GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, MIDWEST REGION

Victoria Kress
Service to our profession and those we serve is my passion, and over the past 25 years I have volunteered in 100+ leadership roles which include serving as the president of Chi Sigma Iota International, NCACES, Association for Humanistic Counseling, and the Ohio Counseling Association, and as the ACA Midwest Region Chair. I served on the Ohio counselor licensure board, and I worked as the Director of Advocacy for NBCC. In terms of ACA service, I: chaired the ACA Graduate Student Committee and the Branch Development Committee; served on a number of ACA Task Forces; at present I serve on the ACA Bylaws Committee; and I was the Executive Editor of the ACA Practice Briefs. My professional service spans many counseling associations, and these diverse experiences have helped me to understand the complexity of our profession, develop foundational leadership skills, and reinforced my commitment to being a servant leader who puts the greater good before myself. As a leader, I am not afraid to roll up my sleeves and do whatever it takes to support our association. I value excellence, honoring others’ strengths and contributions, and I will continue to hold to these standards as an ACA governing council representative. We are experiencing a crisis, but as counselors we know that it is during the most difficult times that the most transformational changes occur. As a governing council representative, I will strive to use our collective crisis as an opportunity to grow our profession and represent the Midwest region’s voice.

Matthew Mims
I have been proud to serve as Chair for the midwest and brought back the Midwest leadership institute where we could training future leaders and deal with issues that affected all our states. I have attended the midwest meeting for the last 30 years and helped new leaders expand their understanding. As a counselor educator, I realize how important it is to have an active state, regional, and national organizations who is advocating for you and work to bring issues to light. I hope to be able present the Midwest Region on the governing council as bring to ACA the voice of all counselors and from each of our states. After growing up in Michigan, gaining a master’s degree in Illinois, a doctoral degree in South Dakota and teaching in Nebraska, I have seen how our professional has worked to gain licensure and now needs access to Medicare so we help at every age. I am a person who is focused on actions and getting things done and hope to represent you on the governing council.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, NORTH ATLANTIC REGION

David Julius Ford, Jr.
Greetings, I am Dr. David Julius Ford, Jr., and I am humbled to be nominated for the Governing Council Representative for the North Atlantic Region. Because of my love and passion for ACA, I have always wanted to serve and lead. I want to be involved in the decision-making, advocacy, and evolution of our profession and our organization. I want to help affect change in ACA. I believe that being on Governing Council will provide me with that opportunity and continue to train me for leadership. As a graduate and doctoral student, I had professors and mentors who were leaders in our profession and leadership was imbedded our curriculum. Now that I am in the North Atlantic Region, I want to get even more involved with ACA. I am the Immediate Past President of NJCA and have been in leadership with NCDA. Service is who I am, and leadership is my passion. To lead is to serve. I want to serve my region and represent it on the Governing Council. My past leadership experiences and my membership in ACA, and its divisions show that I am committed to ACA and believe that all voices should be heard. As such, I believe that being on ACA Governing Council is the way to amplify the voices that have been silenced by oppression. I want to speak for them and help them have a seat at the table. Currently, I am an Assistant
Professor in the Department of Professional Counseling at Monmouth University. I am intentional about training my students, mentees, graduate assistants, and supervisees for leadership and providing opportunities for them to get involved. As such, I lead by example and advocate for membership and involvement in NJCA, NARACES, the North Atlantic Region, and ACA and its divisions.

Berlina Wallace-Berube
Thank you to NAR for selecting me as a candidate. With a unique perspective as a U.S. Virgin Islander who was responsible for the behavioral health response to the 2017 catastrophic hurricanes, I am passionate about advancing the counseling profession in communities with limited access to care. I believe in amplifying counselors' voices and ensuring that we are supported, seen, and heard. I am a Nationally Certified Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor with eight years of school counseling experience.

As a former Territorial Director of the Virgin Islands Department of Health Division of Behavioral Health, Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Services, my responsibilities included the oversight of four behavioral health clinics across three islands, residential care, and regulation of the Territory's mental health, prevention, and substance use disorder services. Currently, I serve as the Territorial Director of the Virgin Islands Primary Care Office. Through these experiences, I have maintained collaborative relationships with federal and local partners and entities within the Caribbean region.

My services have helped advance the causes of school counselors, educators, behavioral health practitioners, allied health professionals, and the people we serve. I currently serve as a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, the committee that advises the President, Congress, and OJJDP Administrator on juvenile justice issues and concerns. As an Addiction Technology Transfer Center YMSM + LGBT Center for Excellence training provider, my workshops have increased the awareness and skills of clinicians, thus reducing barriers to treatment for LGBTQIA+ individuals.

During my tenure as President of the American Counseling Association of the Virgin Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands enacted the law to license counselors. I have served the North Atlantic Region as Chair-Elect, Chair, and current Treasurer. I will use my experiences and skills to facilitate the fulfillment of ACA's mission as your representative.

ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (AADA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Matthew L Nice
It would be my honor to serve as the next President of the Association for Adult Development and Aging. I have had the privilege of working as a counselor educator, professional counselor, and certified school counselor. I am a current Assistant Professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and have served in leadership positions in the Pennsylvania Counseling Association and am the current Chapter Faculty Advisor for Chi Sigma Iota, Iota Upsilon Pi Chapter. My research interests have been centralized to human development, specifically emerging adulthood/young adult development.

I hope to continue to strengthen the AADA by focusing on providing professional counselors for a home for all lifespan development resources and community. I also believe a strong focus should be placed on social justice initiatives for underrepresented groups by understanding the effects of sociocultural cultural factors on lifespan development.
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SECRETARY

Dynetta Clark
Greetings! My name is Dynetta Clark. I have been a member of AADA since Summer 2021. I am licensed in the State of Michigan as a licensed professional counselor (LPC), and in Indiana as a licensed mental health clinician (LMHC). 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.

I am currently pursuing my doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision at Western Michigan University. I have been working with children, adults, and families in various settings for more than twenty years. My career has been dedicated to advocacy and reducing or eliminating barriers that limit access to vital behavioral health needs that are necessary for people to survive and thrive. I would like to continue my advocacy efforts by serving as secretary for AADA for a term of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024.

