

Candidate information for ACA, division and region elections

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American Counseling Association

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, SOUTHERN REGION

Hillary Press

I have worked as an Elementary School Counselor primarily in Title 1 high needs, diverse schools for 12 years. As a direct service provider to children and families, I used data to advocate for funding at the local, state and national levels. I served on the Lieutenant Governor's Commonwealth Council for Childhood Success and worked on the Virginia HJ486 Mental Health Screening in Elementary Schools Survey Team (2015-17). I supported new counselors as a Mentor, a Counselor Colleague, and worked with both Practicum and Intern students (School Based Supervisor) from local graduate programs. I was nominated by colleagues and awarded the 2012-2013 Fairfax County Public Schools Elementary Counselor of the Year Award and the 2013 Virginia Counselors Association Counselor of the Year Award. In January 2014, I received a Commending Resolution from the Virginia Legislature honoring my service, leadership, and dedication to low income students, families and fellow counselors. As a counselor leader, I spearheaded the 2018 ACA Southern Region Leadership and Advocacy Conference where SR Branch Leaders built capacity by sharing best practices in advocacy, member engagement, state-based crisis intervention, creating a diverse leadership pipeline and business operations. I have been fortunate to serve in the Virginia Association of Specialist in Group Work (Co-President 2010-14), Virginia Counselors Association (President 2015-16; Awards and Membership), ACA Southern Region (Chair 2017-18), ACA Branch Development Committee (Chair 2019-20; Member 2018-19), ASGW Membership Chair (2018-19) and Association for Children and Adolescent Counseling (Treasurer 2019-21). My leadership at the Branch, Region, Division and ACA National Committee revealed the important symbiosis of each facet of ACA to create a home for ALL counselors. I would be honored to join the ACA Governing Council as a practicing school counselor representing our diverse membership in making policy decisions based on the strategic plan to move our profession forward.

B. J. Barksdale

As your Southern Region Governing Council representative, I will be a strong voice to promote Southern Region's goals and initiatives as well as ACA's mission. As an LPC-Supervisor working in private practice and with a non-profit serving at-risk children in Houston, I bring a unique professional perspective to this position. My years of volunteer service at the national, regional, and branch levels of ACA give me a solid base of understanding that will make me an effective representative. My leadership journey began in 2000 as an Emerging Leader for the Texas

Counseling Association. Since then, I have served in multiple roles, including TCA President (and mentor to the Tennessee Counseling Association), President of two Divisions, Region Director and Division Director. I currently serve on TCA's Strategic Planning Committee and the Advisory Council of Past Presidents where I help identify and mentor new and emerging leaders. I have served on the ACA Bylaws as well as Legislative and Public Policy Committees and held office in a national division. For the past 7 years, I have been active with ACA Southern Region, helping our branches collaborate as we tackle difficult challenges at the state and national level. My experiences have taught me the importance of communication in effective organizations. I commit to reaching out for input from Southern Region before each Governing Council meeting and to providing detailed reports after each meeting. I am running as ACA-Southern Region Governing Council Representative to ensure Southern Region is well represented on Governing Council and actively engaged in ACA initiatives. I bring to this position organizational experience, professional dedication, flexibility, patience, enthusiasm, and a sense of humor. I appreciate your support as we work together to promote professional counselors and to increase access to the essential services we provide. Please vote for me!

ACA GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, AHC

Martina Moore

Humanistic values inform my beliefs and practices as a counselor, educator, supervisor, and business owner. I have more than twenty years of experience being a successful business owner. This skill has helped me when working with various boards and has helped me be a competent board member. I am also the current President of the Ohio Counseling Association (OCA). This and other leadership roles over the years have prepared me to sit at the table effectively and advocate for our profession and the people we serve. Over the years I have served AHC as an Emerging Leader, conference planner, and President (2017-2018). During my time as President, I worked with the board and members of AHC to develop a three-year strategic plan, which included redeveloping our mission and vision statement, while honoring the works of those who helped to build this great division. It would be an honor to serve AHC as your governing council representative. My goal as the governing council representative would be to ensure that our mission is upheld, and that the humanistic traditions that we all value so much are represented in the governing of ACA.

Mark B. Scholl

As a result of my history of involvement in the Association for Humanistic Counseling, I believe that I am highly qualified to represent AHC in the position of Representative to the ACA Governing Council. AHC has been my primary ACA division for 17 years. I served as the editor of the Journal of Humanistic Counseling (JHC) for two three-year terms (2003-2009). I served as President of our Division (2011-2012) and chaired the Day of Wellness program selection committee for five years (2013-2017). As a result, I am aware of the past traditions and recent

accomplishments of our division. In addition, I am aware that humanistic counseling and AHC are continually evolving. One of my aims as Representative to the Governing Council is to highlight ways in which humanistic principles are informing contemporary trends in counseling practice. In this way, I can also highlight our division's contemporary relevance within the counseling profession. I have served as AHC Representative to the Governing Council for the past two and a half years. During that time, I have effectively represented the interests of AHC, as well as kept the AHC Executive Council apprised of the discussions, decisions, and actions taken by the ACA Governing Council. I also expanded my role by serving as GC Liaison to the Professional Standards Committee last year. During the current year (2019-2020), I am serving as an elected member of the ACA Executive Committee and as GC Liaison to the ACA Human Rights Committee. I believe that participation in these related roles enhances my effectiveness as AHC Representative. I want to serve a second term as AHC Representative to the Governing Council because I want to continue to represent AHC's interests and our humanistic values.

ACA GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, ASGW

Bogusia Skudrzyk

It would be a great honor for me to serve as a Governing Council Representative. In my view, in order to competently function in the role of a Governing Council Representative, there are three essential roles to consider: a) one needs to emulate care, b) one needs to have an understanding of the needs, concerns, and desires of the members of the division as well as members of the communities where we live, learn, and serve, and c) one needs to have competencies relevant to the counseling practices in general and group work specifically. For over 30 years I have served in leadership, training, educating, and direct counseling service delivery roles. Multicultural Group Work that cultivates wellness is what drives my professional passion. As a clinician and consultant, I have experienced firsthand the unique needs, concerns, and desires of group members and leaders who dedicate their professional lives to others-in residential, outpatient, school, community, and academic settings. As a faculty member who has been working in public and private sector, who communicates in several languages and has lived on various continents, I feel ready to do my best to be the person who serves as a bridge between the members of the ASGW division and ACA- a bridge that underscores the importance of collaborative connections. I have been involved with leadership and service to ACA and several of its divisions, especially ASGW- I have been honored to have served as its President, as a chair of International Relations Committee, as an Editorial Board Member, and a member of numerous other committees. Most of all, I feel honored and moved that others experience me as a caring, understanding, and competent leader who emulates unwavering commitment to our profession. Thank you for considering me to serve as a Governing Council Representative.

Christine Suniti Bhat

As a long-standing member of ACA and ASGW, I am grateful to have this opportunity to be elected to serve on ACA's Governing Council representing ASGW. The profession of counseling is at a critical juncture and I believe that ACA's strategic framework will help all counselors, including ASGW members, move forward into a united profession characterized by growth and progressive thinking. I understand and value the importance of serving the needs of a division while maintaining strong ties with ACA. It has been my honor to serve ASGW in various capacities - most recently as President-Elect, President (2017-2018), and Past-President. Previously, I have served ASGW as process observer for the executive board (for two terms) and chair/co-chair of the marketing committee (for three years). In my home state of Ohio, I have served as President of the Ohio Counseling Association. Nationally, I have served as Treasurer for Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society. In our current climate, I think it is more important than ever for leadership bodies to be comprised of people who bring diversity of thought and background to critical conversations and decisions. As a woman of color (Asian Indian), who has lived and worked in India, Australia, and two regions of the USA (California and Ohio), I believe I sometimes bring unique perspectives to discussions. I am a professor of Counselor Education at Ohio University (since 2006), training master's and doctoral students. I have a strong identity as a counselor and counselor educator with specializations in school counseling and clinical mental health counseling. If I am voted into this role, rest assured that I will bring integrity and a genuine regard for our collective needs as counselors and group workers to my work on ACA's Governing Council.

ACA GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, IAAOC

Leigh Falls Holman

As the current IAAOC-GC representative, my understanding of a division representative's role in ACA's governance has grown significantly. I would like to continue serving a second term because, although I've been very active on GC throughout this term, I truly think it takes 2 years to fully understand how the GC process works, in order to be most effective. During the current term, I worked with other GC members, under President Lawson's leadership, to develop the ACA mission, vision, and strategic plan, which currently serves as the focus for all initiatives ACA staff pursue during the year. I also believe I have been instrumental in asking questions, which led to developing a meaningful annual evaluation of ACA's CEO, which is now tied to the strategic plan. Last year, President Lambert also appointed me GC-Liaison to the Promoting Mental Health and Averting Addiction (ProMHAA) presidential initiative. In this role, I suggested IAAOC members be consulted as experts on a number of ProMHAA planned activities and provided names of IAAOC's experts to ACA, to utilize for education and advocacy activities. As a GC member, I always attempt to shepherd the use of limited ACA resources, including utilizing membership dollars effectively. During this time, I prepared detailed reports for IAAOC's

quarterly newsletter about GC activities as they relate to IAAOC member interests, informed the IAAOC Board about GC activities, and supported advocacy initiatives like a gun violence advocacy statement. Currently, I am working on a GC motion focusing on ACA advocacy for qualified graduate level counselors in forensic settings, because of the large number of offenders with mental illness in correctional settings who are not receiving adequate care (Torrey, 2014). This is one example of the type of advocacy statement representative of IAAOC's membership, which I will pursue as your IAAOC-GC rep.

Regina Moro

I am currently an Associate Professor of Counselor Education at Boise State University in Boise, ID. Prior to joining the ranks of academia, I completed my PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from UNC Charlotte, while also receiving a graduate certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling. I received my Masters degree from Syracuse University, where I studied Community Counseling. My professional interests include: counselor education, substance abuse/addictions prevention and intervention, crisis and trauma, and multiculturalism and social justice issues in counseling. I am currently a Licensed Professional Counselor (Idaho), Licensed Mental Health Counselor (Florida), Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist (North Carolina) and a National Certified Counselor (NCC). I am passionate about service to the profession and have served in a variety of leadership positions. I am excited to be running for the office of Governing Council Representative for IAAOC, an organization I strongly believe in. I have been fortunate to be able to thoroughly learn about IAAOC through my continued service, most recently as the IAAOC Past-President. I am currently serving as the IAAOC webmaster, and recently built a new website for the organization and keep that continuously updated. I have served IAAOC in a variety of roles which has given me a breadth of knowledge to bring to the Governing Council position. I believe my strongest qualification for the position of Governing Council Representative for IAAOC is my passion, and I invite you to contact me if you have any questions of who you should elect to help you meet your vision for IAAOC!

Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

John C. Nance

I have a deep interest in AADA as I practice counseling, teach at UNCC, and supervise licensure candidates. The division is a necessary entity for the American Counseling Association and our profession. The current research and advocacy focus are critical to the future of our profession and clientele. I believe the division is strong and successful with a growing edge which can be honed. As current treasurer and part of the leadership, I experience the excitement and

commitment of others within the membership of the Association. I will assist in the vision and growth of the organization and promote volunteer opportunities and development. I believe in the current leadership and trajectory of vision and hope to perpetuate the climate and collegiality. My previous leadership as South Carolina Counseling Association President and North Carolina Counseling Association President-Elect as well as previous Chairman of the ACA Human Rights Committee demonstrate my leadership abilities and desire. I excel as a volunteer leader and hope to inspire others in their work for the Association of Adult Development and Aging.

SECRETARY

Nathaniel O. Brown

I am humbled to receive a nomination for the office of Secretary. As a Counselor Educator, Supervisor, and Practitioner, I believe in the mission and vision of AADA. Moreover, I love the focus on advocacy related to adult development and aging issues. I aim to continue addressing counseling concerns across the lifespan to support AADA. AADA has a wonderful reputation in supporting professional development for all counselors. I definitely remember my first AADA conference, and the positive mentorship that evolved out of attending such an amazing conference. AADA members and leaders paved the way for many counselors to reach their professional goals while serving as leaders in the profession. I currently serve as an Assistant Professor of Professional Mental Health Counseling at the Lewis and Clark College Graduate School of Education and Counseling. I received my Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services with a focus in P-16 partnerships and social justice from the University of Georgia in Athens, GA. I have spent the last 15 years serving as a College Counselor, Coordinator of Academic and Student Affairs, Director of Student Success, and Interim Dean of Student Affairs. I would love to serve as the next Secretary of AADA to support initiatives needed to move our profession forward while also documenting our efforts as we continue to expand our historical foot print in the profession. I believe in making impactful change that is beneficial to the global community. Therefore, I am prepared to serve with humility. Some of my research interests include serving individuals affected by HIV/AIDS, Group Counseling in Support Groups, GLBTQIQ+, Postsecondary Education of foster care youth, Queer Identity Development, and Communities of Color Experiencing Impostor Syndrome in Counseling. A vote for me is an opportunity to engage. Let's make a difference together! Thank you and be well.

Catherine J. Eaton

I am honored to run for the position of Secretary for the Association for Adult Development and Aging---an organization that has inspired my service, leadership and advocacy in the profession over the past few years. As a licensed clinical professional counselor, approved clinical supervisor, a global career development facilitator and a National Board Certified Counselor in private practice in Maryland I own and operate Upcounty Pastoral Counseling Services serving children, youth, families, couples and individuals across the lifespan from diverse populations and social economic statuses. My desire to further serve AADA stems from my interest in

lifespan development and history of legislative advocacy for older adults and adults with developmental disabilities. Additionally, I served as Secretary-Elect for the Maryland Counseling Association (MCA) from 2014-2017 and eventually as President of MCA. Beyond my firm grounding in branch leadership, my history of service extends to an Executive Board Trustee for the National Employment Counseling Association (NECA), participation in the AADA Medicare Task Force and the 2018-2019 ACA Task Force on Counselor Compensation. Since my first clinical internships in residential facilities for senior care and transitional age youth with developmental disabilities, I have been drawn to working with older adults and neurodivergent young adults. I have actively advocated for support of the Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2019 to expand Medicare coverage with state legislative representatives and successfully gained two co-sponsors for S.286 and HR 945. It is my goal to serve AADA with this same fervor and commitment to broaden the reach and growth of the organization while ensuring its sustainability for populations across the adult lifespan, particularly with older adults and neurodivergent young adults. Catherine J. Eaton, LCPC-S, GCDF, NCC

Anthony Suarez

Hi everyone! My name is Tony Suarez, and I am an assistant professor in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Valparaiso University. It is a great thrill to be nominated to serve as the secretary for the Association for Adult Development and Aging. As a former quality management and training director for a community mental health agency, I am no stranger to the level of organization and structure this role would require. I consider myself to be a detail-oriented person and efficient in my work, and I believe I would thrive in this position if fortunate enough to be elected. My role as a counselor educator is in its early stages, but I desire to serve in a capacity and make an impact that goes beyond the classroom. I hope to find a professional home in AADA. I am an AADA member and presented, along with a student, at the most recent AADA national conference. I believe in AADA's mission of advocacy and addressing adult development needs across the lifespan, and I would certainly do my part in helping leadership stay true to this mission, as well as aiming the division toward growth. Once more, it is an honor to be nominated to serve our profession. I appreciate your consideration.

