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CHRIS BIGELOW

4th Year at Cal

A key component of the Cal volleyball coaching staff is fourth year assistant Chris Bigelow, a former assistant women's volleyball coach at Wisconsin and Texas, who was hired as an assistant women's volleyball coach at Cal in January 1999.

Bigelow has several years of coaching experience at the collegiate level. She was an assistant coach for Bill Neville at Montana State from 1978-81, before taking over as head coach of the Bobcats from 1981-83. Bigelow then became an assistant to current USC volleyball coach Mick Haley at Texas from 1984-91, helping lead the Longhorns to seven conference championships, three Final Four appearances and one national championship in 1988.

From 1991-93, Bigelow worked as volleyball TV color commentator for the Southwest Conference and University of Texas radio.

In 1993-94, Bigelow coached St. Stephens Episcopal High School in Austin, TX to a 30-3 season. She then accepted an offer to become John Cook's assistant coach at Wisconsin, helping the Badgers to three NCAA tournament appearances, one Sweet 16 finish, two NCAA Elite Eight finishes and one Big Ten Co-Championship from 1995-98.

Bigelow was a three-sport athlete at Eastern Washington and a member of the USA Volleyball training squad from 1973-74. She graduated from Eastern Washington in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. Bigelow received her Master's degree from Montana State in physical education in 1980.



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LEE MAES

5th Year at Cal

Lee Maes, the veteran of the Cal volleyball coaching staff, enters his fifth season as an assistant coach for Golden Bear volleyball.

In 1998, Maes took over as head coach for the Cal program when Sue Woodstra resigned and led the Bears to a 4-13 record, including come-from-behind victories over Oregon and Oregon State.

Maes also served as Cal's head men's volleyball coach from 1997-00, and in his first season (1997-98) led the Bears to a national runner-up finish at the NIRSA Collegiate Club National Championship in Austin, TX, while also producing two first team All-Americans and a second team All-American. He led Cal to the NCCVL Conference championship as well. That season was culminated in Maes being honored as Coach of the Year. His men's team continued its tradition of success with three consecutive Top 5 national finishes from 1998-2000.



For the past nine years, Maes has accumulated extensive national and international experience with USA Volleyball. In the summer of 1998, Maes was a coach with the USA Girls Youth National Team that won the gold medal at the NORCECA Zone Championship in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. In the summer of 1999, he again coached the USA Girls Youth National Team at the World Championship in Portugal. He has filled various roles with the USA national and junior high performance programs. These past three summers, Maes led the girls' national High Performance team as head coach in training and competition.

Prior to arriving in Berkeley, Maes spent six seasons coaching with the Ichiban Volleyball Club, winning five medals at the Junior Olympic National Championships, including capturing the national title in 1996. Two of his former club players, Misty May and Heather Bown, represented the United States at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. In 13 years as a junior club coach for both boys and girls, he's coached and trained over two dozen junior and high school All-Americans. Over 100 of his former club players have gone on to play at the collegiate level. Maes currently coaches with the Forefront Volleyball Club which participated in the Junior Olympic National Championship in July of '02 in Sandy, UT. He served as the girl's varsity head coach at Lakewood (CA) High School from 1989-97. Maes also served as the boy's varsity coach at Edison High School in Huntington Beach for four seasons (1994-97).

A native of Long Beach, CA, Maes graduated from Long Beach State in 1994 with a degree in broadcast journalism and geography. He is single and resides in Montclair.

VOLUNTEER COACH

EMERSON SALONGA

1st Year at Cal

Emerson Salonga begins his first season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Cal women's volleyball team.

Salonga has several years of volleyball coaching experience as he was most recently the head coach of the Ygnacio Valley High School girl's volleyball team in 2000 and 2001, as well as being the boy's junior varsity volleyball coach in the spring of 2002. He has also been an assistant coach for the Golden Bear 18-Forefront Club team the last two years and helped coached at the USA Volleyball Junior National Team Tryouts in 2002.

Prior to arriving in the Bay Area, Salonga was an assistant coach for the Evanston (Illinois) High School boy's volleyball team that was a state finalist in 1999. From 1995-98, he was the head girl's volleyball coach at Centennial High School in Evanston, helping lead his team to regional championships in 1995 and 1996. Salonga was also the head coach of the University of Illinois women's club volleyball team from 1995-97.

Salonga attended the University of Illinois and earned a degree in Leisure Studies, Sports and Recreation Management in 1995. As a member of the Illinois men's volleyball team, he helped the Illini to the 1994 Big Ten Conference championship.

Salonga resides in Hercules with his brother, Apollo.