I take pride in paying attention to detail and I'm capable of working collaboratively and independently. Additionally, I am self-motivated and take initiative to learn. I can manage multiple tasks, with superior organizational skills, and good follow through. I am confident that my experience meets the qualifications that you are seeking in a candidate. Please consider voting for me, Dynetta Clark, for Secretary with the Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA) for a term of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024.

Catherine Eaton
I am humbled to be nominated to continue in the role of Secretary for the Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA). This is a Division that has grown exponentially over the past year with an open, welcoming and dynamic executive board. Our division can boast of significant contributions in member engagement, advocacy and organizational leadership. I completed my Master of Science degree in Pastoral Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Loyola University Maryland in May 2011. Currently, I am a licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC) in Maryland (#LC5355) a board approved clinical supervisor, a global career development facilitator (GCDF) and a national board certified counselor (NCC). I am very glad to have had a supportive environment that appreciates my attention to detail by managing administrative needs of our board leaders and conference planning tasks. My diverse background as an owner of a thriving solo private practice for nearly eight years, Clinical Director of School Based Counseling programs with Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Inc. and as Executive Director of the Maryland Counseling Association gives me a unique skill set to support the mission and board leaders of AADA. My desire is to continue to serve AADA building on my commitment to advocate for the expansion of Medicare coverage and to support additional research of adults across the lifespan. Of particular interest is studying older and neurodivergent adults, mindful of the underrepresented cross sections of those groups. As much as I wish to continue in this role, I am content to be able to continue to serve AADA in any capacity. Thank you for your consideration for me to continue in the position of Secretary of AADA.

Catherine J. Eaton, LCPC, GCDF, NCC

TREASURER

Tom Murphy
Thank you for the opportunity to run for the Treasurer position for the Association for Adult Development and Aging. I have been fortunate to have several counseling “homes,” but AADA is
particularly meaningful for me because I came to counseling as a non-traditional (older) student and I have appreciated not only the mission of AADA, but the extraordinary people who encompass this organization. One of my areas of inquiry is the experiences of long-term HIV survivors and I had the privilege to present on this topic at the Chicago conference.

While I have never served as a Treasurer for an ACA Division, I have held the position with other organizations and, while I know there will be a learning curve, I am quite sure I will receive excellent mentorship. Before entering a counseling graduate program, I was a co-owner and vice-president of a small business in the publishing world. I have a good head for finance, and I believe this job is appropriate for my skill set.

My doctoral advisor, Dr. Catharina Chang, always emphasized leadership and advocacy as primary ways to strengthen our profession. I would like to apply those principles to a division that is significant to me and one that has members who are doing important work for our profession, our clients, and our students.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, AADA

Wendy Killam

It is a privilege to be nominated to serve a second term as Governing Council Representative. The world is in a time of rapid change and faces many challenges. Our responses to these challenges impact the counseling profession, our clients and the future. Governing Council needs to be strategic in how it approaches these challenges as they relate to counselors and mental health services. In the past, counselors have been divided at times with themselves and other helping professions. However, to move forward and provide the best quality services to clients and counselors, ACA needs to move forward with a clear vision and united front as it advocates for the profession and clients. If elected, I will listen to members and help make decisions that are in the best interest of ACA and its members. In the past, I have had the opportunity to serve in many leadership positions for AADA and for state branches. Times of change require that one be a team player and be able to work effectively with others to determine the best course of action. I bring with me these leadership experience to help guide and shape the future of ACA along with other leaders in the field. Additionally, it is also important to make sure all voices are heard at the table and thus I have an open-door policy where members are free to contact me regarding their concerns and visions for the future of ACA and the profession. I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this service position and hope to continue to serve in this capacity building upon the past successes and looking forward to a bright future for the profession.

ASSOCIATION FOR ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH IN COUNSELING (AARC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Ryan M. Cook

My name is Ryan Cook and I am an assistant professor of counselor education at The University of Alabama. I am honored to be nominated for President-Elect of the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC). Being involved in AARC has been immensely beneficial to my own development as a scholar and counselor educator, and heightened my interest in research, assessment, and evaluation. It has been my pleasure to have previously served AARC in multiple capacities, including as Secretary and a member of the Assessment Committee and the Counseling Outcome Research and Evaluation editorial board. I humbly believe that these collective service experiences have prepared me for the role of President-Elect. If elected, I am eager to work with the other members of the Executive
Council, AARC membership, and interested stakeholders to further the AARC mission. As President-Elect, it would be my aim to ensure that the division continues to promote and advance research and evaluation practices in the field of counseling, while also exploring new avenues to fulfill the fundamental purposes of the division, to collaborate with other ACA divisions, and to meaningfully engage with current and prospective members. Thank you again for the opportunity to be considered for President-Elect of AARC.

Stephanie Crockett

I am honored to be nominated for President-Elect of AARC and look forward to serving our membership if elected. My involvement with AARC began as a master’s counseling student where I received a warm welcome from members. I have continued to make AARC my professional “home” for the past 15 years. I have served on the AARC Executive Council for five years in the offices of treasurer and MAL-Awards. In these leadership positions, I had the opportunity to help grow our organization and ensure its continued vitality. I also served a member of the Diversity in Assessment and Research Committee which produced the AARC Standards for Multicultural Research. Serving in these capacities, I am familiar with AARC’s leadership and governance procedures, as well as the organization’s financial and organizational structure. I believe that my leadership experience and organizational knowledge have prepared me to serve in the position of President-Elect.

I seek this position because of my deep commitment to AARC. I have received invaluable mentorship as a student and professional from AARC members. I consider it a privilege to be able to give back to an organization that has given me much. If elected, I would continue to support our mission of promoting and recognizing excellence in assessment, research, and evaluation in the following ways:

• Give back to our membership through continually enhancing the emerging leaders program and supported scholarship program
• Support our leadership team as the organization works to promote inclusivity, multiculturalism, and social justice initiatives
• Collaborate with ACA divisions, branches, and regions to promote best practices in research, assessment, and evaluation
• Continue our national, regional, and state advocacy efforts with regards to assessment and evaluation
• Support the continued growth of MECD and CORE

It would be an honor to serve AARC and its membership if elected as President-Elect.