TREASURER

Adrianne Trogden

I have been looking for ways to get more involved in AADA and have been in charge of large budgets through my work at clinical mental health agencies, so I thought this would be a wonderful way to merge the two! Through executive management roles at various clinical mental health agencies, I have learned that solid fiscal management paves the way for organizations to thrive as well as provide all the necessary tools needed for strong clinical programming. I have also been involved in ACA for many years through my service on the executive board of the Louisiana branch. I am currently the President of the Louisiana Counseling Association and have the responsibility of creating and managing a budget both for the association as a whole and for our annual conference. I believe that my skills in leadership

and fiscal management at the branch level and community mental health agencies will translate well into the Treasurer role with AADA. I enjoy giving back to a field that has given me so much and I look forward to continuing opportunities to serve with AADA.

Chris Corbett

What an honor to be nominated for the treasurer of AADA. If elected I would prioritize my time and efforts in supporting the great work of the association with a particular focus on its financial health, both in the short and long term. As a member of the AADA Emerging Adult Task Group I have seen the great things that can be accomplished when we are all working together for a common goal. I would relish the opportunity to expand my service for AADA in working as the treasurer and a board member. Currently, I work as the Director of Counseling and Student Support Services at the Savannah College of Art and Design where I serve as the chief mental health and accessibility officer for the university. Lastly, I am a past-president of ACCA, site visitor for IACS, reviewer for the Journal of College Counseling, and chair-elect for the Higher Education Mental Health Alliance. I consider it a privilege to be part of the counseling community and I believe the best outcomes are achieved by a multidisciplinary approach. Thank you for your consideration.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – OUTREACH/BRANCH DIVISIONS

Crystal D. Neal

I am honored to receive the nomination as the Member-at-Large for the Association of Adult Development and Aging (AADA). As a counselor educator and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, I have a strong commitment to the inclusion of life-span theories in therapy to address the spectrum of factors contributing to human behavior. I serve as the president of the Illinois Association of Adult Development and Aging (IAADA) and actively contribute to statewide organizations promoting student engagement in aging studies. My leadership has focused on stabilizing membership to develop a mentoring program and strengthen visibility in our state organization. To ensure our alignment with AADA, I represent the Older Adult Task Force (OATF) and formed groups to bring awareness to the variance of needs across cohorts. I am also fortunate to guide learners in several disciplines. For the past 18 years, I have taught developmental courses in Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, Human Services and Gerontology programs. I am currently a core faculty member in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Capella University with a recent appointment as Course Lead for Advanced Research in Human Development. As the Member-at-Large, I will continue to identify counselors-in-training and doctoral students interested in life transitions and incorporating development perspectives in clinical practice. I will also provide a strategic plan to recruit and maintain divisional membership, consult with state divisions, and disseminate information outlining the chartering process. It is my hope to encourage state partnership and collaboration. Thank you for the consideration. Crystal D. Neal, PhD, LCPC MS/Gerontology

Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kelly Emelianchik-Key

Hello! My name is Kelly Emelianchik-Key and I am excited at the opportunity to be nominated for AARC President-Elect. Over the years, I have found that one of the best ways to advocate on behalf of the profession is to promote best practices in research, assessment, and evidence-based practice. If elected, I would be honored to continue advocating and building on the work of the past AARC leadership, while promoting the meaningful research that we do in the counseling field. I am currently an assistant professor at Florida Atlantic University in the counselor education department. My ongoing research areas align with AARC's mission, which includes assessment and instrument development in the area of teen dating violence. I have considered AARC my "professional home-base" since I was a doctoral student and I have been involved in the division in various capacities. Most recently, I served as treasurer for AARC and was a member of the finance committee. These roles were challenging but also rewarding. I was able to assist the leadership of AARC in promoting their mission and help maintain financial stability within the organization so AARC could give back to its membership, which further promotes best practices in counseling research. Being a part of AARC has been an exciting and rewarding opportunity. I believe that my leadership experience and organizational knowledge have laid the foundation for me to serve in the role of President-Elect. I have a profound commitment to AARC and value the mentorship and leadership that has always been provided as a member of this organization. If elected, it would be a privilege to continue to support the organization's mission, vision, and values.

Elizabeth A. Prosek

My name is Elizabeth Prosek and I am an Associate Professor at Penn State University. I am genuinely honored to be nominated for President-Elect with the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC). As a member for over 10 years, I have had the pleasure of previously serving AARC as Member-At-Large—Membership and Secretary. This past year, I assisted with the annual conference, which is one of my favorite events in the counseling profession. AARC members have a way of cultivating new, innovative knowledge at each conference that always leaves me inspired as I begin a new academic year. My desire to serve AARC in a larger capacity is rooted in my own meaningful experiences as a member. The mentorship I receive and professional development I experience through AARC has greatly impacted my identity as a counseling researcher, program evaluator, and mentor. I am proud to be a part of an association that emphasizes that the Board's purpose is to serve the members. AARC provides several benefits to members, such as grant-funding, emerging-leaders program, quality journals, and a productive annual conference. As a servant leader, my goal for AARC would be quality of services, not quantity. I believe that AARC's current projects are a considerable benefit to the membership; therefore, I would like to focus on growing the depth of each. Research, program evaluation, and assessment serve as pivotal tools when the counseling profession advocates for itself in the larger mental healthcare arena. The culture of AARC exudes

curiosity, support, and engagement among diverse scholars. My vision is to continue to find ways to exemplify the unique spirit of AARC within its activities and advocacy efforts, allowing all members to be connected to the resources available to them with AARC.

SECRETARY

C. Peeper McDonald

I am thrilled and honored to be nominated to serve as Secretary for the Association of Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC). I joined AARC as a doctoral student after attending the annual conference and was immediately drawn in at seeing how passionate the membership was about using assessment and research to ultimately underscore the profession and excellent client services. I have since served in AARC as a doctoral Emerging Leader and served on the Diversity and Awards committees. Since becoming a counselor educator, I have also served in the Mission and Vision workgroup and currently have the privilege of chairing the Diversity Committee. I believe that as a licensed professional counselor and counselor educator, it is my professional duty to not only teach students and supervisees about the importance of assessment and research but to also model it. If elected as AARC Secretary, I will serve in the Executive Council with continued passion and organization to support the mission and vision of AARC to the best of my ability.

Ching-Chen Chen

My name is Ching-Chen Chen and I am honored to be nominated to serve as Secretary for the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC). As Secretary, I would devote myself to working with the AARC leadership team and supporting the mission of AARC. My leadership, research, teaching, and clinical training and experience will help me effectively support the mission of the Association and ultimately you, its members. These experiences include serving as 2019 ACES Emerging Leader; maintaining an active research program focused on assessment, instrument development, and cross-cultural validation; and serving as reviewer for Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development. I have served as an international counselor educator for 10 years, teaching and supervising Asian and American counselor trainees and teaching Assessment in Counseling at multiple institutions. As an Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, I have been working to advance assessment and research within the counseling profession and increase Master's students involvement in AARC. I also have substantial clinical experience administering assessments to K-12 students, college students, adults, and substance use disorder clients. I am proud to be a part of AARC and hope to further contribute my skills and experience, particularly my cross-cultural perspectives and international counseling experiences, to promote best practices in assessment and research within the counseling profession.

MEMBER AT LARGE – PUBLICATIONS

Richard Balkin

I am honored to be nominated for Member at Large—Publications for AARC. Our journals are the largest contributors of revenue to our division, and the ability to get your scholarship in front of colleagues who can use, cite, and share your findings is synonymous with the vitality of the Association. I have a strong record of editorial service as Editor for Journal of Counseling & Development, Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development, Counseling and Values, and Journal of Professional Counseling. During my service I worked with three publishing companies with respect to enhancing journal metrics, marketing, author experiences, and service to editors. As President of AARC in 2008-2009, I oversaw the transition of MECD from one publishing company to another and participated in discussions related to cost and benefit to the Association. I bring an understanding of the publication process, a history of working to build journal impact, and meaningful experience within AARC leadership. As a former editor, I am well aware of the importance of author experiences and editorial resources to the publication process, and I will be a mindful steward of division interests while advocating for resources that advance the mission of MECD and CORE. As each of the Editors complete their 2nd term, AARC will need to conduct a search for the Editor positions, and I believe my experience will be an asset when selecting applicants to lead our publications. Beyond focused service to AARC regarding publications, the position is a standing member of the AARC Board with voting privileges and fiduciary responsibility to the members. I see my role as a service role to our members, and I will work with you to hear how you would like the Association to be helpful to you.

Amanda La Guardia

I am honored to be nominated to serve AARC as the Member-at-Large for Publications. I have been a member of AARC since 2007 and have served in a variety of roles within the organization, beginning my service as the NewsNotes editor during my doctoral program. Since then, I have been involved in a variety of leadership roles within the counseling profession currently including Assistant Editor to CE&S, the journal for ACES, editorial board member for JCD, MECD, and CORE, and President of Chi Sigma Iota International. I have previously served as an associate editor for CVJ and have published research in a number of counseling journals. I am very familiar with the logistics as well as the importance of maintaining and negotiating contracts with publishing companies to ensure maximum benefit to the association, and ultimately the membership. I hope you will select me to work for you in this very important service role. I would like to bring some energy to this position, potentially opening up opportunities and initiatives for the membership to learn more about the publication process as well as the intricacies involved in the design and implementation of needed research in counseling. Publication is central to the mission of AARC. This position can give more to our members than it has in the past, and I hope to be the person to facilitate a new process for members to engage with AARC through this role.

Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Le'Ann Solmonson

The majority of my professional career has been in serving children and adolescents through teaching and counseling, as well as training others to work with this population. In addition, much of my volunteer service has focused on this population. I have served in leadership capacities as the President of the Texas Counseling Association, President of Texas Counselors for Social Justice, President of the CASA of Deep East Texas Board and currently serve on the board of the Methodist Children's Home. I have over 35 years of volunteer service in numerous capacities with many child and adolescent focused activities and organizations. I am currently in my third year as a Trustee on the ACAC board. I am a strong advocate for children and families and feel my experiences have prepared me well to step into a leadership role with ACAC.

SECRETARY

Peggy Mayfield

I am seeking the office of Secretary for the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling in order to actively contribute to ACAC and support its mission. The mission of ACAC aligns closely with my personal mission of advocating on behalf of all children and adolescents, increasing awareness of the data-driven ways in which to enrich children's lives and to protect them from harm, and to support all child and adolescent practitioners. Over the past 15 plus years, I engaged in a variety of activities to advance this mission through clinical work with children, adolescents, and their families, presenting at national and international conferences, and teaching in higher education (e.g., treating children from diverse populations, child abuse and neglect, child development). For the past four years I served as the ACAC Newsletter Editor and I am currently serving as the ACAC Interim Secretary. Beyond these efforts, I served as President of the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling in Illinois from 2017-2019. Should I be elected, I will continue to actively support ACAC's board, its members, and practitioners, as well as all children around the world through advocacy, education, and outreach. Thanks so much for the work each of you does on behalf of the children and adolescents in your communities and around the world. I hope to have the chance to meet you in person soon! Kind regards,
Peggy

Yi-Ju Cheng

I am excited about the opportunity to run for Secretary for ACAC this year. Counselor educator and counselor are two identities I passionately embrace. I am currently an assistant professor at Rider University with research interests in promoting mental health services for children and adolescents, especially those from marginalized cultural groups. I have been serving as an editorial board member for JCAC since summer 2018 and was recently elected to serve as Treasurer for NJAPT. In addition, I stay active in clinical practice by providing therapy services to

children and adolescents experiencing a variety of behavioral, social, and emotional difficulties in local schools using my personal time. I humbly appreciate every encounter with my clients and deeply care about providing support and facilitating improvement in their lives. Using my experiences, skills, awareness, and cultural identities, I hope I will have the opportunity to work with other members on the board to strengthen the community of ACAC and to advocate for children and adolescents.

K. Michelle Hunnicutt Hollenbaugh

What I love about the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC) is the dedication members have for helping children. I am also passionate about advocating for children and adolescents, and I look forward to the opportunity to do so via service in ACAC. I am an Associate Professor at Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi and attained tenure while starting a family- I have two small children- which I believe highlights my work ethic and ability to multi-task! Being a parent has made me a better counselor and counselor educator as it has also enhanced my ability to be patient and flexible. I will take initiative to fulfill the duties of secretary and look for opportunities to help members of the executive board and further the mission of ACAC. I am currently on the editorial board for the Journal of Child and Adolescent Counseling and serving my second term as the Executive Editor for the Journal of Professional Counseling. These experiences have honed my copyediting and organizational skills. I am also prompt, reliable, and detail oriented. I am on the publications committee for ACA and the chair of the specialty standards and statements committee for the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling. Both opportunities have provided me with the knowledge and skill to work as part of a leadership team. My research is focused on evidence-based treatments for at-risk adolescents, and I have found a home in ACAC to further this research while surrounded by warm and devoted individuals. I am thrilled about the possibility of this opportunity to give back to the organization and am so grateful for your consideration.

Cynthia L. Taylor

Dr. Cynthia L. Taylor is an Assistant Professor/School Counseling Program Coordinator at Bowie State University as well as Part-Time Faculty at Capella University teaching in the Master of Arts – School Counseling Program. In both positions, Dr. Taylor teaches across programs and excels at promoting a greater awareness, advocacy, and understanding of children and adolescents as well as raises the standards of training by teaching appropriate prevention and intervention strategies. Dr. Taylor's zeal for service is evidenced in maintaining membership in ACA, ACAC, ACES, SACES, AHC, AMCD, ASCA, MCA, MACES, MAMCD, and MSCA; where she holds various leadership roles. Currently, Dr. Taylor serves as Secretary for the Maryland Counseling Association (MCA) (2019-2021) and was previously Secretary for the North Carolina Counseling Association (NCCA) (2016-2017). If elected to serve as Secretary for the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC), Dr. Taylor will ensure the records of ACAC are kept up to date and communicated with the larger body as well as be available for other duties as directed by the President or the Board. In addition, as a voting member she will further support the vision and mission of ACAC.

