Marshall Malchow for three seasons helping identify and evaluate high school and junior college prospects. All three seasons, Georgia held top 10 recruiting classes, including the nation's number one class in 2018.

Giles earned a bachelor's of science in education from Georgia in July of 2017.



## QUINN TEDFORD

ASST. DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS  
3RD SEASON | CALIFORNIA (2011)

Quinn Tedford is in his third season with Bulldog football program, he serves as the assistant director of football operations.

He spent four seasons as an assistant coach in various capacities. Tedford was last with the BC Lions of the CFL in 2015 as an offensive quality control/assistant wide receivers coach. Prior to that, he spent the 2014 season as an offensive intern/wide receivers coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. At UC Davis in 2013, he served in the same capacity as his time with the BC Lions. Tedford began his venture into coaching in 2012 on his father's staff where he served as a volunteer assistant wide receivers coach at Cal.

He joined the Golden Bears' staff after playing in Berkeley from 2008-11 where he graduated with a degree in sociology.



## TONY BRADFORD

DIRECTOR OF ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING  
1ST SEASON | KENNESAW STATE (2018)

Bradford enters his first season on the Fresno State football staff after most recently served as a volunteer assistant for the defense at USC during the 2018 season.

Bradford finished school at Kennesaw State following stops at Eastern Illinois and Georgia Southern as a member of their football teams, respectively. He earned a bachelor's degree in integrative studies with a focus in business management and psychology. Played linebacker at both Eastern Illinois and Georgia Southern.

He graduated from North Gwinnett HS in 2014 in his hometown of Suwanee, Ga.

His Dad, Ronnie Bradford, played 10 seasons in the NFL, including the Atlanta Falcons' 1998 Super Bowl team, and coached for another eight with the Broncos and Chiefs before joining Coach Tedford's staff at Cal in 2010. Is now an assistant coach at USC.





**MICHAEL BARTON**  
G.A. - DEFENSE  
CALIFORNIA (2017)

Michael Barton enters his second season at Fresno State, but in a new capacity as a defensive graduate assistant. Barton served as a member of the quality control staff for the defense in his first year.

A former linebacker, Barton's playing career started at the University of California under Coach Jeff Tedford in 2012 and finished at the University of Arizona as a graduate transfer in 2016. Barton graduated in 2011 from De La Salle High School, located in the Bay Area. MaxPreps named Barton an All-American selection and the California Division I Player of the Year as well as a first-team All-State choice.

Barton played in 32 games with 13 starts at Cal with all of his action coming in the last three campaigns of his four seasons with the program after redshirting as a true freshman in 2012. Barton announced in December of 2015 that he would finish his collegiate career as a graduate transfer elsewhere and then in January of 2016 announced he would play at Arizona in 2016. Barton, who graduated from Cal with a bachelor's degree in legal studies in May of 2016, finished his Cal career with 169 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, one interception, four passes defended, three pass breakups, one fumble recovery and two quarterback hurries. He led Cal with 80 tackles as a 2014 sophomore while also pacing the squad with 7.5 tackles for loss, both career highs. In Barton's sole season with the Wildcats, he was the team's third leading tackler with 65 stops, which included 8.0 TFLs and 3.0 sacks.



**BLAKE GONZALEZ**  
G.A. - OFFENSE  
BOISE STATE (2018)

Blake Gonzalez enters his first year as an offensive graduate assistant at Fresno State. He assists with the running backs, special teams unit and kickers.

Gonzalez graduated from Boise State in the spring of 2018 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. While pursuing his degree during his senior year, he began his coaching career at Rocky Mountain High School (Meridian, Idaho) and coached there a second season after earning his degree.

In his first year at Rocky Mountain HS, Gonzalez coached the Wing Backs in the Triple option offense, and was the assistant special teams coach for a team that finished 9-3 and lost in the semifinals of the state playoffs. In year two, he coached the receivers and specialist for a team that went undefeated (12-0) for the first time in school history and was the 2018 5A Idaho State Champions.

Gonzalez is from San Clemente, Calif. and graduated from San Clemente High School in 2014. He was four-year letter winner that played receiver, kicker and punter. He earned a preferred walk-on spot at Boise State as a place kicker and was a member of the team during its 2014 and 2015 seasons.



**MATT LEA**  
G.A. - DEFENSE  
UNLV (2016)

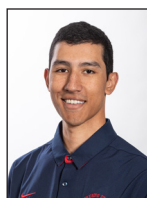
Matt Lea, a Fresno native, returns to the Bulldogs' staff for his third season as a defensive graduate assistant. He assists with the linebackers.

Lea attended Central High School in Fresno and played college football at UNLV.

Lea, a three-year starting linebacker, started 23 games and played in 33 games during his career. In his final season (2016), he started eight games and played in all 12. He recorded 30 tackles and one sack during his senior campaign.

Lea is a 2012 graduate of Central HS under coach Casey Quinn. He was a three-year letterwinner that earned All-Tri-River Athletic Conference honors all three seasons on the field.

He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in the spring of 2016.



**TYSON PRINCE**  
G.A. - DEFENSE  
MICHIGAN STATE (2019)

Tyson Prince enters his first season at Fresno State as an offensive graduate assistant that will have a focus with the wide receivers.

While an undergrad at Michigan State, Prince worked as a recruiting assistant in 2015-16 before shifting to coaching as a student assistant from 2016-19 with the Spartans.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State in the spring of 2019.

## TEAM DOCTORS

**Head Team Physician**  
Dr. Eric Hanson

**Family Practice/Sports Medicine**  
Dr. Rod Kraft

**Internal Medicine**  
Dr. Jean Linder

**General Surgeon**  
Dr. William Carveth

**Orthopedics (Foot/Ankle)**  
Dr. Francis Glaser

**Orthopedics (Upper Extremity)**  
Dr. Cary Tanner

**Orthopedics**  
Greg Mellor, PAC

**Orthopedics (Upper Extremity)**  
Dr. Toby Johnson

**Orthopedics (Upper Extremity)**  
Dr. Julia Lee

**Physiatrist**  
Dr. Jerry Wiens

**Team Dentist**  
Dr. Xavier Gutierrez

**Primary Care Sports Medicine**  
Dr. Robert Gousse

**Chiropractor**  
Mark Molthen, DC

## ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



**Henry Adelman**  
S&C G.A.



**Stephen Babagian**  
Student Asst. Coach



**James Bailey**  
Defensive Quality Control



**Luis Contreras**  
Football Assistant



**Alyssa De La Vega**  
Football Admin Asst.



**Josh Hewitt**  
Equipment Manager



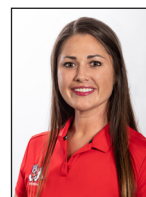
**Alex Jones**  
S&C G.A.



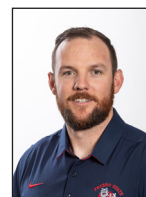
**Ryan Juarez**  
Athletic Trainer



**Shawn McGuire**  
Student-Athlete Services



**Krystina McLain-Meisner**  
Admin Support Coord.



**James Perez**  
S&C Assistant



**Willy Peterson**  
Video Coordinator



**Jovany Gonzalez**  
Graphic Designer