SECRETARY

Shaywanna Harris-Pierre

I have always had a passion for counseling research, and I am honored to be nominated to potentially serve as the AARC Secretary. As a member of AARC for the past 6 years, I have been involved within the organization as the Student Perspectives Newsletter Column Editor, presented numerous years at the AARC conference, currently serve on the editorial board for Counseling Outcome Research and Evaluation, published my research in CORE, and have been awarded funds for my research through the AARC Sponsored Scholarship Program on multiple occasions. Being a member of AARC has given me an opportunity to grow as a researcher and advocate for best practices within the profession, especially as it relates to marginalized populations. I hope to bring my unique experiences and passion for multiculturalism and intersectional research to the position of AARC Secretary, assisting the Board in improving and supporting best practices through the promotion of excellence in evaluation, assessment, and measurement in counseling.
Amanda Rumsey
I am honored by the nomination to serve as Secretary for the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC). As a school counselor and licensed professional counselor, I was drawn to pursue counselor education based on my practical experiences in the field and the growing desire for knowledge and engagement with research and evaluation. As a doctoral student at Georgia State University, I was introduced to AARC and attended my first conference in 2014. Having a group of professionals that valued the advancement and promotion of best practices in counseling assessment, research, and evaluation was exciting (and overwhelming). I immediately felt the outstanding support and committed to serving as a volunteer and regularly attending each AARC conference. As a new professional in 2018, I was fortunate enough to be chosen as an AARC Emerging Leader and had the opportunity to receive mentorship while also serving as a volunteer in multiple capacities. As an assistant professor at Clemson University, I have continued to focus my professional service in the areas of assessment and research. I am actively involved in ACA, serving in the past as the chair of the research and knowledge committee, and currently as a member of the publications committee. I also remain actively involved in serving as an editorial board member for two ACA division journals. I value the connections and support I have received as a member of AARC for the past eight years and would be honored to serve the division in the role of Secretary.

MEMBER AT LARGE – MEMBERSHIP

Michelle Hollenbaugh
I am honored to be nominated for the position of Member At Large, Membership with AARC. As an active member of the division, I am dedicated to the promotion of best practices in assessment and research in the counseling field. I have a history of service in AARC and am currently the chair of the Specialty Standards and Statements Committee. If elected, I will take initiative and seek out opportunities to further the mission of AARC. I am also prompt, reliable, and detail-oriented, and will be a steadfast liaison between the membership and the executive board. I will pursue creative venues for engaging current members, while also generating ideas to recruit new members. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the division.

Patrick Mullen
I am an associate professor in counselor education at William & Mary. I attended the University of Central Florida where I earned my Ph.D. in Education. Before my time in counselor education, I worked as a school counselor in Central Florida. I am a National Certified Counselor, a National Certified School Counselor, an Approved Clinical Supervisor, and licensed in Virginia to work as a school counselor. I have served on the Board of Directors for ASERVIC and I am presently the Program Co-Chair for Counseling in Division E of the American Educational Research Association.

If I am elected as Member at Large with the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC), I would support the organization’s mission in several ways. First, I believe the chief purpose of AARC is to enhance the work of counselors by advancing best practices in research, assessment, and evaluation. I would use a framework of decision-making that puts the needs of counseling practitioners, graduate students, and researchers at the forefront to achieve this mission. I also believe it is vital to make complex research approaches obtainable for new and growing researchers. I would support initiatives that help members learn and apply best practices in an approachable manner. I would also strive to help counseling practitioners utilize research to enhance their clinical practice. Lastly, I believe the development of counselor educators who are competent researchers is crucial. Thus, I would aid and sponsor activities that increase counselor education doctoral students’ involvement in AARC and promote experiences that encourage counselor education doctoral students to become effective
researchers. I have always been interested in the mission and vision of AARC and I have benefited from the work of its leadership. I hope now to give back to AARC by serving as Member at Large.

Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sean Nixon
I am honored for the opportunity to be nominated for the position of President Elect for the Association of Child and Adolescent Counseling. I have been a member with ACAC since it was an interest division of ACA. As a Board Member at large for the past two plus years, I have also been the membership chairperson. I look forward to continuing the growth and development that ACAC has enjoyed over the past two years. ACAC allows me the opportunity to merge my professional strengths and my passion for counseling children and adolescents with my desire to be active in the profession of counseling. I am employed full time as a Pediatric Mental Health Therapist while holding state licensure as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist along with Registered Supervisor status for both in my state of residence. I am also a Registered Play Therapist with Supervisor status. I am currently finalizing my last requirements to obtain my Infant/Toddler Mental Health Endorsement. My experiences in the profession range from being the President of my state Counseling Association, three years as conference chair for the state Counseling Association, two-time President of the Association of Marriage and Family Counselors in my state, and member of the ACA Presidential Task Force on Professional Advocacy. I have additional experiences in leadership on state Association for Play Therapy and additional professional organizations. These experiences have continued to develop my skills that I hope will help enhance my role as ACAC President. I am excited to be a part of the future of ACAC and continue the growth of the association. I am grateful for the mentorship of the previous ACAC leadership and past ACAC Presidents. Thank you for the opportunity to represent our association as your next ACAC President.

TRUSTEE AT LARGE

Cory Clark
I am both a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and PhD level Counselor Educator and I have dedicated much of my career to advocating for children and adolescents. I started out as a preschool teacher, then I ventured out into the counseling field to support children as both a school-based and outpatient counselor. Specifically, I have been child and adolescent therapist for 5 years now and advocated for the development of national standards and competencies for child counseling through research and presentations. I am currently co-chair of the competencies committee of ACAC and I hope to continue my leadership and advocacy efforts for child and adolescent counseling through this position as trustee.

My goal is to continue to serve the ACAC by developing competencies for child counseling and grow the membership and engagement within the ACAC. To do this, I believe it is important to support the development of committees within ACAC and I would help guide whichever committees they need if I were trustee.

Children and adolescents need support now more than ever. I believe it is essential to engage counselors and families in the efforts to better meet the needs of children and adolescents today.
SECRETARY

Stephanie Smith Durkin
I joined ACAC in 2016 as a master's student and am now seeking a board position as secretary. I previously served as the ACAC Graduate Student Representative, on the ACAC Anti-racism committee, and on the ACAC Graduate Student Committee. In each of these roles, I worked closely with my co-chairs and fellow executive board members to provide opportunities for ACAC members to enhance their skills to improve the lives of children.