Amanda Winburn

Qualifications: Amanda Winburn, Ph.D., P-LPC, SB-RPT, NCC, NCSC is currently serving as an Associate Professor at the University of Mississippi within the Department of Leadership and Counselor Education. Dr. Winburn has over a decade of experience working with children in various settings. Dr. Winburn is a licensed educator, counselor, and administrator. She currently serves as the Program Coordinator for the Ed.S. in Counselor Education program and teaches courses within the School Counseling and Play Therapy specialty area. Dr. Winburn also has a strong area of interest in School Based Play Therapy. Over the last 8 years, she has been actively involved in play therapy at the University of Mississippi both at the clinical setting as well as actively conducting research within the field. Other research interest include school counseling and bullying. Reasons: As a member of ACAC, I am seeking a role in which I can support the mission and vision of ACAC. If elected secretary, I would plan to support ACAC through my attendance to meetings and annual conferences. I believe that I am reliable and dependable and would have no issues in maintaining records or minutes as needed by the board. I would also work with the board members to execute assigned duties as needed. As a passionate school counselor and play therapist, the mission of ACAC to promote the well-being of children and adolescents among members of the counseling profession is at the core of my work each and every day.

SCHOOL COUNSELING TRUSTEE

Terri A. Mason

I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC) in the position of School Counseling Trustee. Although I am new to ACAC I have been a school counseling profession for over 30 years. I have served 4 years as the President of the Virginia Association for Specialist in Group Work and held numerous other leadership positions in my school and school district. I was named Counselor of the Year by the Virginia Counselors Association in 2018. I received my Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Studies, June, 2014 from Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am currently completing my 22nd year at Hunt Valley Elementary School in Springfield, Virginia. I look forward to working for ACAC to continue the work of ensuring that children and adolescents have safe, healthy and nurturing environments in which to grow and learn.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR TRUSTEE

Thomas DeGeorge

Being a trustee will allow my 30 years of experience as a clinician and educator working with children and adolescents and their families to further the mission of ACAC. In these challenging times ACAC can provide best practices for counselors in their work with children and

adolescents. I eagerly look forward to being able to serve as a trustee and being on the board to provide the utmost for the association.

Julie L. Quigley

I would be honored to serve as the Mental Health Counselor Trustee with the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC). I genuinely care and advocate for our younger population. I have over two years of experience providing psychotherapy at a community mental health agency in Indiana and 14 years of advising/school counseling experience in various settings. I specialize in adolescents and children while implementing psychotherapy techniques such as CBT, DBT, suicide prevention, motivational interviewing, and contemplative thought methods. The community mental health agency where I serve is unique because of its integrative care model. I am also a licensed school counselor and a National Certified Counselor (NCC). I have counseled in rural and urban school systems, higher education environments, and in the community. I earned my doctorate in counselor education at the University of the Cumberlands in May 2019 and currently, teach in the Division of Graduate Counseling at Indiana Wesleyan University in the mental health and school counseling programs. My academic service includes serving on the Student Advisory Council at the University of the Cumberlands and The Assessment and Care Team at Butler University. My volunteer commitments involve teaching Sunday school to kindergartners and providing career counseling at a temporary residential home for pregnant women. My research interests include mindfulness-based stress reduction, counselor self-care, and social anxiety. Due to my various counseling experiences, I feel I could bring a diverse and valuable perspective to the association as a member of the committee.

Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

LoriAnn Stretch

Thank you for considering me for continued service to the Association for Creativity in Counseling as President-Elect for 2020 - 2022. I am a Full Professor, Department Chair, and National Counseling Curriculum Chair for The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. I am very passionate about the use of creativity in counseling and have seen firsthand the healing that can occur through experiential methods, such as art, sand play therapy, and play therapy. I have been an active leader in ACA and the counseling profession for twenty years. I have served on the ACC Board as a Two Year Trustee and have been the Co-Conference Chair for two years. In my time on the ACC Board, I have streamlined our continuing education process, assisted with the launch of our new webinar series, increased member participation in conference planning, and helped implement Whova as our conference app. As President-Elect, I hope to increase our partnerships with other divisions and international counseling partners.

TRUSTEE

Patricia Kimball

One of the things I appreciate about the American Counseling Association is the wide variety of divisions that provide a place for similar professionals to gather, learn and grow. The Association for Creativity in Counseling has provided me the place to nurture the creative part of myself as a counselor and as an individual. The annual conference, the Journal of Mental Health and Creativity and specialized education tracks have provided me the opportunity to expand my knowledge while giving me the confidence to integrate creative approaches to all my professional roles. After being a volunteer for the most recent conference, I see the amount of energy needed for the division to flourish. In the role of Trustee, I will be able to commit the focused time and attention to the needs to the division, so I can be an integral part of the successful continuation of the division and a place for ether creative professionals to gather and develop.

SECRETARY

Lotes Nelson

This is a brief excerpt to outline my interest in the Association for Creativity in Counseling Secretary Board of Director position. I am fully committed to the vision and work of the Association for Creativity in Counseling. I am dedicated to valuing the creativity, diversity, and relational approaches to counseling. My stance remains to promote growth in one's continued counseling development as supported by collaborative relationships. It would be my honor to be elected as the Secretary of the Association for Creativity in Counseling organization, where I can leverage my achievements, leadership experiences, organizational skills, and ability to work with a team. My Board of Directorship experiences come from serving at both the non-profit sector as well on a state-level counseling association. I understand the wide-range of responsibilities, including but not limited to keeping records of the proceedings of the organization, serving as a liaison between the executive council and other assigned committees, and handling correspondence and producing appropriate communications on behalf of the organization, as necessary. I trust that my organizational skills will meet the association's structure and needs to foster crucial communication and diligence through proper management and utilization of important records. My highest ethical standards, as well as a strong sense of professionalism, will allow me to be prepared to serve the interests of the stakeholders. If nominated for this position, I vow to tirelessly, thoughtfully, and wisely fulfill my Board obligations with the sole purpose of serving the organization in its entirety. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Lotes Nelson, PhD., LPC, ACS, NCC

Lacy C. Overley

I am an Associate Professor at Arkansas State University. I serve as the Director of the Play Therapy Education and Research Center, the Coordinator of the Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy Program, and the Comprehensive Exam Coordinator. I have also chaired the department's Faculty Awards Committee and co-chaired a Faculty Search Committee. Additionally, I was the interim coordinator for the department's School Counseling Program for three years. Until recently, I served as the faculty advisor for the counseling program's student organization, which especially rewarding to me. As a past-president of CSI, I understand that leadership opportunities can positively influence a student's development, and I wanted to share that experience with others. I have enjoyed leadership roles outside of my University work as well. I was a regional representative for ArAPT where I collaborated with counselors to increase awareness and interest in play therapy. As a RPT, I recognize the value of creativity, and these approaches are integrated into my counseling and teaching. Because I enjoy mentoring and leadership, I enjoy sharing what I learn. Consequently, through the Association for Play Therapy I had the opportunity to develop my leadership skills through their Leadership Academy, which helped me develop foundational skills important for effective leadership and team collaboration. Currently, I am a member of the 2019 ACC Conference Committee and am coordinating the play therapy interest group. Creativity and expressive arts are powerful mediums for communication in therapy and in life. Creative approaches are also excellent outlets for self-care, which I share with my students, professional peers, family, and friends. If elected as ACC secretary, I would love to become more involved with our established members, connect with new members, and engage in outreach to expand our organization with others who have not yet discovered the power of creativity.

American College Counseling Association (ACCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Rebecca "Becca" Smith

I am running for President Elect of ACCA simply because I absolutely love this organization. I started in college counseling in 2010. Right away my supervisor encouraged me to join ACCA. At first, reading the emails on the listserv really helped me learn new things in my role as a college counselor, and I found a place to ask questions that actually got answered!! I attended my first ACCA conference in 2014. While at the conference I learned so much and felt connected to passionate people who love working with college students. It inspired me to become Chair of the Social Media Committee in 2016. Being on the committee allowed me to learn more about ACCA and spread the word about the work counselors are doing on college campuses. I then decided to present at the next ACCA conference I attended in 2017. It was an honor to give back after receiving so much at the previous conference. I was able to attend a session on leadership within ACCA which encouraged me to serve on the ACCA Executive Board. I am now currently serving as Secretary. Being on the Board has helped me appreciate the importance of

supporting college counselors. College counselors continue to positively affect retention rates, inclusiveness, advocacy and mental health awareness on our campuses. Our jobs are so stressful, and it has been helpful to be part of a great support system. ACCA has given so much to me, and I have truly enjoyed giving back. I hope as President to help continue to grow our profession by keeping up with current trends and providing the best training and especially support to all college counselors, directors, case managers and counselors in training. Thank you for your consideration in electing me President of ACCA.

Raime Thibodeaux

I am humbled to have been nominated for the position of President-Elect in ACCA by colleagues whom I respect, trust, and value greatly. I have worked in college mental health for the majority of my professional career and am currently a counseling center director. I previously served on the ACCA board as secretary and have presented at national conferences. When I first started working in this field, ACCA was the place where I was able to feel a part of the greater college counseling community. It is also the place where I have met other college counselors whom I reach out to for support regularly. Over the years, many of our centers have seen a tremendous increase in demand for services which also means that we are needing to share ideas and change the way we operate in order to accommodate this influx. As such, the need for counselor self-care is paramount. We are healthiest when we reach out for support whether that be own mental health help or professional consultation from others. I believe in the power of an organization like ACCA to be that professional touchstone we can all reach out to for input from colleagues nationwide, and in that way we are never working alone, regardless of the size or resources of our centers. Cultivating healthy, diverse communities on the principle of connection/belonging is what we do on our campuses and is also the foundation for how we connect with each other as professionals. Being a part of ACCA has challenged me to continually learn more about myself and the field, and to reach out unashamedly for support. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the organization that has played such a vital role in shaping me as a college counseling professional. Thank you.

SECRETARY

Megan Little

I feel honored to be able to participate in the ACCA executive council nomination for secretary. I have leaned on ACCA for community, collaboration, guidance, and I hope that I can give back to ACCA by providing the same to others while serving as secretary. A large aspect of being on an executive board is leadership and I believe leadership is inspiring others, creating community, and advocating for the profession. Through my current position as an embedded counselor in the residence halls and training coordinator for our embedded training program I have been able to create community within our group but also within our Housing department. I have helped facilitate community by getting to know stakeholders, partners in our program, and student leaders as well as being a consistent presence in the residence halls. I also have advocated for the profession by regularly providing data about the students and services we offer in the halls.

This has helped in gaining the funding for a secondary full time position in the residence halls. Through my current position I have made mentorship of the students in the training program I oversee a top priority by catering mentorship to their needs and meeting them where they are in their development. I believe this style of mentorship has inspired and created community in our embedded training program. In sum, I believe that I can bring a leadership style to the ACCA secretary position that inspires, creates community, and assists in advocating for the profession. I have participated in ACCA leadership through joining committees such as the Graduate Student and Young Professionals committee and I have held executive positions in my graduate program's Chi Sigma Iota chapter. I hope to continue growing and learning as a leader in ACCA, thank you for your consideration.

Christie Simons

I feel excited and privileged to be nominated for the Secretary role for the ACCA executive board. I have been involved in ACCA since becoming a member several years ago and have had the opportunity to serve on the conference committee, the PAPA committee, presented a pre-conference session, and hosted the executive board for their annual retreat. I was also on the board for the NC division of ACCA and was elected as Secretary to the LPCANC board. I have held various leadership roles both in organizations such as ACCA as well as professionally. I am currently the Director of Counseling for SCAD-Atlanta and was previously the Director of Counseling Services at Belmont Abbey College. I also spent five years as an adjunct Psychology professor. I'm passionate about supporting students' mental health in a variety of ways, both within our counseling offices and outside, by impacting larger campus culture. In my leadership roles, I've prioritized training of faculty and staff, education, outreach, stigma reduction and other creative means for supporting a healthier campus culture that opens conversations and recognizes the need to model and support mental health initiatives. I have so appreciated the ways that I've benefited as a member and contributor to ACCA and seek to come alongside those already doing great work and have the opportunity to serve the organization to further aid its growth and reach. I am organized, diligent, determined, and have excellent written and verbal skills and would fulfill my duties as Secretary with excellence. I would be honored to serve the members of ACCA and, by extension, all of the students that we ultimately impact by our work, in this way.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – GRADUATE AND NEW PROFESSIONAL

Amy Broadwater

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Member-at-Large on the Executive Council for ACCA. As a current PhD candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision at the University of Arkansas, I work as a Counselor-In-Residence as part of an embedded team of counselors. Not only do I have the privilege of counseling college students, but I also have the opportunity to help create and implement outreaches in collaboration with other disciplines across campus. In my first year at the University, I developed a creative suicide awareness program (A Million Reasons to Stay) that is now used in all residence halls, campus wide. As a counselor and

member of the LGBTQ+ community, I advocate for minoritized students and clients, as well as other professionals. Part of my advocacy involves being a visible member of my community on campus, as well as co-facilitating an LGBTQ+ group for the past two years. Recently, I volunteered to serve as the graduate student member of our counseling center's new Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Committee for this academic year. I am committed to supporting their efforts to help us continue to provide stellar services to students, as well as continue to provide an equitable, inclusive, and diverse work environment. My research is on microaggressions and campus climates. Currently, I am serving as the Rho Alpha Beta Chapter President of Chi Sigma Iota and am looking forward to a year with research and scholarship as our theme. As a member of ACCA, I presented at the 2019 conference in San Diego and was fortunate to connect with many other ACCA professionals. I am excited about this opportunity to grow in my leadership skills and to impact and encourage other college counselors. I would be honored to serve in this position if chosen.

