



## Shimmy GRAY-MILLER

Nebraska Assistant Coach  
Second Season  
Michigan (1994)

### Gray-Miller's Credentials

- Assistant Coach, Nebraska (2012-present)
- Head Coach, Saint Louis (2005-12)
- Assistant Coach, Arizona (2003-05)
- Assistant Coach, Washington (2000-03)

Shimmy Gray-Miller completed her first season on Coach Connie Yori's Nebraska staff in 2012-13, after joining the Huskers as an assistant coach in May of 2012. Gray-Miller had spent the previous seven seasons as the head coach at Saint Louis.

In her first season as Nebraska's recruiting coordinator and post coach, Gray-Miller helped the Huskers to one of the best year's in school history. Nebraska battled its way to the second NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in the past four years. The Huskers finished with a 25-9 overall record that included a 12-4 Big Ten mark - both the second-highest win totals in school history.

The Huskers finished No. 16 in the final NCAA RPI, No. 16 in the final NCAA attendance rankings and No. 18 in the final USA Today/Coaches Top 25. It marked the third time in the past four years that the Huskers had earned NCAA Tournament trips and final top-25 national rankings.

Gray-Miller played a lead role in the continued development of All-America forward Jordan Hooper and two-year starter Emily Cady. Hooper, a Wade, Naismith and Wooden national player-of-the-year candidate, earned first-team All-Big Ten honors for the second straight year by ranking among the conference's top five players in scoring (17.9), rebounding (8.8) and three-pointers made per game (2.4). A two-time All-American by both the Associated Press and the WBCA, the 6-2 forward from Alliance, Neb., could challenge for Nebraska's career records in points, rebounds and three-pointers as a senior in 2013-14.

Cady, a two-time honorable-mention All-Big Ten selection, nearly averaged a double-double in Big Ten play as a sophomore. The 6-2 forward from Seward, Neb., averaged 9.6 points and 9.3 rebounds in Big Ten action. A tremendous all-around player, Cady was also one of NU's top defenders, top passers and led the team in blocked shots.

Hooper (8.8 rpg) and Cady (7.9 rpg) both ranked among the top six rebounders in the Big Ten in 2012-13, helping Nebraska develop into one of the conference's top teams on the glass. In Big Ten play, the Huskers led the league in total rebounds (39.9

rpg), while leading the conference with 27.8 defensive boards per game. The Huskers were No. 2 in the Big Ten with their .701 defensive rebound percentage.

Gray-Miller also played a lead role in Nebraska landing Michigan high school all-stater Allie Havers for the 2013-14 campaign. Havers, a 6-5 forward/center from Paw Paw, Mich., was a finalist for Miss Basketball and Miss Volleyball honors in Michigan as a senior and a two-time first-team all-stater as a shortstop/pitcher in softball. As a senior, Havers averaged 19.3 points, 11.4 rebounds, 3.3 blocks, 2.3 steals and 1.5 assists in 2012-13. In her career at Mattawan High School, Havers amassed 1,561 points, 1,015 rebounds and a school-record 348 blocks to go along with 174 steals in 94 games.

"We're really excited that Shimmy decided to join our Nebraska coaching staff," Nebraska Coach Connie Yori said. "We're confident her experience as a head coach and her previous work at other BCS programs will benefit us in a big way. She is a high-energy person with great character, and we believe she'll be a great fit for our staff and players."

Gray-Miller has experience in making a transition to a new conference, along with experience in helping teams win major conference titles. She also has close ties to the Big Ten.

Gray-Miller was named head coach at Saint Louis in April of 2005 and led the Billikens in their transition to the Atlantic-10 Conference in 2005-06. In her time at Saint Louis, the native of Flint, Mich., led players who earned seven All-A-10 awards, including one A-10 Most Improved Player. One Billiken was also named the A-10 Freshman of the Year under Gray-Miller.

Her program also excelled off the court. The Billikens earned a pair of CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, while adding three A-10 Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year awards for women's basketball. Her 2006-07 Billiken team finished 17th with a 3.336 combined GPA in the WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll.

In the community, Gray-Miller and the Billiken women's basketball program were routinely one of the leading groups among nearly 200 SLU organizations in community service and first among varsity sports all seven years of her tenure. As a result of her tireless efforts in the community, Gray-Miller was recognized with the Greater Missouri Girl Scouts of America Distinguished Women Leaders Award in 2011.

Prior to her arrival at SLU, Gray-Miller served two seasons (2003-04, 2004-05) as an assistant coach at Arizona. She helped the Wildcats win the first Pac-10 Conference women's basketball title in school history in 2004. Arizona earned NCAA Tournament bids both seasons Gray-Miller was on the bench. Wildcat players Shawntinice Polk and Dee-Dee Wheeler both earned honorable-mention All-America honors and first-team All-Pac-10 awards. Wheeler was chosen with the 26th overall pick in the second round of the 2005 WNBA Draft by the Los Angeles Sparks.

Before heading to Tucson, Gray-Miller spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Washington from 2000-01 to 2002-03. Gray-Miller joined current Husker Associate Head Coach Sunny Smallwood on the UW staff for all three of those seasons.

Gray-Miller and Smallwood helped Washington win the 2001 Pac-10 title and make a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances, including a trip to the NCAA Elite Eight. Gray-Miller helped coach seven All-Pac-10 players in her time in Seattle, including 2003 Pac-10 Player-of-the-Year Giuliana Mendiola and 2001 WNBA Draft pick Megan Franza.

Gray-Miller graduated from Michigan in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in law and criminology. She played basketball for the Wolverines, serving as team captain and winning the 1994 Bob Ufer Quarterback Club Award for leadership and dedication. She still ranks on the top 20 career list in several categories. In 1998-99, Gray-Miller played professional basketball for Olivais Futebol Clube, a first-division club team in Coimbra, Portugal.

A graduate of Carman-Ainsworth High School in Flint, Mich., Gray-Miller was a two-sport Michigan All-State athlete. She was inducted into the Carman-Ainsworth Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005. Gray-Miller served on the Central Institute of the Deaf (St. Louis) Board of Directors and as a Board Member for Safe Connections Domestic Assault Center (St. Louis).

She is a highly sought after guest speaker and presenter for various organizations including the NCAA Achieving Coaching Excellence workshop, Athens (Greece) Institute of Sport, and the WBCA annual convention. In 2013, Gray-Miller was a presenter for the WBCA "So You Want to be a Coach" program at the national convention, which included Husker graduate assistant Dominique Kelley.