My work, leadership and academic experiences demonstrate my commitment to advocating for betterment of children and adolescents. As a doctoral candidate in a counselor education and supervision program, I collaborate frequently with colleagues as well as mentor and teach current master’s students. We talk often about issues surrounding mental health services and interventions to benefit children. As a professional school counselor, I work daily to close information, opportunity and achievement gaps for my students and promote the equitable treatment of all students. If given the opportunity, my hope is to do the same for my fellow ACAC members if appointed to the ACAC board.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, ACAC

Hayley Stulmaker
Hello ACAC Members! I have been honored to serve as your Governing Council Representative for the past 2 years, and I am looking forward to hopefully representing you all for the next 3 years. During my time on the council, I have been a part of monumental decision making and action including COVID-19 and the virtual conference and the creation of the anti-racism task force and committee. I am currently working on two initiatives regarding developing a partnership between ACAC and the United Nations to further support child and adolescent growth around the globe. I am also working with fellow governing council representatives to reexamine the fee structure for membership to be more inclusive. Now that I have built up this momentum, I would like to continue to create meaningful change across the organization and ultimately for clients. I am one of three people on the council who are solely clinicians, making sure that a clinical voice is heard at the highest level of the organization. I love being in private practice full time, and I feel really strongly about representation of clinicians on the board of the American Counseling Association. I have been practicing for over 10 years, and I feel extremely grateful to make a difference in the lives of children and teens. I have also worked in schools, as a Counselor Educator, and in non-profit agencies, providing me with a diverse perspective that can speak to each of these settings. I feel very passionate about continuing to move our organization forward and bringing a clinician voice to the table. I’m looking forward to hopefully serving and representing all of you for a second term.

Emily Goodman-Scott
Greetings! I’m Dr. Emily Goodman-Scott and am honored to run for ACA Governing Council. My breadth and depth of leadership, service, and professional experiences across counseling settings has helped me understand the culture of the counseling profession from several vantage points, collaborating with many leaders, advocates, and constituents. Thus, I bring the following to Governing Council: (a) a decade of extensive leadership in several ACA divisions, (ACAC, ACES, IAAOC), (b) President of an ACA division, (c) varied professional counseling experiences (school counselor and LPC), (d) leadership experiences in academia (assistant department chair, graduate program director, school counseling coordinator), (e) a decade of board leadership for a state counseling association, (f) advocacy for counseling and K-12 schools, and (g) volunteering with community groups.
To outline my leadership in ACA divisions during the last decade: first, I’m in my seventh year as a leader for ACAC, including: President (2020-2021), President-Elect (2019-2020), Past-President (2021-2022). I oversaw substantial bylaws revisions, created and led the first Antiracism committee, facilitated online workshops and support groups in response to the pandemic and racial justice movement, and assisted with significant membership growth. I also created and led the first ACAC Research Grant Committee, which has now distributed seven years of research grants- prioritizing innovation and social justice.

Second, I’ve been a leader for the ACES School Counseling Interest network (SCIN) (2013-present)- in which I’ve been a co-leader (2018-present), secretary (2014-2018), and workgroup leader (beginning in 2013). I’ve been honored to work with counselor educators throughout the U.S. and in allied organizations (e.g., CACREP) to strengthen our profession. I’ve also been invited to national ACES ad-hoc committees and provided support, leadership, professional development, advocacy, and ideas toward ACA, ACES and SCIN.

Last, I appreciated being an IAAOC board member (treasurer 2011-2014).

Thanks for your consideration and take good care.

Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Patricia Kimball
I am seeking the office of President Elect for the Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC). I have been a member of ACC for almost as long as I have been a member of the ACA. The lively and fun booth caught my eye at my first ACA Conference and shortly after joining I realized I had found my ACA “home”. Every step I take in being an active member of the ACC verifies this early feeling, this division contains the greatest counselors I have even known. I began actively engaging in ACC by joining volunteer teams for conference planning and execution. This led to me finding other counselors and mentors who have very similar interests and goals, which encourages me to become more engaged. Two years ago my volunteering turned into a three year Trustee position, which is coming to an end in June. When I approached the current president about extending my time as a Trustee, he recommended that I seek another leadership opportunity. As I have considered the possibility of engaging in this leadership role, I realized that I have a growing passion for other counselors to find a home in ACC. Every year we have members move past belonging and truly bonding. I want to be a small part of building a strong division that provides that place of relationship, learning and growth professionally and personally. I see the position of President Elect as a small way to back to a division I cherish.

SECRETARY

Lacy C. Overley
I have had the privilege of serving as secretary for Association for Creativity in Counseling for the past two years. Being a part of this board and organization has been a wonderful experience, where I have gotten to help with the conference, the International Day of Creativity, and be a part of growing and evolving ACC. I would be honored to continue to be in this role, able to share with others this wonderful organization, group of people, and the world of creativity. I believe that ACC has an amazing future
ahead and it would be great to be able to be a part of that on the ground floor. I want to continue to give back to this organization that brightens and encourages so many.

TRUSTEE

Eric Jett
I am excited to be nominated to serve the Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC) as a Trustee. For several years, I have helped with the ACC conference. Professionally, I utilize play therapy, Sand Play, and other creative experiential activities in my clinical work and often present on creativity both in the counseling session and in higher education and supervision. I am currently a full-time core faculty member at Southern New Hampshire University where I have served as course lead in leadership roles. At previous institutions I have served as the accreditation liaison. Clinically I currently serve clients in a private practice but have been both a program and clinical director in community mental health agencies in the past. I also serve as a journal reviewer for two peer-reviewed journals. I earned my PhD in Counselor Education from Walden University and a MS in Mental Health Counseling from Walden University. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor in Oklahoma, Nationally Certified Counselor, and a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor. I have worked in the past for the ACC conference development for attendee engagement, helping create fun and creative ways for our members to enjoy the annual conference be it in person or virtual. I hope to continue in this track and expand that into encouraging member engagement and new membership growth. In the past with the annual conference, I have also been active in maintaining the play therapy CE’s for the association and I want to continue supporting the expanse of creative play therapy educational opportunities in the association.