Dynetta Clark

I am a currently doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Supervision Program at Western Michigan University. I am working on my dissertation, with an anticipated graduation date in April 2020. I have a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University, and a Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University. I am licensed in the State of Michigan as a licensed professional counselor. I also hold the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification from the National Board of Certified Counselors, and the Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) certification from the Center for Credentialing and Education. My work experience consists of twenty years working with children, adults, and families in various settings, including: schools, home based settings, outpatient settings, and residential settings. Duties have included providing individual, group, and/or crisis mental health services. Additionally, I have several years of administrative and clinical supervision experience. My first introduction to ACCA was the 2019 conference in San Diego, where I was a co-presenter with a faculty member. I attended several presentations and workshops that informed me of the amazing work that college counselors do for their students and universities. Prior to attending the conference, I had not considered college counseling as a career path. I am interested in becoming more involved with ACCA for the professional development, networking, and potential advocacy and employment opportunities. The ACCA Mission and Diversity statements resonate with me, as I have experience working with people of different backgrounds and maintaining awareness of cultural differences. I take pride in treating everyone with dignity and respect. I am confident that my experience meets the qualifications that you are seeking as a candidate. I look forward to sharing knowledge and resources with other counseling professionals.

V. Paige Zeiger

V. Paige Zeiger would like to be considered for the ACCA Member-at-Large and New Professionals position because she is a driven professional who wants to assist the organization that supports counseling professionals in higher education by fostering student development, promoting the practice of college counseling, and enhancing ethical and responsible practice.

She is a Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) doctoral candidate at Walden University with an expected graduation in Spring 2020. Paige is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Alabama with the following additional credentials: National Board Certified Counselor (NCC), Board Certified-Telemental Health (BC-TMH) Provider, Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional (CCFP), and Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP). She has worked and volunteered with a variety of populations, communities, and causes, such as the Give an Hour organization where she provides pro bono services to military members, their family, and friends. Paige was selected as a Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES) Emerging Leader 2018 – 2020 and serves as the Member-at-Large for the Alabama Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ALACES) as well as on the American Counseling Association (ACA) Professional Standards Committee, SACES Graduate Students Committee, SACES Social Media Committee, and SACES Distance/Online Counselor Education Interest Network. As Paige continues to engage in the counselor education and higher education profession, she has had the opportunity to attend, participate, and present at state, regional, and national conferences. Her interests and specialties include research on and educating others about counseling education in higher education, counselor education, training and professional development, self-care, compassion fatigue, clinical trauma, military populations, counseling profession identity, and counselor education professional identity. Paige wants to use her past and present experiences to excel in the counselor education field and fulfilling the position responsibilities of the ACCA Member-at-Large role.

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Casey A. Barrio Minton

ACES has been my professional home for 18 years, consistently providing fellowship, inspiration, and development across time and place, including in my current role as Professor of Counselor Education at the University of Tennessee. To date, I have served the counseling profession as President of Chi Sigma Iota International, Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling, and the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. My leadership in ACES began in 2006 within the New Faculty Interest Network. Most recently, I have served ACES via the Best Practice Teaching Task Force, Teaching Task Force (chair), ACES/AMHCA Task Force, and CES editorial board. I come to ACES as a servant leader whose responsibility is to promote initiatives that align with ACES mission, vision, and member-identified needs. In the last decade, we have experienced unprecedented growth in programs, enrolled students, and diversification of delivery systems. ACES has prospered with financial stability, unification of regional structure, and growing membership. Meanwhile, the counseling profession continues to face important questions regarding our identity; professional issues such as portability, Medicare, and parity; and a critical need for research to support counseling practice and public policy. ACES is uniquely situated to promote professional development of individual counselor

educators and supervisors while advancing the profession as a whole. As President, I will foster initiatives that add value to your ACES membership for counselor educators in diverse roles, settings, and places in development. I seek to help ACES become or remain your professional home as you develop skills and relationships that enhance your work and impact. I will promote collaboration among organizations whose mission links to ACES and will strive to empower ACES leadership, ensuring that all we do remains focused on the core, unique role of ACES: supporting counselor educators and supervisors who, in turn, develop our profession.

Chris Wood

I am honored to accept the ACES Executive Board's nomination as candidate for ACES President. I embrace the opportunity to serve ACES and believe that my contributions will be beneficial, as outlined in my qualifications and rationale below. Qualifications: My qualifications include my leadership experience in ACES, involvement with partner organizations, and background in ACES regions. In nearly 20 years in counselor education I have been a member of three ACES regions (WACES, SACES, and NCACES). I have been a regional president, served on the ACES Executive Council, served on the ACES Search Committee for Executive Director, revised the ACES Strategic Plan, and helped develop the ACES guide to recruitment/retention of diverse students/faculty. I have been strongly involved with partner organizations such as CACREP, and potential partners such as ASCA, and honored as an ACA Fellow. As a CACREP Team Leader/Member I conducted 10 site visits and hosted CACREP visits four times. For seven years I was on the editorial board for Professional School Counseling and then served as Associate Editor/Editor for six years. Rationale I would be especially beneficial to ACES now. In 2018 ASCA and ACA split, announcing a "New Collaborative Relationship." With a school counseling track in over 350 counselor education programs – there is a need for ACES to develop/maintain a collaborative relationship with ASCA and due to my experience(s) I can facilitate such. Moreover, having previous experience with the ACES journal editor transition and hiring an Executive Director I bring unique knowledge/experience to those tasks. I would like to help strengthen ACES support for regions and state organizations. Other potential initiatives include creating increased publication outlets for counselor educators including publishing conference proceedings and producing additional best practice 'guides' (e.g. Program Evaluation). Perhaps most importantly however, I look forward to hearing your ideas for improving ACES.

SECRETARY-ELECT

Cassandra "Cassie" Storlie

It is a honor to be nominated to serve as ACES Secretary. I am an Associate Professor and Doctoral Program Coordinator at Kent State University. ACES has been instrumental in my development and identity as a professional counselor and counselor educator. As a servant leader, I have worked hard in my prior service roles to be attentive to all voices, particularly to those who have been historically marginalized or unheard. As immediate past president of NCACES, I coordinated our 2018 conference which centered on how our profession can lead in

cultural responsiveness. I served as the ACES Advocacy Interest Network chair for three years and most recently served as ACES diversity scholarship chair to improve access for underrepresented individuals to our ACES conference. As ACES secretary, I will provide a collaborative atmosphere that is sensitive to illuminating all voices as we continue to pursue excellence among all the dimensions that represent counselor education and supervision. I further commit to open communication and intentional dialogue that supports the growth and development of ACES, which is essential in moving our association forward. The ACES Secretary is charged with keeping records regarding the business of the association, the governing council and executive committee, while also assisting with duties set forth by the president/governing council. I have had experience serving as Secretary for both NCACES and CSI International. As such, I am willing and able to commit wholeheartedly to the roles and duties of ACES Secretary. Moreover, I want to work with ACES staff and members to create leadership development initiatives that support our members in supervision, scholarship and advocacy. I commit to upholding each facet of the mission of ACES and to enhancing the support available for future leaders in years to come.

Amanda J. Minor

It is an honor to be a candidate for the role of ACES Secretary. I have been an ACES member for over ten years and continue to grow within the organization. I have a history as an active ACES member, including:

- Elected as Secretary of NARACES in 2018-2019 and re-elected for the 2019-2020 term
- Served as a mentor with NARACES Emerging Leaders in 2018
- Served as ACES Career Link Coordinator/Co-Coordinator from 2014-2017 for the ACES and NARACES Conferences
- Attended the ACES national or regional conference every year since 2008

I have enjoyed these opportunities immensely as it has afforded me the chance to understand leadership, serve as a mentor within NARACES, and work to advocate for equity within our organization. My professional interests include strengthening professional counselor identity, equity, mentorship, and creative andragogy. I am an Associate Professor at Salve Regina University (SRU) in Newport, RI. I earned my Ph.D. in 2012 from Idaho State University in Counseling Education and a Master's degree in Counseling from Southern Illinois University. In addition to my commitment to ACES, I am a CACREP team visitor and have served on elected, appointed, and volunteer committees at my university. I was Co-PI of a three-year grant integrating Civic Engagement into the classroom and currently serve as a co-faculty advisor for our undergraduate LGBTQIA+ club on campus. Working to bring attention paired with action to areas of disparity, injustice, and equity (more specifically related to race and gender) on and off-campus is critical to my role as an educator and change maker. If elected, I would work with others to continue to bring this awareness to the ACES Board. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about my qualifications (amanda.minor@salve.edu).

Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Amanda M. Evans

I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve as the Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC) President. I plan to continue the progress former AHC Executive Board members have initiated by upholding the vision to, “foster counseling practice, education, scholarship, advocacy, and mentorship emerging from the Humanistic traditions.” This will include targeted efforts to empower and support humanistic-oriented counseling students, counselors, supervisors, counselor educators, researchers, advocates, mentors, and our AHC elders. In our current era, it is imperative that humanistic-oriented professionals know that they are connected to a larger organization that recognizes the importance of the core conditions and value of authentic relationships. This includes affirming human dignity, addressing climate change, increasing cross cultural collaborations, and advocating for the profession. As the AHC President, I will work tirelessly to serve AHC as an organization and you as a member. A little about me, I am an Assistant Professor and CMHC Program Director at James Madison University. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (VA), National Certified Counselor, and an Approved Clinical Supervisor. My research interests include race-based trauma, White ally development, and wellness-oriented approaches in addressing health disparities. As a registered yoga therapist, I enjoy examining how the body can be integrated into attachment and humanistic counseling practices. I identify as an existential-humanistic counselor. I have been married for nine years and have three children.

Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Patrick K. Faircloth

I am a Counselor Educator in Alabama and I earned my Ph.D. in Michigan at Oakland University in 2011. When I came out in the 1970's it was a very different world with different challenges for those of us who are members of the LGBT+ family. As we know, we all move differently through identity development and I did not begin to come out in academia until 2006. When I arrived in Alabama in 2012 as a new Assistant Professor I was struck with the need for advocacy. I immediately became involved in the Alabama state branch ALGBTICAL and served as President in 2017-2018. Back in 2012, in defense and support of my students I found it necessary to come out at my university. Today as a tenured Associate Professor and as a Cisgender Bisexual Leatherman every day I attempt to model compassion, courage, transparency, authenticity and acceptance to my colleagues and students. With the assistance of others, I created a graduate course “Sexual Minority Issues in Counseling” (not the original name I submitted for consideration). Many students have now taken this course and are competently working with

LGBT+ folks and their families. I have worked with students beyond the classroom and I feel my involvement with students, peers and advocacy in part, resulted in my receiving the 2018 ALGBTIC Mentor Award. We may not have the challenges we had in the 1970's but our challenges are far from over inside and outside of our profession. I remain committed to unflinchingly, finding, facing, and working through whatever challenges we face, together, with compassion, courage, transparency, authenticity and acceptance. As my record and curriculum vita show (<https://fair200746.wixsite.com/insight>), I am committed to our profession, students, clients and our family. I would consider it an honor to serve ALGBTIC as the next President-Elect.

Christie Jenkins

I am a Core Faculty member in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Walden University and the CEO of the Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center. I have been working with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for over 24 years. I completed my Master's Thesis on gay and lesbian battering in 2004 due to the great disparity in domestic violence services for the LGBTQ+ population. I have been presenting locally, nationally, and internationally on this topic and the importance of inclusion for the LGBTQ+ population for the past 15 years. I am currently the ALBTICO (Ohio) President and the LGBTQ+ PRIDE Faculty Co-Advisor at Walden. In June of 2019, an email in support of a Conversion Therapy ban was posted on our Ohio counseling listserve. What happened next was stunning and disheartening. Many individuals on the OCA listserve asked to be removed from the listserve. Many of our fellow counselors who identify as LGBTQ+ reported that they no longer felt safe after seeing the mass exodus and reading some of the comments. The hurt and concern for the LGBTQ+ community was felt deeply by fellow counselors. However, it was apparent from the influx of emails that there was much disagreement and debate regarding Conversion Therapy. With ACA's position on Conversion Therapy, 15 states and the District of Columbia banning the practice, and research showing that harm can and does happen with this modality, we must as counselors look at ourselves and examine our viewpoints. It is our responsibility to scrutinize our feelings and ensure that we uphold our ethical standards while seeking supervision for any biases or prejudices. It is my mission to show through service, presentations, and outreach that we must protect our most vulnerable populations by making informed decisions based on ethics, research, and law.

Anthony Zazzarino

I am honored to be running for President-elect with the Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC). As a full-time counselor educator and part-time mental health counselor and clinical supervisor, I fully support the mission of ALGBTIC "to advocate for the voice, equity, and inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons within the counseling profession and beyond." Throughout my educational career, research efforts, and personal accounts, I understand the need to continue to fight for the rights of and empower LGBTQ+ individuals. It still shocks me that, in 2019, the vision of ALGBTIC has to reinforce a world where "LGBTQ+ people are respected, celebrated, and experience belonging." With my leadership skills and experiences in many leadership positions in other organizations, as

the President-elect, I will make it my duty to continue to excel this mission and continue to make changes within the counseling profession. I will begin within our own organization to make sure everyone's views, values, and beliefs are heard. As Ellen DeGeneres once said, "The truth is, we are all one connected thing. We are all from the same exact molecules." I believe that change begins with listening, listening to our similarities and not focusing on the differences to create a stronger community. Together we can be a model for other professional organizations. Ultimately, we truly can be the social change agents I know we are. At the end of my term, I am hopeful that we will continue to promote respect for every human being, since we are all made of up molecules.

PROFESSIONAL TRUSTEE – MEMBERSHIP AND STATE BRANCHES

Randall Astramovich

I am honored to be a candidate for Professional Trustee of Membership and State Branches with ALGBTIC. Over the past 20 years of my counseling career, I have been privileged to work with LGBTQ+ clients, students, supervisees, and colleagues in both mental health and school settings, and in my current role as a counselor educator at Idaho State University. In recent years, ALGBTIC members have made remarkable progress in advancing knowledge and awareness of LGBTQ+ issues in the counseling professions. The fact that ALGBTIC is now one of the largest divisions within ACA demonstrates tangible results of these advocacy efforts. I am especially interested in helping ALGBTIC continue to grow nationally and internationally, as well as helping ensure that state divisions have meaningful support for their organization and growth. I have had the opportunity to serve in several leadership roles in the counseling professions so far during my career, including as Founding President of the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling and as President of the Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. These leadership experiences helped me cull the skills necessary for developing outreach to increase organization membership as well as helped me experience the power of advocacy work in helping to build a thriving counseling professional association. Currently I am a member of the ALGBTIC Research and Scholarship Committee. If given the opportunity as a Professional Trustee, I would be resolute in helping ALGBTIC membership thrive and help our organization to proactively involve more people of color, transgender, and non-binary individuals within our membership and in our leadership roles.