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Jordan Mann
I have been working behind the scenes with ACC for two years now as a graduate student on the conference planning committee. Up until this year, I had been working behind the scenes for the conference and presenting within the conference as well. I am aware of what being a leader is like as I am the President of my online chapter’s international honor society of Theta Chi Sigma, and I am on the board as the master’s student representative for the International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling. I know what students need from professional divisions from my own experience and I will be a supportive aid in making sure our new professionals in the counseling world are being supported in the best way possible. Being the graduate student representative will allow me to expand my knowledge as a professional and give me the opportunity to help other students as passionate as I am become involved within ACC and within other divisions as well. Seeing that I have been involved with ACC, I am comfortable coming into this role and bringing in some fresh ideas to the board.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, ACC

Stella Beatríz Kerl-McClain
I am a founding board member and a past president of ACC. I am currently on the editorial board of our journal, the Journal for Creativity in Mental Health, and have been since the first edition. I To put it succinctly: I love our division! I love what we stand for and I love what we do. I especially love our members and our conferences. I think that we’ve made a tremendous positive impact on counseling and on the American Counseling Association, and I hope to continue bringing our creativity and outside-the-box thinking to the Governing Council.
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American College Counseling Association (ACCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jay E. Darr
Greetings Colleagues, I’m humbled by the opportunity to submit my candidate statement for ACCA President-elect.

My journey started in southwestern Pennsylvania, where commitment to family, community, and stigmatizing mental health and help-seeking were instilled. My perceptions of mental health continued while serving in the United States Army. Engaging in campus and community activities through West Virginia University gave voice to my feelings and incrementally changed how I viewed myself, others, and help-seeking. These experiences cultivated an internal call to the counseling profession and earning additional degrees from Duquesne University in Counselor Education and Supervision.

After working in the insurance and energy sectors, I was fortunate to reengage the internal call at the University of North Texas’ Counseling and Testing Services (CTS). During my tenure at CTS, I found my people, my community, and my meaning. ACCA played an essential role in my professional development. I received the 2018 Counselor of the Year award and began my tenure as Co-Chair of the Supervision and Training Committee. Currently, I have the privilege of serving as Director of the UCC at the University of Pittsburgh.

Over the past 20 months, at times, it’s been challenging to find meaning in our work, especially during a pandemic, ongoing systematic oppression, unyielding expectations of institution stakeholders, and an overwhelming number of professionals transitioning out of college counseling.

As I reflect on meaning, I realize that we’re different people, teams, centers, and campuses now. It’s incumbent upon us to reimagine how we’re supporting each other and student well-being. I accepted the nomination for President-elect to build upon the success of ACCA and, through a culturally humble lens, work with you to enhance the sustainability of our organization and college counseling. I’m asking for your vote to embark on a new beginning!

SECRETARY

Adina Agliata
Making connections is critical, and joining associations, especially the American College Counseling Association (ACCA), would give me countless opportunities to connect on a local and global level. For most people, creating professional relationships is important and joining a group like ACCA provides a sense of security and trust. During these unprecedented times, I realized how supportive and caring the ACCA has been - all you need to do ask or reach out with a concern and assistance is graciously given. My goal will eventually transition shortly from secondary to higher education at the university level and I would love the opportunity to give back and be part of such a supportive community.

Currently, I have over 23 years of real-world experience in the field of education, and as a general education classroom teacher I have acquired skills in writing, communication, collaboration, listening, adaptability, empathy, patience, and creativity which would be well suited for the position as secretary. As a graduate student, I also served as Vice-president of my school’s chapter for the National Counseling Honor Society, Chi Sigma Iota, and attended several conferences for various counseling
organizations. Furthermore, in addition to having a Master’s of Science Degree in Education specializing in Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction (K-12) and a degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) from a CACREP accredited program, I have completed a specialization in School Counseling at Kean University. I am also a Licensed Associate Counselor, and hold a School Social Worker certification.

I believe that my experience along with my qualifications and educational background have provided me with a solid framework to become part of the ACCA team and contribute the continued success of this association.

Thank you for this nomination.
Sincerely,
Nardina M. Agliata

Megan Little
I am delighted to have been nominated for the ACCA secretary position. I previously worked in a college counseling center at the University of Arkansas and in the last year I have transitioned into the role of Training Clinic Director for the counseling department at the University of Nevada Reno. In my current position I work collaboratively with the counseling center on campus with our training clinic we are a valuable resource to students - 60% of our clients being college students. Even though my role has changed a huge part of my job remains focused on college mental health and finding unique ways to provide services to students during a pandemic. I am eager at the perspective of serving in my first executive leadership role in the organization that feels like my professional home. I have volunteered my time with ACCA in the graduate student group and had the experience of helping to plan and host events at the conference. I hope as secretary to continue welcoming others into ACCA and making new members feel as welcomed as I have always felt. I also want to share the experience of taking on a national leadership role with my internship students who are the future of our profession and help them find their professional homes whether with ACCA or other organizations. I also will continue to be an advocate for the resource needs in college mental health especially now that life continues to drastically change for students and our profession during the pandemic.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY

Nathaniel O. Brown
As I reflect on my life in retrospect, I think about how I surpassed developmental milestones in pursuing postsecondary education. As a first-generation college student who spent a large part of my life in the foster care system, I was not sure if I would graduate from high school. In my initial career interest in nursing, I discovered community and technical colleges. While I was encouraged to attend a four-year liberal arts college (and I did), it was very clear that I needed a full time job to support myself and pay for college expenses. Therefore, I enrolled in an employer supported certified nursing assistant (CNA) program which allowed me to work and learn simultaneously during my summer break. At Tri-County Technical College, I prepared for state certification to work in long-term care facilities to care for members of our aging and differently abled populations. The institution developed clinical scenarios to compliment philosophical and theoretical knowledge in providing direct nursing assistant care. Therefore, my love and passion for supporting student success at this level goes far beyond the preconceived notion that community colleges are only about remediation. Since 2007, I have learned that community and technical colleges support the holistic development of human beings who can learn practical skills, earn a good living wage, gain valuable employment experience, and continue
postsecondary education at a liberal arts institution. I further believe that education beyond secondary education is beneficial to individuals and society at-large. Finally, my professional experience as a college student affairs counselor, college mental health counselor, academic support coordinator, director of student success, conduct review board advisor and hearing officer, resident director in university housing, coordinator of academic and student affairs, and interim dean of student affairs has prepared me to serve in this role. Thank you for your vote!

Amanda Allen
I am a Wellness Counselor at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, North Carolina, employed since November 2019. Additionally, I serve as program co-chair for our chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC). As program co-chair, I help to facilitate and execute programs, activities, and engagement with our members and the Wake Tech community. At Wake Tech, our Wellness program is part of the Student Engagement and Impact Department which is committed to holistic development, providing resources and services that empower students to realize their educational and personal goals. As a Wellness Counselor, I provide students with counseling, referral services, crisis support, outreach, education, and additional resources students may need to reach their goals.

Community colleges can provide a unique and often challenging setting for counselors. At Wake Tech, I am one of two counselors providing mental health services to our community comprising of approximately 25,000 degree seeking students over multiple campuses. I believe my experience at Wake Tech continues to provide me with an understanding of the needs of community college students and they are vast. For example, I collaborate with staff and faculty through consultation, workshops, education, and events to help both myself and others understand the needs of our students. As a member of ACCA, I have benefited from a wealth of knowledge through Listservs, conferences, trainings, and connections from the start of my career in higher ed. If elected to the member at large position, my hope is to gain more knowledge, increase collaboration, and strengthen my leadership skills to better serve community college students. Finally, I plan to represent the voice of professionals working in community colleges to the best of my ability.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, ACCA

Monica Z. Osburn
I am honored to run for ACA Governing Council (GC). I have been a member of ACA since my graduate school days in the 1990’s and have continued to be active in a variety of ways. I value ACA as an organization for several reasons, the first and most important, is its leadership. From day one, I felt welcomed and accepted. As a student that first year, and having the support of leaders in our field, I knew this was an organization I could grow with. Since then, I've had the opportunity to not only participate in the organization through attending conferences, presenting, and serving on committees, but also the privilege to expand that scope by being your current GC representative. This is a small part of what I can give back to an organization that has given me so much. That is why I want to further my commitment by running again for Governing Council.

I bring a unique perspective to the board. I am one of a few practitioners on the current GC. I know what it is like to work hands on with clients on a daily basis, to need the types of clinical tools ACA offers. Having that voice on our GC is crucial. I am a past-president of the North Carolina College Counseling Association, American College Counseling Association and am actively involved with the Higher Education Mental Health Alliance (HEMHA). These and other experiences have developed my skills as a board member to where I feel I can serve this organization. As the executive director of NC State’s
college counseling center, I understand first-hand the varying needs counselors face to provide quality mental health care. I recognize the vast responsibility of being a board member and look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

**Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)**

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**Margaret Lamar**

My primary professional service has been within the ACES community, so it is with great honor that I accept the nomination for President-elect. I am thrilled for the opportunity to be part of a dynamic team of leaders guiding ACES into the future.

I am an Associate Professor and Associate Department Chair of the Ph.D. Program in Counselor Education and Supervision in the Counseling Program at Palo Alto University. I am a board-certified, licensed professional counselor with a background in university and clinical mental health counseling. My research focuses on maternal mental health and researcher development. I have a long history of membership and service within the profession and, more specifically, within ACES and its regions. Most recently I served as President of WACES. During that time, I also served ACES on the Counselor Education and Supervision Editor Search Committee, the Advocacy Taskforce, By-laws Revision Committee, and Research Grants Committee. Previously, I served as the WACES treasurer, WACES conference chair, WACES Conference program chair, and ACES Conference program co-chair. In addition, I also served on committees for AARC and CSI.

My primary goals are to guide ACES to be a more inclusive organization, look for ways to strengthen and promote the profession’s work in digital mental health, and help support the ACES strategic plan. My past work demonstrates my belief that equity and inclusion is the result of intentional plans and action. I believe ACES has the potential to be a stronger organization with more diverse representation in leadership, inclusive policies and practices, intentional membership engagement, and development opportunities for students and new professionals that can build a pipeline to more diverse leadership. I am excited to advocate for more inclusive practices and look forward to continuing the excellent work of current leadership in this area.

**Stephen V. Flynn**

I am deeply honored to be nominated for President-elect of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES). As a professor of counselor education and clinical supervisor at Plymouth State University, I have considered ACES to be my professional home for the past 13 years. ACES has provided me with invaluable experience, professional development, and inspiration. These benefits motivate me to give back to the organization. My commitment to ACES has been demonstrated by my service in the following roles: President of North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NARACES); NARACES 2018 conference planning chair; Counselor Education and Supervision editorial board member; member of the Product and Development Committee; chair of the Dissertation Taskforce; and member of ACES Governing Council. I am excited to have the opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders to help steer ACES in a direction that advances our profession and ensures that everyone’s voice is heard. As a servant leader, I am focused on promoting initiatives that are centered on the ACES mission, vision, strategic plan, and member-identified needs. My interest in serving as ACES President reflects four core goals: (a) advancing counselor education by enhancing our understanding and responsiveness to issues pertaining to multiculturalism, intersectionality, social justice, equity, and inclusion; (b) increasing training standards and professional preparation in crisis, disaster, and trauma
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counseling; (c) increasing membership and encouraging member participation; and (d) enhancing collaboration between leadership, members, and affiliates. As President, I will promote growth in critical areas such as counseling professional identity, advocating for licensure portability, enhancing counseling and supervision through high-impact research, and ensuring that excellent continuing education opportunities continue to be provided by ACES. I will collaborate with ACES Executive Committee, Governing Council, and the general membership to strengthen these core areas and help ACES build on its history of excellence.

SECRETARY-ELECT

Heather Ambrose

I am excited about the possibility of continuing in a leadership position with ACES as ACES Secretary because I enjoy being part of ACES leadership. I have a passion for service and have witnessed firsthand how the secretary supports the organization. I would like to use my leadership skills to support the ongoing efforts of improving ACES and the work being done within the organization on behalf of counselor educators and supervisors, particularly regarding increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

I have proudly been part of service to ACES over the past 10 years. I served as President of the Rocky Mountain Region and am currently the Past President of ACES. I will contribute my knowledge of institutional processes to the ongoing functioning of the organization and the business conducted on behalf of the members of ACES. I enjoy supporting others in leadership and will bring a sense of community and connection to the Executive Council and Governing Council.