James Carroll

I am running for Trustee of Membership & State Branches because I believe that as counselors, we have a responsibility for social justice and advocacy. As part of this social justice and advocacy, I would like to see the number of state ALGBTIC divisions double. As Trustee of Membership & State Branches, I would reach out to state branch without an ALGBTIC division to identify and work with individuals in that state to create an ALGBTIC division. One of the core values in ACA's Strategic Plan is diversity, equity, and inclusion. ACA provides an example of how we, as an organization live these values today---"We go beyond inclusion to ensure diverse people are engaged and "at the table.'" As members of the LGBTQIAPG+ community, we need

to make sure we come to the table. I am currently in private practice and am a Licensed Professional Counselor in Missouri and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Illinois. In addition, I am credentialed as an NCC, CCMHC, MAC, RPT-S, and BC-THP. In my practice, I mainly work with children and their families and specialize in trauma, attachment issues, anger issues, depression, and anxiety. I belong to several professional organizations: ACA, ALGBTIC, ACAM, ALGBTIC-M, EMDR International Association, and the Association of Play Therapy. I am a founding member of ALGBTIC-Missouri and currently serve as President. Most importantly, I am the proud father of a son who is currently serving in the U.S. Army (just like his dad). In my free time, I enjoy being involved in local politics, gardening, raising chickens, and keeping bees. And, most recently, I was turned on to the addictive nature of Minecraft by a client. I would appreciate your support and vote for Trustee of Membership & State Branches.

Veronica M. Kirkland

Veronica M. Kirkland, PhD, LCPC-S has served as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) in Maryland for over six years. She is also interested in researching issues of social justice, counselor education and counselor professional identity. Although clinical practice and research are areas of focus for Veronica, she is currently focused on her work as a counselor educator. She recently began her journey as a counselor educator teaching Online, and traditional counselor training settings. Veronica graduated with a doctoral degree in Counselor Education and Supervision from Walden University. The focus of her dissertation was counselor competence with gender diverse clients. For me, joining the ALGBTIC board affords me the opportunity to continue the work of promoting and ensuring counselor competence within our LGBTQI+ community. We all deserve the right to access open, affirming, competent counseling to support our growth and development as individuals. As an individual with intersecting identities of Black, Woman, and Queer, I am passionate about my call to action regarding social justice, our community, and our allies. We must use our rainbow to colorfully, uniquely, and fiercely light the path to personal equality for all!

Kirsten LaMantia

Hello, my name is Kirsten LaMantia and I am a counselor educator at Southeast Missouri State University. My counseling and research areas include LGBTQ+ counseling competencies and social justice advocacy. I am a section editor for Chi Sigma Iota's Counselors Bookshelf. I served as the secretary of the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES). Previously, I was the co-chair of the Clinic Directors and Placement Coordinator ACES Interest Network. I would love to continue my leadership by serving as the Trustee of Membership and State Branches for ALGBTIC. I have been a member of ALGBTIC since I was a doctoral student and began volunteering at ALGBTIC's very first Rainbow Run. I presented at ALGBTIC's inaugural conference in New Orleans. As Trustee of Membership and State Branches, I would work diligently to bolster ALGBTIC's membership and continue the strong line of involvement among ALGBTIC and its members and state branches. I would be honored to serve in a leadership position for ALGBTIC and to give back to an organization that has given so much to the field of counseling.

Stacy Speedlin

I am honored to be considered as a nominee for the Trustee of Membership and State Branches. As a queer woman of color, I value the opportunity to serve the LGBTQIAPG+ community using voice, visibility and accessibility. I have a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. I am a licensed professional counselor (LPC), a licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC) and I am board certified (NCC). Currently, I am an Assistant Professor in Practice at the University of Texas at San Antonio. I have served this division as the chair of the 2016 ALGBTIC Conference in San Antonio, Texas. I also have a few publications in the Journal of LGBTQ Issues in Counseling. My research interests include the experiences of transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in counseling settings (and other issues pertaining to LGBTQIAPG+ persons). Locally, I serve on the grant-writing committee for the San Antonio Pride Center; ensuring that the Center has met all of the funding requirements for the fiscal year. I also have a private practice where I provide pro bono services to the transgender and nonbinary community. My wife and I also volunteer every year for the Pride Parade in our local area. My wife is the first out Latina lesbian elected into public office in my area (San Antonio); therefore I understand the value of queer visibility and the celebration of intersectional identity within our community. As two women with education and professional position, we value advocacy opportunities. Therefore, an opportunity to serve on the ALGBTIC board in any capacity would be my honor and privilege. Not only would I be able to serve a division that I feel passionately about, it would also allow me to grow as a professional in leadership. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Tracey Burnett-Greenup

I am a Counselor Educator in Alabama and I earned my Ph.D. in Michigan at Oakland University in 2011. When I came out in the 1970's it was a very different world with different challenges for those of us who are members of the LGBT+ family. As we know, we all move differently through identity development and I did not begin to come out in academia until 2006. When I arrived in Alabama in 2012 as a new Assistant Professor I was struck with the need for advocacy. I immediately became involved in the Alabama state branch ALGBTICAL and served as President in 2017-2018. Back in 2012, in defense and support of my students I found it necessary to come out at my university. Today as a tenured Associate Professor and as a Cisgender Bisexual Leatherman every day I attempt to model compassion, courage, transparency, authenticity and acceptance to my colleagues and students. With the assistance of others, I created a graduate course "Sexual Minority Issues in Counseling" (not the original name I submitted for consideration). Many students have now taken this course and are competently working with LGBT+ folks and their families. I have worked with students beyond the classroom and I feel my involvement with students, peers and advocacy in part, resulted in my receiving the 2018 ALGBTIC Mentor Award. We may not have the challenges we had in the 1970's but our challenges are far from over inside and outside of our profession. I remain committed to

unflinchingly, finding, facing, and working through whatever challenges we face, together, with compassion, courage, transparency, authenticity and acceptance. As my record and curriculum vita show (<https://fair200746.wixsite.com/insight>), I am committed to our profession, students, clients and our family. I would consider it an honor to serve ALGBTIC as the next President-Elect.

Robert Cruz

My advocacy for the LGBTQ community of which I am a member, began in earnest in High School founding and helping others to start Gay/Straight alliances. In my undergrad I helped to create LGBTQ safe spaces as well as LGBTQ clubs and organizations on campus. In addition to this I worked with Hillel and other student organizations to raise awareness of LGBTQ issues in America and abroad. I have a relentless drive and passion for equality for every member of my LGBTQ+ community.

Kristian Robinson

Hi! I am Kristian Robinson (he/him/his) and I am a first year PhD student at Virginia Commonwealth University studying Counselor Education and Supervision. I have recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with my Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, where I focused my clinical and academic work towards working with and better understanding marginalized college-aged individuals, especially those who are part of the LGBTQ+ community. In May, I completed my Minority Fellowship year with the NBCC, in which my fellowship plan was geared entirely towards serving the young-adult LGBTQ+ population including, but not limited to: individual/group work with LGBTQ+ college students, a research project surrounding counselor perceived and client perceived barriers for LGBTQ+ students seeking counseling on college campuses, and presenting a conceptual piece at ACA 2019 on interventions for LGBTQ+ college students seeking AOD treatment. It's my goal to further explore and advance LGBTQ+ issues in counseling through my doctoral program. This year, I have joined the staff at Side By Side, a nonprofit organization serving LGBTQ+ youth in Richmond, where I provide counseling/support services. Additionally, I am extremely passionate about addressing how counseling programs can more adequately equip both masters and doctoral level counselors with culturally competent resources and meaningful experiences in working with LGBTQ+ individuals. I am actively involved and committed to advancing the quality of mental health care provided to LGBTQ+ youth as well as enhancing the experience of LGBTQ+ folx as they matriculate through counseling programs and feel as if this position will help to further my mission and expand my knowledge, excitement, voice, and impact within the field. I have a lot of energy around this position's potential and hope that I will get the opportunity to take this position to the next level. Thank you for considering me!

Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Isaac Burt

Honoring the past and forging our future! This phrase is the foundation for my approach to AMCD if elected President. My name is Isaac Burt, and it is a tremendous honor to run for AMCD President, a division I have the privilege to call home for eleven years. To accomplish the task of honoring our past and pushing forward into the future, I will:

- Support our history as a multicultural innovator. To continue this tradition, I commit to introducing neuro-counseling to validate the impact of microaggressions, and quantify with brain imagery the effect racial and social disparities have on minorities.
- Create a new program entitled the Multicultural Leadership Development Initiative that finds, develops, and trains the next generation of AMCD leaders. The focus is to actively seek out, encourage, and provide aspiring leaders opportunities for leadership development and growth.
- Expand our webinars by collaborating with other ACA divisions to offer topics covering: groupwork, military populations, and humanistic counseling. The purpose is to grow AMCD by providing innovative themes to attract more culturally-attuned counselors.

Serving under remarkable AMCD leaders provided me with opportunities as Vice President for Native American Concerns, Chair of the Strategic-Planning Committee, Chair of the AMCD Summit-Evaluations Committee, Co-chair of the AMCD Summit-Public Relations Committee, and JMCD Editorial Board member. As a team, we were able to develop and execute AMCD's four-year strategic plan, implement a Native American land acknowledgment (2017/2019) and Sunrise Ceremony (2017) at the ACA Conference, and publish statements to our government regarding the Dakota Pipeline and the damage it does to Native Americans. As much as I would like to take credit for these achievements, it took a group effort to attain these goals. As President I pledge to courageously lead AMCD to a new level of excellence, while humbly serving our phenomenal membership!

Margarita M. Martinez

Our communities are feeling the impact of this current political climate. Racists and bigots feel comfortable to be outwardly prejudice towards us without fear of persecution. We can see it in our clients, students, and ourselves. We are suffering from trauma related symptoms like insomnia, agitation and physical pain. The community turns to AMCD for safety, validation and for resources. AMCD must heed this call. AMCD has always been about multicultural awareness and social justice but we need to make sure that resources are in place to help the helpers, support and graduate our students, and continue educating our practitioners. As AMCD president I will start by:

1. Not relying on our membership dues by investing in active publication programs for revenue.
2. Adjusting and diverting monies from the board to be more equitable.
3. Using the perks like presidential suites reserved for AMCD president to provide scholarships for graduate students, new professional and practitioners to make conferences like ACA more accessible.
4. Creating monetary awards for research and innovative programs that help our communities.

As an Academic Success Counselor/Curriculum Chair at Northern Virginia Community College, I've learned how to advocate and work with systems to create change with

the support of my committees and colleagues. I co-wrote the ALGBTIC's LGBQQIA Competencies and been involved with QTPOC. I've collaborated with CSJ by getting involved in intentional troublemaking to disrupt oppressive systems. I'm serving as secretary for the VCA and learning protocol and procedure. I've served as VP of Latinx Concerns on the AMCD executive board and learned the full potential of what AMCD has to offer our profession, our members and our community. Most importantly, I've earned professional relationships that will support my leadership in creating an inclusive and brave space for growth!

VICE PRESIDENT FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CONCERNS

Alaina Hanks

Boozhoo! I am Anishinaabeg from Minnesota and currently based in Milwaukee, WI. I'm working toward licensure now and recently graduated from South Dakota State University with my M.S. in Clinical-Mental Health Counseling. I have been part of ACA since 2018 and connected to AMCD since then. As a new professional, I know that I need a space within our profession to navigate the complexities of being Native and a counselor, but also to advocate for the services, research and support that Native communities need. As I continue to meet other Native professionals in our field, I'm understanding that we are all seeking spaces to do the work for our communities and connections with each other. I believe ACA/AMCD can be that professional home for Native counselors and allies. As the VP, I hope to maintain the same forward growth that our previous VP started. Coming from Indigenous spaces, I bring with me a quiet leadership that focuses on the purpose and vision of our group. Additionally, I have experience advocating for Native people within my community. However, most importantly, I have support from others within ACA to assist with navigating the organization. Though I'm newer to ACA and our profession, there are many supportive people within the Native American Concerns group that have provided valuable support and knowledge that will help us build towards our vision. As the VP for Native American Concerns, I hope to continue to build a professional home for Native counselors and allies that can positively impact our communities and the counseling profession overall.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR LATINO CONCERNS

Laura Rendon Finnell

I first learned of AMCD's Latinx Concerns group in 2016. I felt like I found a "home" and I wish for others to feel the same. Since then, I have engaged with AMCD members and leaders in a variety of ways. Most recently, I co-moderated the webinar "Latinx in the US: State of Affairs" and am working on re-introducing a mentoring program within the group. As VP of Latinx Concerns, I aim to promote AMCD's mission and core values of diversity, inclusion, and advocacy for our professionals and the communities they serve. As a first-generation American-born Latina, I am committed to multiculturalism and social justice as evidenced by my clinical experiences, conference presentations, research projects, and community engagements. As a bilingual

Spanish-speaking mental health professional, I have had the privilege to serve the large Hispanic/Latinx population in Central Florida for over a decade in a variety of settings. In addition to licensed mental health counselor (FL), I hold the credentials of national certified counselor, certified clinical mental health counselor, and registered play therapist. I'm an active member of AMCD, ACA, ACES, ACAC, SACES, and the Florida Counseling Association (FCA). I was selected as a 2016 SACES Emerging Leader, and I served as the Florida Association of Multicultural Counseling & Development's (FAMCD) minority concerns chairperson for Latino/Latina concerns (2018). The projects that I am passionate about are focused on the Latinx population, promoting linguistic diversity, and the development, preparation, and support of bilingual Spanish-speaking counselors-in-training. I have sought out and will continue to seek opportunities that will aid efforts in achieving my overall goal of advancing the wonderfully diverse and rewarding counseling profession, nationally and internationally. It is with great honor and appreciation that I am nominated for this highly esteemed leadership role, the AMCD Vice President of Latinx Concerns.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOUTHERN REGION

Mary Huffstead

I am extremely grateful and appreciative to be nominated for the Southern Region Representative position. I am very passionate about this organization and have greatly enjoyed my involvement in different capacities since 2012. At the time, I was highly invested in developing my multicultural competence and found AMCD to be a vehicle that helped foster this development through attending and presenting educational AMCD sponsored sessions and networking with leaders who have impacted the field of multicultural counseling. In my tenure, I transitioned from a general member to various leadership roles such as Booth Coordinator, Graduate Student Representative, and most recently as the Conference Coordinator for AMCD at the ACA annual conference. During my different leadership roles, I have had the pleasure of introducing members to the organization, assisting in creating social networking opportunities between leaders and members, and developing my understanding of the rich history of AMCD. Being able to meet members across the country who make this association unique and feel like home within our profession is what I hold most endearing about AMCD. This is especially true for the southern region branches. The southern region contains the largest and most active state branches within the association. If granted the opportunity to serve, I plan to collaborate and support current state leadership councils to discuss some of the following activities during my term: 1.) Identify the specific needs of state branches and members without state branches. 2.) Further develop leadership opportunities for state members, clinicians, and graduate students, to ensure their productivity and longevity within the organization at the state and national level. 3.) Assist with facilitating bi-monthly virtual meetings for state branches to address branch concerns/initiatives and to voice those concerns to the executive board and council.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WESTERN REGION

Sharon L. Bowles

I have been told that I never hesitate to tackle the most difficult problems. The nature of a Professional Counselor lends itself to tackling difficult problems and finding solutions. I understand the meaning of the word commitment and what it represents. Multicultural Counseling and development from diverse cultural perspectives is essential to our personal and professional as well as our societal growth. Exposure to differences will enhance our cross-cultural knowledge base. Though the road ahead could be bumpy, our convictions, determination and faith in the power of the good we do daily will help smooth the path that we must travel to achieve our goals. Entrusting me to serve once again as your AMCD Western Region Representative would indeed allow me to continue projects in the making for the good of our organization. I will endeavor to work diligently to promote the ideals and goals of AMCD. It is my hope to assist the organization in forward progress while always remembering the efforts of the many members who sacrificed so much over the years to make AMCD what it is today. Let us celebrate our existence and renew our faith in the expectations of a brighter future.