I have many skills that would lead me to being an effective secretary for ACES. I am very organized, which is an essential skill for the position. I am also good at paying attention to detail, which is extremely important when it comes to keeping minutes of Executive Council and Governing Council meetings. It is also an important skill when it comes to bylaws revisions and assisting with the newsletter. I have served as the secretary of the Ogden Pride board, so I have experience with fulfilling this role on a smaller level. I also have historical knowledge of recent events within ACES that will help contribute context to proposals being made. I look forward to being able to continue to support this important organization as we continue to adjust to the changing needs of our profession and the world.

Harvey Charles Peters

As a professional counselor, educator, and researcher, I believe in the importance of service and leadership. To date, I have had the opportunity and privilege to serve ACES in multiple capacities. At the national level, I have served on the ACES board as the Graduate Student Representative and various committees and task forces, such as the Social Justice and Human Rights Committee chair and a member of the leadership task force. At the regional level, I have served on the NARACES board as well as multiple committees. Although ACES and its five regions (i.e., NARACES, NCACES, RMACES, SACES, WACES) have been a significant focus of my service and leadership development, I have also been involved in other organizations, such as the ACA, CSI, CSJ, HCA, and SAIGE.

My experiences across counseling organizations coupled with my scholarship exploring counseling leadership have shaped who I am as a leader, particularly my commitment to the six pillars of leadership (i.e., community, counseling, scholarship, service, supervision, teaching). Collectively, they have afforded me the opportunity to develop a range of knowledge concerning the historical and future movement of the organization. With that, I have gained insight into each region’s unique and overlapping needs—for example, the distinct culture, conference process, and needs. As a result, I believe my ACES
experiences, insights, and skillsets will assist me in fulfilling the responsibilities outlined in the ACES handbook and bylaws.

If selected to serve as the next ACES secretary, I am committed to ethical practice, relationships, anti-oppression and anti-racism, and meeting each of the identified roles and responsibilities. I believe my passion and dedication to supporting the future of ACES, its members, and those we seek to serve will guide my service to the counseling profession. Together, we can strive for a more equitable and socially just world.

TREASURER

Kelly Emelianchik-Key

I am honored to be on the election slate for ACES treasurer. I have been an ACES member for 15 years, and ACES has tremendously impacted my professional development. I am currently an associate professor in counseling at Florida Atlantic University, and I serve as the placement coordinator for clinical mental health. I serve as CSI’s chapter faculty advisor for a large chapter and have guided a very successful and multi-award-winning CSI chapter. Recently, I received the 2020 Outstanding Teaching Award and 2017 Outstanding Supervision Award by SACES.

I have a great deal of past leadership experience and expertise in treasury roles that would be an asset. I served as the 2017-2019 treasurer for the Association of Assessment in Research and Counseling. I handled invoices, expenses, and disbursements for the division, coordinated with the ACA accounting office, created financial records, annual reports, and budgets, and managed investment accounts. I also served as the 2016-2017 Florida Association of Counselor Education and Supervision treasurer. These diverse treasurer experiences allowed me to gain a full spectrum of knowledge operating with a wide range of funds.

I have been a conference proposal reviewer multiple times for SACES and ACES, while also presenting over 20 times at the conferences. I currently sit on three counseling journal editorial boards. I actively work as a counselor educator to advance research and training that promotes cultural competence, advocacy, social justice, and community engagement. Leadership and service to the profession are foundational to these goals, but part of being a servant leader is being invested and understanding community needs. If elected, I will invest fully in the role and utilize my skill set and past treasurer experiences. Additionally, I bring a willingness to learn from current and former ACES leaders and the entire ACES community.

Wendy Hoskins

My desire to serve as ACES Treasurer comes from a long held belief in service to the profession in meaningful and impactful ways. Serving as Treasurer would allow me to engage with other ACES members at a foundational level, be a part of moving ACES forward, and provide support to the ACES leadership team. Part of organizational growth is the financial stability and investment in our members and causes that are important to us. As someone who has lived and worked in rural and urban areas, I can attest to the need to integrate equity, diversity and inclusion in our decision and policy making regarding financial matters. For example, I applaud the ACES strategic plan’s emphasis on reducing financial barriers for members.

Having joined the counselor education community over 20 years ago, I bring a wealth of experience as a counselor educator, supervisor, and active professional within ACES. I have been afforded the opportunity to serve the counseling profession in multiple leadership roles at the state, regional and
national levels, including WACES Treasurer. I also bring an energy and enthusiasm to see ACES continue to grow and reshape based on current trends, needs and desires of its members to move us forward.

When I was a doctoral student, my mentor was elected ACES President. I was inspired by his dedication to the profession and the individuals who make up the organization. I recognize and value the effort and importance of what professional service entails. Now it is my turn. I am ready and look forward to the opportunity to serve you as ACES Treasurer.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, ACES

Kristopher Goodrich
I am both honored and enthused to be considered for the role of Governing Council Representative for ACES. As a past president of ACES (2019-2020) and SAIGE (2015-2016), I have enjoyed serving the counseling profession and learned a great deal through my leadership roles. I hope to extend this service and apply my well-developed leadership skills to a different role within ACES, which is my academic and professional organizational home. I am prepared to support the ACES board in continuing their commitment to counselor educators and practicing supervisors (CES), especially as we re-engage CES post the COVID-19 pandemic with a renewed focus on racial justice. I am prepared to bring a strong voice at the ACA Governing Council to ensure the needs and hopes of ACES (and its members) are carried forward into the larger ACA. We are at a critical junction, and our current climate calls for us to consider the concerns of culturally marginalized communities and focus on how we can intentionally address the intersections that are often overlooked more consciously and deeply. Within my previous leadership, I established a record of collaboration with other ACA divisions and counseling organizations to support the needs of our queer and gender expansive communities, among others, as well as amplified our collective voice as members of one counseling profession. I also spearheaded multi-division and organization collaborations that produced joint products (e.g., AARC, AMHCA, ASGW, NBCC). In response to the historic intra-field fractioning and ideological/political division more broadly, I hope to work with others to move towards a more unified profession. If elected as ACES GCR, I will be a voice of change to bring us back to our mission and vision of the counseling profession and support us in finding that one counseling voice again to guide our profession forward.