American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dustin Herbert Reed

ARCA President Elect Position Statement for the 2020-2021 Term Dustin Herbert Reed, PhD, LPC, CRC, NCC is an Assistant Professor at Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska. He teaches students in the areas of human services counseling, clinical mental health counseling, school counseling, and college academic affairs counseling. He is a member of the President's Council on Diversity at Wayne State College. As one of over 50 million Americans with a disability, Dr. Reed understands first-hand many challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. He was born extremely prematurely in February though due in June, and overcame the odds presented by a grade-4 intraventricular hemorrhage, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, hyaline membrane disease, retrolental fibroplasia, cerebral palsy and 10 surgeries. He had years of experience of knowing, working with, and living with people with various types of disabilities. During his master's program, he assisted in teaching special education students as part of service learning. For many summers as a camp counselor, he taught, interacted with, and mentored youth with Spina bifida and other neurological impairments. In addition, he served a year at Children's Hospital as a recreational volunteer spending time, playing games, and talking with many children challenged with different disabilities. Dustin believes enabling adults and children to maximize their potentials is the most noble and rewarding of all ambitions. As President-Elect of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, Dustin plans to address the needs of individuals with disabilities spanning all cultures, ethnicities, age groups and genders. He will improve national awareness and help give back to the study-discipline which has contributed in making him who he is today. He will dutifully learn all areas of the presidential position as president-elect

including current leadership, potential leadership, and creative possibilities to make the organization of ARCA even better for future generations of counselors.

Sonia Peterson

I am currently serving as your ARCA Board Public Policy, Professional Preparation and Standards Chair and have been focusing primarily on outreach and sharing information on the CORE/CACREP merger, counselor license portability, and other legislative updates with you. My hope as ARCA President Elect is to continue to connect with you, to seek opportunities for us to strengthen our professional identity as rehabilitation counselors, and to infuse the counseling profession at large with our social justice principles of self-determination, advocacy, and inclusion. I recently served on the ARCA disability competencies task force dedicated to the development of a set of disability-related counseling competencies for the ACA website and began attending our annual ACA Institute for Leadership Training in 2018. I am an assistant professor in the Rehabilitation Counseling program at San Diego State University and previously served over 16 years with the California Department of Rehabilitation as a counselor, supervisor, and administrator. I advocate for developing rehabilitation counseling career opportunities in a variety of settings, including those in forensic vocational rehabilitation. I have served as a vocational expert for the Social Security Administration for the past seven years. I value collaboration, education, opportunities for networking, and I present regularly at professional conferences. I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in California. My research area is psychiatric rehabilitation, and I am an active member of the LGBTQ+ recovery community in my home of San Diego, CA. Now is an exciting time to be a member of ARCA and ACA! Our dynamic field of rehabilitation counseling is continuing to grow with new and expanding educational programs, opportunities for state licensure, and rewarding career paths. I welcome the opportunity to serve as your ARCA president!

TREASURER

Cecilia L. Guyton

Dr. Cecilia L. Guyton is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (FL), Qualified Mental Health Counselor Supervisor (FL) and a Counselor Educator. She has worked in a variety of settings as a practitioner that includes but is not limited to corrections, behavioral health, addictions, and school-based services. She has experience working with children, adolescents and adults. In addition to being a practitioner, Dr. Guyton is also a counselor educator teaching and supervising as an adjunct faculty in a Masters-level CACREP-Accredited Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. She also has experience teaching within Addictions Studies as well. She has conducted a number of professional presentations at the local, state and national levels; and a keynote address. Dr. Guyton is also concurrently serving terms as the current sitting Immediate Past President of the Florida Counseling Association (FCA) and Treasurer of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA). She is well versed in the position of ARCA Treasurer as she has been serving within that capacity currently. She also has experience with the office of Treasurer at the state level within the Florida Counseling Association as well.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL ON PUBLIC RELATIONS & AWARENESS

Christine Sacco-Bene

Christine Sacco-Bene, a member of ACA for 16 years, began her counseling career as a peer counselor working at a Center for Independent Living (CIL) and then as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Virginia and Florida. Currently, she is a Counselor Educator in South Carolina in the Division of Rehabilitation Counseling at University of South Carolina. Dr. Sacco-Bene holds a B.S. in Child and Family Development, Human Services from Virginia Tech, an M.S.Ed. in Community Counseling from Old Dominion University, and a Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the College of William and Mary. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Florida, a Licensed Professional Counselor in Virginia, a Qualified Supervisor for Marriage and Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors in Florida, and a National Certified Counselor (NCC). Her professional interests include student professional identity development, international teaching, and counseling individuals with disabilities and their families. She has given numerous presentations at state, regional, and national conferences, including FCA, ACA, ARCA, ACES, and SACES. She served as the Member-At-Large with FACES for two years (2016-2018) where she made contributions to professional development opportunities and member engagement. In addition, she is currently serving as the FCA Secretary (2018-2020) for a two-year term. Most recently, she was asked to serve as Chair of the Council of Public Relations and Awareness (2019-2020) and would like to continue her efforts to organize and coordinate the development of ARCA's member services as well as enhance the visibility of the association and the rehabilitation counseling profession.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL ON PUBLIC POLICY, PROFESSIONAL PREPAREDNESS & STANDARDS

Taryn Richardson

The underpinnings of my professional identity are evidenced by active involvement in the American Counseling Association (ACA) and American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA). I want to highlight two primary outcomes of such membership: (1) I am conversant with the challenges that confront both rehabilitation counseling and the overarching counseling profession and (2) I acquired valuable leadership experiences that were integral to my professional development. That said, I am delighted for the chance to give back to ARCA and the field of rehabilitation counseling as Public Policy, Professional Preparation & Standards chair. Prior service roles have prepared me to assume the responsibility of Public Policy, Professional Preparation & Standards chair. Among those, I want to underscore the position most relevant to ARCA—the student representative. In this capacity, I not only advocated on behalf of students but also worked towards enhancing the visibility of rehabilitation counseling via an advocacy program. As I reflect on this experience, it would be negligent not to mention the significance of student involvement. As participants, students were afforded the opportunity to enhance personally and professionally by a) collaborating with peers, faculty, and local community and b) increasing advocacy (i.e., on behalf of clients or the profession) while refining their presentation

skills. The knowledge and skills obtained from this experience will assist in attending to current trends and issues in the field. If elected, my mission is to build on the efforts of previous leadership. In doing so, I intend to continue promoting and enhancing awareness of rehabilitation counseling by fostering necessary, collaborative relationships. As the field is ever-evolving, I recognize the significance of monitoring accrediting standards, regulations of certification and state licensure boards, and legislation impacting rehabilitation counselors and persons with disabilities. I look forward to the opportunity of serving as an advocate for the field.

Yolanda Crouch

Hello! My name is Yolanda Crouch, LPC, CRC. I am currently a doctorate candidate at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in the Counselor Education and Supervision Program. It is a privilege to be an active member of American Counseling Association (ACA) and American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA). Throughout my leadership experiences I have served on various boards as Chairs for the Policy Action Council on Education (PACE), and Chair for the Illinois Head Start Parent Association to cite a few. The positions were instrumental in developing my abilities as a social advocate and leader. My expertise expands from a wide range of settings that embraces working with individuals with disabilities, infants/children with emotional-behavioral challenges, teen mothers, and disadvantaged youth. As a candidate for the Chair of Council on Public Policy, Professional Preparation & Standards office I believe it is meaningful to empower the body with a voice that values the rights of people with disabilities. As a board chair I envision continuing the efforts to foster ARCA's conceptually rich developing environment for counselors. I want to play an active role in creating ways to improve ARCA's visibility and its many facets. I desire to work collaboratively and supportively with the leadership of ARCA to increase its awareness along with membership. I am committed to these priorities and to maintaining the strength of ARCA.

WESTERN REGION REPRESENTATIVE

Erin Moser

I am an assistant professor in the Department of Human Services at the University of Northern Colorado. Since graduating with my doctoral degree in 2017 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, involvement in professional organizations has become increasingly important, as these organizations, such as the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, play a crucial role in the future success of rehabilitation counseling professionals. I am running for Western Regional Representative because my experiences and attributes are well-suited for this position. I am very aware of ARCA's mission, having recently reinstated a student chapter at the University of Northern Colorado. Through the student chapter we plan to educate others about disability advocacy and the reduction of stigma toward individuals with disabilities. I am also incredibly organized and motivated to pursue career goals that allow me to inform others, as well as continue to expand my knowledge and skills in the field of rehabilitation. My experience and qualifications will serve me well as a Western Regional Representative and allow me to work closely with other ARCA board members to adhere to the organization's mission while promoting

the profession of rehabilitation counseling. Undoubtedly, the ability to collaborate closely with rehabilitation professionals and people with disabilities is an essential skill for this position. Not only do I collaborate well with rehabilitation counseling colleagues, but I have also contributed my expertise in various collaborations with other disciplines and committees, such as public health and disability advocacy. In addition, I work closely with students and internship supervisors in my position as internship coordinator. This experience and frequent dialogue with students and professionals strengthen my ability to collaborate while further promoting the profession of rehabilitation counseling. I look forward to serving as Western Regional Representative of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association.

Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Daniel Gutierrez

It is an honor to be nominated for the position of ASERVIC President-Elect. I became involved with ASERVIC in 2008 when I offered to re-design the website. I stayed on in several roles (including webmaster, chair of the technology committee, reviewer for conference proposals, etc.) and was elected to the executive board in 2015. I was the chair for the conference program committee in 2016 and the co-chair for the conference planning committee in 2017. I have also been a reviewer for Counseling and Values, since 2014 and became their Associate Editor for Theory and Practice in 2018. I am the co-chair for the ACA Human Rights Committee and the Associate Editor for Quantitative Research for the Journal of Counseling and Development. Finally, I'm also an Assistant Professor at William & Mary, a Licensed Professional Counselor, and a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, and work as a counselor in private practice. I hate talking about myself, but I hope the preceding offers you a feel for my qualifications. What else would you like to know? I'm also a Pisces, love long walks on the beach, and am a big fan of Groucho Marx, Jimi Hendrix, and Dave Matthews. I'm an INTP on the Myers Briggs and a 5 on the enneagram. I'm a Gryffindor but worry about the validity of that assessment (which doesn't that mean I'm Ravenclaw?). I'm a Puerto Rican with a great love for counseling and spirituality, and I would consider it an honor to receive permission to continue to serve ASERVIC. I believe that I can help move ASERVIC forward by advancing outreach to members, leveraging technology, and expanding research. If given the chance to serve, I would strive to do right by you, the ASERVIC family (which is totally a Gryffindor thing to say).

TREASURER

Kristina Nelson

I am an assistant professor at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and remain active with service opportunities at the university, local, and state levels; however, I have been awaiting the

right opportunity to serve at the national level. Learning about the potential opportunity to serve as treasurer for ASERVIC, I believe that I had found just the right fit. I have been a member of ASERVIC since 2010, and throughout this time I have held various leadership positions at both state and national levels. I served as Graduate Student Representative for ASERVIC from 2014-2015, while also serving as President-Elect for the Florida Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (FASERVIC). I then served as President for FASERVIC from 2015-2016, and Past-President from 2016-2017. Throughout my experience I have learned the importance of being a responsible, organized, and effective leader; helping to enhance the growth and development of these associations. I have always been a proud member of ASERVIC, and appreciate the leadership that has contributed to the growth and the development of the association overtime. I enjoy the inclusive nature of ASERVIC, which involves members of various spiritual and religious beliefs; providing invaluable interpersonal and professional learning opportunities. I believe that ASERVIC provides a unique space for counselors from various backgrounds to learn from each other and improve their cultural competency, while also contributing to the growth of the counseling profession. I would be honored to serve as treasurer for this incredible organization. I understand the importance of good leadership, and how this contributes to the momentum of an association. As treasurer of ASERVIC, I will serve with integrity while maintaining organization of our budget and striving to fulfill all of the duties involved with this important role. Thank you for your consideration!

BOARD MEMBER

Hannah Bayne

I am honored to be seeking a second term as a board member for ASERVIC! During my first three year term I chaired the Emerging Leaders program, chaired a fundraising committee for the 2018 ASERVIC conference, and I am currently serving as chair for the Ethics committee. In addition to my work with ASERVIC, I am an assistant professor of counselor education at the University of Florida and a licensed mental health counselor in both Florida and Virginia. I have experience in secular and faith-based teaching, supervision, and clinical counseling settings. I also have a record of research and publication in areas related to integration of spirituality and religion in counseling and management of values conflicts. I also serve as an editorial board member for the journal of Counseling & Values, and I have served on the ACA Ethics Committee and Ethics Appeal Committee. Beyond my professional work and interests, I am drawn to ASERVIC because of the valuable community it provides. I love being part of an organization that affirms the ways people empower themselves, find value and meaning in their lives, and connect to one another. It would be an honor to continue to represent our diverse membership by serving in this role for another three year term.

Claudette A. Brown-Smythe

I am Dr. Claudette A. Brown-Smythe a Nationally Certified Counselor, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, and an Approved Clinical supervisor employed as a Counselor Educator at The College

at Brockport- SUNY. I am interested in serving as a board member of ASERVIC because the division aligns with my professional and personal identity. ASERVIC values relationships and feels like home for me. As a board member I will be dedicated to upholding the values and mission of the division as we grow as a profession, becoming more tolerant of each other, advocating for the honor and dignity of all, and striving to perform ethical and just practices that honor the whole person. ASERVIC has played an instrumental role shaping our response to political, social, and environmental events; I value these actions and desire to lend my voice by providing support to leadership while representing many who are marginalized and disenfranchised in society. Since becoming a member of ASERVIC I have actively participated in its programs by attending conferences, webinars, divisional meetings, and as part of the program committee for the 2018 conference. All these interactions have been meaningful and I have left these encounters feeling energized and motivated to serve. I have experience serving in our counseling profession as a past secretary of NARACES, and Western regional chair of ACA-NY. Currently I am the president elect of ACA-NY providing support to the current president and assisting regional chairs in planning professional development events. Promoting the counseling profession includes educating others about our emphasis on personal growth and wellness and working with individuals to improve and maintain their physical, mental, and spiritual states as a way to enhance well-being and wholeness. I would be honored to continue ASERVIC's legacy by giving back to an organization that continues to shape my counselor identity.

Katie Gamby

Katie Gamby, PhD, LPC, CWC is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Wellness Counselor in the state of Ohio. She has been teaching as a Counselor Educator for the last four years and is currently serving at Malone University as an Assistant Professor. As a counselor, she has worked with a variety of disorders in various settings including private practice, community mental health, and college counseling settings. Katie sees religion and spirituality as protective factors for clients and has a strong interest in helping clients use their religious/spiritual backgrounds as mechanism for healing and wholeness. She has served in many leadership roles within the field of counseling including President and Past-President of the Alpha Omega chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, secretary, and Board Member at Large for the Northwest Ohio Counseling Association, and secretary, President-Elect, President, and Past-President of the Ohio Association for Spirituality, Ethics, and Religious Values in Counseling, and member of the State Division committee of ASERVIC. I have been a member of the Ohio chapter of ASERVIC since 2011 and believe I have found my home within ACA. I believe in the healing that can occur through recognizing the importance of spirituality for our clients and the ethical integration necessary to help treat our clients holistically. I also believe in assisting counselors and clients to broach these topics within the boundaries of our code of ethics. Throughout the last year, I have served as the OASERVIC Past-President and I am interested in drawing upon the learning from leading OASERVIC in this new role as Board Member of ASERVIC. I am grateful for this nomination and hope to assist ASERVIC in continuing their goal of infusing spiritual, ethical, and religious values in counselor preparation and practice.

Greg A. Meyer

I am seeking to assist the national ASERVIC professional organization as a board member in order to serve the member's by working on their behalf. I hope to work for the ASERVIC members by holding the responsibilities of this position with extreme integrity and valuing the process of communication between ASERVIC leaders and members. ASERVIC has been my professional "home" since completing a master's degree in Professional Counseling and specializing in Spirituality and Counseling at Richmond Graduate University in Atlanta, Georgia. During completion of my Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Auburn University, I began researching topics related to spiritual development of counselors-in-training. I believe the term "spirituality" is a prodigious word within the counseling field, with extraordinary potential to influence the core of the profession, from counselor wellness to client-focus and ethical practice. I work diligently to incorporate the fourteen ASERVIC Competencies in any course I teach, as well as introduce the term spirituality as a core construct within counselor education; able to facilitate counselor self-awareness, wellness, and client-focus, with an increased sensitivity to diversity and ethics. All counseling professionals deserve to understand the spiritual nature of the work of counselors. I am a counselor education faculty member, currently serving as an Associate Professor and Counseling Internship Coordinator at Oral Roberts University. I have provided clinical counseling services at various mental health and community clinics, churches, and private practice locations in New Mexico, Georgia, and Oklahoma. I own a private practice, supervise, and conduct various spiritual formation retreats and seminars by partnering with an interfaith retreat center in rural Oklahoma. My research is related to spirituality, self-awareness in the counseling relationship, the interplay between spirituality and humanism, and historical trauma in marginalized communities. I would love the opportunity to serve the ASERVIC members as an ASERVIC board member.

Sean Ridge

No information available.

Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Lorraine J. Guth

ASGW has been my professional home for the past 27 years. During this time, I held several leadership positions, including serving as a member of the Research Committee (1996-1997) and Ethics Committee (1997-1998). I was the co-chair for the ACA convention program (1996-1997), Board Approved Speakers Committee (2000-2004), and Awards Committee (1997-2016). I was also honored to be selected by three ASGW Presidents to serve as the Process Observer (2015-

2017 & 2019-2020). As co-chair of the Special Initiatives Committee, I led a fantastic team in creating the timely ASGW document titled, Ten Strategies to Intentionally Use Group Work to Transform Hate, Facilitate Courageous Conversations, and Enhance Community Building (see <https://www.asgw.org/resources-1>). I received two President's Awards for my service to the organization (2011 & 2014) and was awarded ASGW fellow status (2016). Additionally, as a counselor educator at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, I am actively involved in faculty governance and have engaged in international group counseling outreach/research efforts where I have successfully worked with leaders in a cross-cultural fashion. These leadership experiences demonstrate that I collaborate effectively with others and am well-versed in the governance process, ASGW policies, group leadership, and group process. If elected as President-Elect, I will advance the mission of ASGW to empower members and other helping professionals with "the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to practice effective, socially just, and ethical group work in a diverse and global society" (ASGW By-Laws, 2018, p. 1). Through my extensive leadership, teaching, research, and practice experiences, I have demonstrated how to effectively integrate group work to achieve positive outcomes. I am a dedicated group worker and am ready to take this next leadership step in ASGW. As President-Elect, I would be honored to serve and will continue to share my passion for group work in this important leadership position.

Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Delila Owens

I have dedicated my professional career to training and mentoring future counselors and counselor educators. Currently, I am in my 7th year as an Associate Professor (Counselor Education) at The University of Akron, and I have 15 years of full-time teaching. Along with this work, I have served our profession in numerous leadership roles. My leadership qualifications include being former president of North Central Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors, President of Ohio Counselors for Social Justice, and Ex-officio member Counselors for Social Justice (co-conference and awards committee chair). Additionally, I served on the American Counseling Association's Public Advocacy and Support Committee, and was Chair of the American Counseling Association's Research and Knowledge Committee (2 years). I served two terms on the Michigan Board of Counseling, Secretary of the Ohio School Counselor Association, and Chair of the Ohio Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development (rebuilding). Currently, I serve as the Chair of Counselors for Social Justice Research Committee. I would be honored to serve as President of the Counselors for Social Justice at such a critical time in our country. My goals would be to further the mission of the Counselors for Social Justice Organization and collaborate across organizations to dismantle systemic inequity in schools, mental health settings and academic spaces.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Steven Powers

My name is Steven Powers. I am currently a graduate student at University of North Texas Dallas. I have held a lifelong devotion advocating for social justice in all aspects of my life and it is at the core of what I strive to do as a counselor. I am seeking the office of student representative so that I can not only bring my experience of social justice advocacy to my counselor work and advocate further on a large scale, but also so that I can be a part of the solution to the barriers of administering counseling and providing competent services. I believe strongly in the Advocacy Domains and do not see it possible to do good for our clients when there are systemic issues barring them from receiving quality, competent services. Whether those issues are just a counselor not understanding a specific marginalized population due to ignorance due to inadequate training or it is inadequate or unavailable services for the groups we advocate for, I want to help bring my history of social justice advocacy to the office. I believe I am qualified for this position because I do not just believe social justice to be important, I strive to contribute to the field and help other counselors provide more effective services for their clients. I am currently finalizing research with my colleagues on LGB individuals who have left abusive fundamentalist groups and the specialized needs they have. The participants hold at least a double minority status as both a sexual minority and as people who destructive groups that caused deep harm. I want their stories to be heard so that when more of these people seek counselors, their voices will be validated and empathized in a way they often are not.

Tracy M. Ferezan

I am honored to be a candidate for the position of Student Representative with the Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ). I am pursuing my doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) at Walden University, specializing in counseling and social justice. I have my masters degree in clinical psychology specializing in clinical counseling. The idea of leadership, advocacy for social change, teaching, and counseling have influenced me to choose this field. I have been an active member in the community for several years speaking up for individuals who seek social justice which includes victims of human trafficking and people experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and addiction. For the past three years, I have worked at a homeless shelter as a residential supervisor. In September, I began working at a substance abuse treatment facility as a licensed chemical dependency counselor intern. My short term goals are to sit for the national counseling exam, complete my doctorate, and continue with local advocacy. My long term goals involve researching areas of social justice to educate society on social change while working towards positive changes in society. I also have a long term goal to teach courses in social justice and multicultural diversity for new learners in the counseling field. I will continue to provide a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. A vote for me is a vote for a doctorate student interested in advocacy and social justice. When combined with my personal beliefs of social justice, I would bring a new voice to the CSJ organization as Student Representative.

Alicia B. Duhon

No information available

Kshipra Jain

I am a licensed professional counselor in Washington, D.C., and a Doctoral Candidate at the George Washington University. I am seeking the position of Student Representative for CSJ due to my personal beliefs, which permeate my professional identity as a counselor, of fighting for the rights of equity, acceptance, and humanization of every individual. I currently serve as President-Elect for Maryland Counselors of Social Justice, where I previously held the role of Student Representative. I am also currently on the CSJ Social Justice Curriculum Taskforce, collaborating on a multiculturally-sensitive, gender-affirming, and intersectional approach to training future counselors. My recent leadership experiences also include CSI and the Student Association at GWU. Additionally, I was a 2018-2019 NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Doctoral award recipient for my work and dedication to serving marginalized populations and advocating for social justice. The social justice movement is a necessary one, in its aspiration to provide non-dominant populations a platform to persist, to ensure their voices are heard amongst the booming majority. Living in DC, I feel the daily impact of our current sociopolitical climate on fellow colleagues, peers, students, as well as the clients I serve in my practice. Those who identify as racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+, women, immigrants/refugees, etc., have been enduring more frequent and explicit instances of hatred, bigotry, and xenophobia. Hence, those of us in the counseling field have a responsibility to promote empathy, kindness, and compassion for all. Being on the CSJ board would be an honor and a privilege, and allow for the perspective of this Asian Indian, 1.5-generation immigrant to be heard. With the role of Student Representative at CSJ, I aim to further the social justice movement and, ultimately, create a space where we recognize each other as individuals who deserve to feel safe, loved, and respected, despite our differences.

Elizabeth "Liz" Peace

Nelson Mandela once said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor." My identity as a counselor is first and foremost founded on my identity as an advocate. Because I carry multiple privileged identities, it is my responsibility to use my position to empower others. In my master's-level studies, I have focused my research on social justice issues. I have particularly focused on the challenge of holding dual counselor-advocate identities and on the ethical imperative to acknowledge the political context of work with disenfranchised populations. My university does not currently have a CSJ chapter, so I have focused on utilizing my position as co-president of the Chi Sigma Iota chapter to develop enriching multicultural experiences for our student population and to provide service and advocacy to disenfranchised populations within the Pittsburgh area. My clinical work involves correctional counseling at the Allegheny County Treatment Alternative. I am passionate about advocating for the rights of those who have experienced incarceration and are thereby systemically disenfranchised by the societal labels forced upon them as ex-offenders. I am seeking position in this office with the

goal of increasing the visibility of correctional counselors in professional spaces. Individuals who are navigating current or historical incarcerations are highly underserved. As a result, those who do work with them are often underrepresented. I hope to increase awareness about the advocacy needs of this population, to promote a humanistic view that encourages others interested in social justice to pursue this rewarding specialization, and to provide representation for those in the counseling field who are engaging in this challenging line of work.

SECRETARY

Teresa L. Gregersen

I am honored to be considered for the position of Secretary with the Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ). I am an experienced paralegal. I am currently a second-year master's student earning my M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, with a concentration in Contemplative Psychotherapy and Buddhist Psychology. I am actively involved with social justice, emphasizing restorative justice and restorative practices. I am currently interested in investigating the impact of power, privilege, and bias in restorative justice conferences. My future interest is concentrated in studying the effects of secondary trauma in legal professionals and the impact mindfulness and compassion practices have on their overall mental health. As a longtime advocate of underserved populations, I successfully lobbied to have inclusive language used in the National Association of Legal Assistants' publication guidelines. I am currently volunteering at a local transitional housing facility, I provide comfort through song to people in hospice and experiencing the dying process, and I am actively engaged in reaching out to my congress representatives on pressing issues. In the past, I have volunteered with pro bono legal aid service and tutored non-English speakers. As a paralegal I held several positions, including filing, maintaining and updating corporate records, preparing and maintaining licensing documents, as well as ensuring compliance with state and regulatory requirements. As secretary of a local meditation center, I was responsible for taking minutes during committee meetings, assisting other officers with various fundraising initiatives and events, and scheduling the regional counsel meeting. Because of my extensive experience, I was recently requested to serve as the secretary for two large programs. I am committed to facilitating collaborative communication among committee members, actively listening with curiosity, and maintaining a positive outlook. I look forward using my strengths to further serve underserved populations and the mission of CSJ.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Frannie Neal

No information available.

International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors (IAAOC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kirk Bowden

I would be honored to serve IAAOC as President-elect. I chair the Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Program at Rio Salado College. I serve on Rio Salado's Incarcerated Reentry Committee and I maintain a part-time prison based clinical practice. I believe that my many years of experience as an addiction counselor, clinical supervisor, and counselor educator would be of value to IAAOC. I have served on several expert panels for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). I am a past chair of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners. I served on the Steering Committee of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Coalition for National Criteria. I serve on the Opioid Guidelines Review Panel of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and I am an advisory editor for the International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction. I am a past president of NAADAC the Association of Addiction Professionals. This spring I received IAAOC's Outstanding Addiction and Offender Educator Excellence Award. ACA and IAAOC Service: · Current chair of the ACA Publications Committee · Past senior co-chair of the ACA Ethics Committee · Past member of the ACA Ethics Appeal Panel · Represented ACA as an expert panelist on congressional briefing on opioid epidemic (2017) · IAAOC Keynote speaker at the 2017 ACA Conference · Current IAAOC Ethics Committee chair

Bryan Stare

I am an assistant professor and director of the clinical mental health program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Department of Counseling, and I am running for IAAOC President Elect 2020-2021. I am interested in IAAOC leadership so that I may further the Association's mission of advancing and making accessible counseling for persons affected by addictions and judicial systems. I believe that my experience counseling and conducting research in judicial diversion programs; teaching addictions and clinical mental health courses; and active IAAOC participation evidence my commitment to this mission. I currently have the honor of serving as IAAOC Secretary, and I previously served for two years as chair of the IAAOC Legislative and Advocacy Committee. I received the 2017 IAAOC Outstanding Graduate Student award and the 2016 IAAOC Research Grant. As IAAOC President Elect I hope to collaborate with IAAOC leadership in order to learn more about the immediate needs of our members and the populations they serve. I will assess current strengths and areas for growth of our Association, and I will seek expansion of resources available to counselors serving populations most affected by addictions and judicial systems. I welcome feedback and support from you, our members, in guiding this process, as I know your counseling in these settings provides some of the most pertinent and immediate insight. In summary, I hope to contribute to the work that is currently being done by our leadership in a manner that is guided by our members. Thank you for considering me as our next IAAOC President Elect.

SECRETARY

Rochelle Cade

My first clinical experiences in my graduate program were working with clients arrested for assaulting an intimate partner and mandated to attend counseling. Through this work, I found my calling and passion for working with clients in correctional settings. Since that time, IAAOC has been the division where I found others with the same passion. IAAOC has also given me opportunities to serve as a member of the Legislative & Advocacy Committee and as an editorial board member for the Journal of Addiction & Offender Counseling. I am ready to grow my service to IAAOC and its members and participate in our leadership's vision and innovation. IAAOC has played an important role in my career and professional identity, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the association and its membership as secretary.

Military and Government Counseling Association (MGCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Natasha Barnes

As a child of a military parent, I am very passionate about the work that MGCA does as a division of ACA. I have served as the secretary of the division for 2 years, in which I have worked to keep our members connected to the association through providing current research and current events relative to our targeted populations. In addition to the work that I do with MGCA, I have also joined the Veterans Committee with the National Career Development Association of ACA. It is my desire to make connections between the two associations for the betterment of the military population and their families. In my career as a college professor, I work to assist counselors-in-training with understanding the unique needs and culture of military and government populations, in an attempt to make them more culturally competent in their work with these individuals and their families. I also sponsor an annual event with the university called "Chi Sigma Iota's Walk for Veterans" in which the students in the counseling honor society walk in the university's homecoming parade to honor veterans. This event serves as community service, as well as brings awareness to a very deserving population. My passion and commitment to advocating for and bringing awareness to this population are the reasons that I feel that I am suited for the position in which I have been nominated.

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Wesley Edward Powers

I am a former Army Medic specializing in Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Forensics and Medical Treatment. I continued as a Federal Officer, conducting WMD protection to aid in Continuity of Government. I ran an advanced Federal Law Enforcement school for 3 years,

teaching 2400 hours to graduate over 1,100 Officers and Agents with a 96% rating. I graduated the Citadel in Psychology and will soon finish my Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from South University. During this time, I have been our student body President, have interned with local Police to initiate their Behavioral Response Grant, worked with local non-profits, participated in local racial division panels, and have lectured on the Psychology of Extremism. My resume contains 17 years of Military and Law Enforcement work specializing in extremism and have continued with focus on the Psychological dynamics of the attackers, victims, and responders. My career has been diverse and innovative. I have a high drive for learning, engaging people at all levels, and focusing on ground level analytics to develop overall assessments. If chosen, I look forward to serving as a Graduate Student Representative with the Military and Government Counseling Association. My focus will be driven by current concerns and will include both peer-reviewed and innovative approaches to engage issues such as burnout, suicide, provider vicarious trauma, intervention techniques, and studies on statistical analysis of current extremism trends and the clinical warning signs. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing to serve.

DIRECTOR

Allen Delaney

Dr. Allen DeLaney, Ph.D., LPC, CPC-S, NCC, I am an Assistant Professor and Clinical Coordinator, in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at South University located in Savannah, Georgia. Prior to joining the South University team, I have worked for Bowie State University in Maryland, The Citadel in South Carolina, and Albany State University in Georgia as an Assistant Professor. I also worked for the public school systems in Ann Arundel county, Maryland, Berkeley county, South Carolina and McIntosh county, Georgia as an elementary, middle and high school principal. While in private practice, I specialized in counseling families experiencing domestic violence and provided consultation for Psychiatric Institute in Washington D.C. My areas of interest are Short Shock Treatment programs (Juvenile Boot Camps) and Domestic Violence in the military family. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Biology from William Penn University, a Master of Education degree in Counseling from the University of Wisconsin and a Doctorate in Counselor Education from the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to the aforementioned, I retired from the U.S. Air Force and worked in Army Community Services, the DODDS system and as a MFLC. I believe I have a myriad of information and perceptiveness that would be beneficial to the Military and Government Counseling Association if given the opportunity and properly utilized.

Shayla Mitchell-Shead

With my 23-year experience in the Rehabilitation Counseling and Prosthetics Service field, I am dedicated and committed to sustain the values and goals set by the American Counseling Association and the Military and Government Counseling Association. As a nominee for Director, I will strategically build relationships, alliances and partnership by providing the association with

the most up to date operational models for the enhancement of both Government and non-Government entities. Since 2004, working with the Department of Veterans Affairs and other Congressional liaisons, has abled me to become a subject matter expert by recommending, initiating, administering and monitoring legislation pertaining to the development of modernizing and contemporizing the rehabilitation counseling field. As a Director for the Military and Government Association, I will continue to promote merit, excellence, integrity, and respect to influence and provide an opportunity for future counselors, policy makers, governmental agencies, who shape and inspire future societies, culture, ideologies, philosophies, and phenomenology.

Keith Cates

I want to serve the Military and Government Counseling Association (MGCA) on its Board of Directors as it continues to expand its support and advocacy for the work of counselors in military and government positions. My professional clinical work with Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS, Emergency Service and Military professionals has shown me the vital importance of working with, and support of, those members of our communities who place themselves in danger for the common good. It has shown me that we as a profession need to better understand these professionals so that we can better serve and not isolate them. It has also shown me that we as a counseling profession need to better understand the clinical and personal impact of working with these professionals so that we can better train counselors to meet the clinical needs of their clients and not themselves suffer from traumatization. I believe that the MGCA is working to do all of these things through their journal which explores issues significant to military, first responder, and government counseling perspectives; their support of educational presentations focusing on areas of awareness, need and training; and their educational outreach to provide counseling professionals with tools, understanding and resources. I value and support the MGCA's efforts and believe that they are vitally necessary in developing a better understanding of the people who serve our communities in military and government roles.

National Employment Counseling Association (NECA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sujata Ives

Dr. Sujata Ives, an expert in workforce analytics and human flourishing, is a candidate for President-elect with the National Employment Counseling Association (NECA), a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA), for the term of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022. Dr. Ives is a nationally certified Global Career Development Facilitator Instructor (GCDFI), Offender Workforce Development Specialist Instructor (OWDSI), Youth Engagement Leadership

Development (YELD) Lead Facilitator, Inner Heroes™ Lead Facilitator, Community Conferencing Facilitator, Coach, and Mediator. She is also a certificated 'Advanced Professional' educator and school administrator. Sujata is currently a Trustee on the NECA Board of Trustees and is also Newsletter Editor. She presents on mindfulness and metacognition at NECA Board meetings and recently presented at the ACA conference in New Orleans in March 2019. She created the pilot online program for Inner Heroes™ which will be up and running on the NECA website in 2020. She is the recipient of the 'Emerging Leaders' award from NECA. Sujata has traveled the globe through eighteen military dependent moves. She was President of the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center, served on the Board of Trustees of Community Mediation Maryland, and was Mayor of the La Mesa Military Housing Facility in California where she was instrumental in getting a two million dollar teen center built. She received the 'Outstanding Achievement in Leadership for Military Community Service' award and also the 'Outstanding Teamwork Military Community' award. Dr. Ives earned her BA degree in Biological Sciences from Goucher College; MA in Educational Communications and Technology from New York University; PhD in Educational cognitive Psychology from Walden University; a certificate in Mediation from Harvard University, School of Law, Program on Negotiation; and a Post-graduate certificate in School Administration and Supervision from Johns Hopkins University. She is member of the Psi Chi Honor Society.

Joseph S. Parks, Sr.

My name is Joseph S. Parks and I am a candidate for President-Elect of NECA. Currently, I serve as the founder/director of Trendsetters, a youth mentoring program that supports the individual, cultural, spiritual, and academic development of its participants. I have seen first-hand the positive impact that informed, engaged, and passionate counselors have had on these young people. Thus, it is imperative that the counseling community be continually supported in our personal growth and professional development. This is why NECA is so important! With the tremendous amount of resources available, membership in NECA allows us to become more proficient and effective in our positions to help others. I learned of NECA about six years ago. After becoming a part of this organization, I found myself thinking how beneficial this association would have been to me when I started out as a counselor and youth development leader. Just as I found the value of this organization, I want other counselors to discover this gem of professional support and guidance. This is another reason why NECA is so important! Confucius said, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." Unfortunately, many people are in positions that do not align with their passion, purpose, or education. Through NECA, members (whether an independent or corporate professional) can find training, support, satisfaction, and purpose in their roles. For this reason, my vision is to increase national awareness about NECA so that both large and small employers will encourage and support their employees' affiliation with this organization. I believe that an increase in our visibility will also have a positive impact on membership growth. As President-Elect, I would be happy to serve as an advocate for NECA; therefore, I ask for your vote and support.

TRUSTEE

C Katherine DeStefano

For the last 21 years, I have continued developing my career in the psychology field through my post-doctoral education and my direct clinical work. Navigating my practice through the process of becoming a psychiatric clinic from a single practice group has given me the opportunity to understand the behavioral health industry from policy to practice. The knowledge I gained through my roles as a clinician, entrepreneur, and employer certainly helps my qualifications for a trustee position in NECA yet truly does not make me the best person for the role. My intent and drive for developing an employee- centered work world, however, does. My dedication to serving those who serve others makes me dedicated to career development. Currently, I, not only, serve my clients, but also, my staff to whom I have a responsibility in their professional growth and personal wellness. Admittedly, until I was afforded the opportunity to learn within the Global Career Development Facilitators course through the generosity of those already involved in NECA, career development was simply "the course" required for a degree. Career development is NOT simply "the course;" it is a process by which people grow meaning in their lives. If I did not see that as a professional, who has served numerous clients from the first-time job seeker to the retiree, I cannot assume other non-career oriented helpers nor employers will recognize or choose to recognize, respectively, the role career plays in every individual's life. Creating a healthier work/life balance is how I envision NECA. This foundational branch of the American Counseling Association can revitalize the industry of mental health, and most importantly, the vary manner in which every person in any work capacity creates meaning.

Chester Robinson

I believe I am highly qualified for this position. I examined the effectiveness of undergraduate life/career planning courses in my dissertation research. Since 1998, I have been the only Career Development instructor in a CACREP-accredited master's program. I began my professional service, first, as President of the Upsilon Nu Chi chapter of Chi Sigma Iota. In that same year, I became a member of AARC's (then, AAC) Utilization of Assessment Instruments Committee, and was named chair of that committee in 1997. Following that, I moved into elected leadership. As a charter member of the Texas College Counseling Association, I was the second President of that organization. I served as both Treasurer and President of ACCA. Additionally, I continuously served for over 20 years on the Board of Directors for the Texas Counseling Association, 10 of those as Treasurer and Chair of the TCA Finance Committee. Other committee work at the state level includes Strategic Planning, Advocacy, and Technology. I am a Nationally Certified Counselor and a Global Career Development Facilitator Instructor. I seek this office because I believe I have a professional obligation to serve when needed and in positions in which I have expertise. NECA, in my opinion, is uniquely poised for growth, while providing a "niche" professional service among counseling professionals.

Melanie Drake Wallace

As an LPC-S, I am currently Professor of School & Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. I have been fortunate to serve in diverse leadership roles throughout my professional career at the state, regional and national levels. Within the last decade, I served as president of the 2,000-member Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA), president of the Alabama Association of Counselor Education & Supervision, and currently I am serving my second term as Southern Region Representative to the ACA Governing Council. Being elected Faculty Senate President at my university of approximately 8500 students provided me an opportunity that tested my leadership skills. Serving in this capacity profoundly strengthened my professional counselor identity. It required me to dig deeply into my repertoire of counseling knowledge and apply every group leadership skill I possessed to successfully build consensus and cohesion among a diverse group of passionate and opinionated faculty senators. My tenure of service on the ACA Governing Council propelled me forward yet again as I participated in tense and often uncomfortable discussions that inevitably precede historic and/or unprecedented decisions intended to forge the counseling profession forward. Yet, my conviction is stronger than ever that in spite of philosophical and divisional differences, the profession of counseling is greater than any division, region, or branch. I am honored to be nominated as a NECA Trustee. My personal narrative mirrors the ongoing cycle of learning, growing, changing so characteristic of career development across the lifespan. The opportunity to take Michael Lazarchick's Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) course has been a personal and professional awakening and has reignited my passion for career counseling. Coming full circle, the wise career counselor who offered me a glimpse into the counseling world inspired me to change the trajectory of my life.

Edward Prater

Ed Prater is a professionally trained coach, with a strong background in sales, engineering, marketing, leadership development and emotional intelligence. Ed Prater is passionate about engaging individuals in compelling conversations that inspire them to live fuller, more meaningful, and happier lives. Professional Background: • As CEO of Significance Services, Ed approaches his clients with the goal of successfully helping them find what they are truly passionate about, and helping them create lives, businesses and careers they love. • As director of product management at Newbridge Networks, Ed worked to stabilize and rebuild a commodity channel business. His efforts resulted in a 27 percent sales increase in a 14-month timeframe while maintaining industry- leading profits. • 35 years in the telecommunications industry serving in both national and international roles • As business executive at AT&T Government Solutions, Ed inherited a toxic relationship with a very angry customer. Over the next 17 months, he turned a lost revenue stream into a \$386 million network win and rebuilt the relationship into a shared "treasured partner" perspective. • 25 years' experience providing services as a coach, facilitator, leadership trainer and educator. Education: • Professional Co-Active Coach, Coaches Training Institute (CTI) • John Maxwell Certified Coach, Speaker, Trainer • BS in Mathematics Political Science Clark Atlanta University Organizations • Fellow in American Council of Technology/Industry Advisory Council • Board of Directors, Solutions for Enterprises Worldwide (SEW, Inc) • Board of Directors, Changing Destinations, Journey to Excellence • Adjunct Professor, University of District of Columbia, Workforce Development •

Actively involved with community organizations (AWANA, Big Brothers, Teen Life) focused on enabling youth to lead better, more fulfilling lives. Ed's coaching primarily focuses on career and life transition.