Dodie Limberg
I am excited to be running as the ACES Representative on the ACA Governing Council. I am currently the Past-President of the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision and an Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina. As part of my role as SACES President I served on the ACES Governing Council for two years and was the chair of the ACES Chief Diversity Officer task force. I was a mentor for the ACES journal, Counselor Education and Supervision fellows program, and an editorial review board member. Additionally, I am an associate editor for Professional School Counseling, and Counseling and Values Journal. I previously served on the ACA Governing Council and the ACA Executive Committee as a graduate student representative. I am interested in serving the members of ACES as your ACA Governing Council Representative because I know how important this role is. I believe this role is integral in ensuring that ACA understands ACES members’ needs and concerns. I consider this position as a connector between ACES and ACA, but also between ACES and other divisions in ACA. I think it is important that we don’t function in silos and that all divisions work together for the counseling community and most importantly the clients and students we serve. I recognize that each region in ACES has different needs, and they need to be represented not only to the ACES Governing Council but also to ACA. In this role, I intend to continue to be a voice and liaison for all ACES regions, members and leadership. I believe my professional and service experiences, research interests, and servant leadership attributes will be beneficial in this role.
Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kevin Doyle

As a new counselor, I was always in awe of my mentors’ ability to be authentic with their clients or students. I was amazed at how confidently they used the skills with which I had struggled early in my career. It was those early counseling experiences that made me realize the value of authenticity, and it has guided my experience as a counselor and leader.

The themes of connection, awareness, and authenticity that resonate with me are visible throughout AHC. Through my service in AHC I have been able to ‘center’ myself in the counseling profession, finding people who will both support and challenge me, celebrating my growth and supporting me in my struggles as a professional. My passion and commitment for AHC are evident through my involvement. I have taken pride in serving on a variety of committees (Awards, Ethic & Bylaws, and Conference committees). Co-Chairing the Conference Committee last year, I was astounded by the willingness and adaptability of our organization moving to an online platform, and I am humbled by the patience of our attendees, presenters, and volunteers. I am impressed at how many members (both existing and new) were eager to attend and engage.

As President-Elect of AHC, my focus will be on outreach and opportunity. My work on the Conference has shown me how diverse, passionate, and eager our members are to engage. Moving the conference online provided a more individuals opportunity for involvement and engagement. As we continue to promote our existing programs, we need to ensure that we reach out to prospective members, and provide opportunities for involvement, while working to develop leaders that reflect the diversity of our membership. AHC is a space that I am proud to call my professional home, if elected I would be honored to serve as President-Elect.

Sarah Stewart-Spencer

As a humanistic counselor I feel called to not only serve my clients, but also my profession. Helping others - and our profession- grow and be their best is my passion. Humanistic values are foundational to who I am and I strive to impart these values in all I do, including leadership roles. My service work with AHC involves developing serving as the Newsletter editor, and I developed the new e-newsletter format. Additionally, I co-chaired the AHC Graduate Student Task Force, served on the AHC Interest Network Task Force, and present at our conference and for our webinar program. These experiences have been exceptionally rewarding and I would like to continue to give back and support the organization and AHC members. As a leader, it is important to me that I encourage a supportive, inclusive climate that supports openness, transparency, and authenticity. Leadership roles feel comfortable to me and at present, I serve as the Dean of Yorkville University's master's and doctoral counseling programs. In this role, I supervise hundreds of faculty members and thousands of students. This role has provided many opportunities for me to grow my organizational development skills. Additionally, I have served as the Editor-in-Chief of a journal, edited a book series, and I have served in a variety of service and organizational roles over the years. What most excites me about serving as the AHC president is the opportunity to grow the organization in new ways while carrying on and honoring important traditions. Identifying and meeting member needs will be a top priority if I am elected. I want to explore our members’ needs and do all I can to support you all. Thank you for your consideration!
Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Noreal F. Armstrong

I have worked in the counseling profession since 2009. While in Texas, I was elected as an Emerging Leader for the Texas Counseling Association and served as TexAMCD president-elect. I have had the honor of serving as registration chair for the ALGBTIC (now SAIGE) conference in 2016, co-chair for the California Counseling Association Conference in 2020, and as a member of the AMCD Conference committee in 2021. As a servant leader, my willingness to serve has opened doors for me to publish books and articles, present and teach, and collaborate on new counseling policies. I want to pay forward the lessons I have learned and give back to the Association that has given so much to me. Within AMCD, I was the strategic planning for clinicians and graduate students chair (2016-18), bylaws and awards committee member (2017), women’s concerns task force chair (2018), secretary (2019-2020), and currently serve as the vice president of the women’s concerns group. Though my various leadership roles within AMCD, I have utilized policy and procedure, understand and have ideas for implementing AMCD’s strategic plan, and have established a strong professional support network of leaders within AMCD. Being active in professional development and counseling associations is a passion and part of my counselor identity. AMCD is where my heart lies and I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as your President-Elect. My goal as president-elect would be to continue onward in true AMCD tradition bringing about awareness, change, and growth through hard work, collaboration, and innovation. Awareness of ever changing issues affecting our communities and ways to offer solutions, equitable change at all levels within the profession, and growth in our voice as advocates for improvement and empowerment would be the foundation of my presidential initiative.

Asha Dickerson

Greetings Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD) members! I am seeking your vote for the position of President-Elect of our wonderful organization. I have been a member of AMCD for my entire professional career and have served on the Executive Board as the Secretary from 2013-2016 and Southern Region Representative from 2016-2019. I have loved working with enthusiastic and passionate professionals from all over the nation. Currently serve as the Chair of the American Counseling Association of Georgia, the knowledge I have received from AMCD has been invaluable in helping counselors in our state manage stress associated with COVID 19 and voting-related bills.

Having learned so much about AMCD and being present for the revision of the Multicultural and Social Justice Competencies, I am inspired to be even more involved. Through my roles in AMCD, my position in ACA of Georgia, and my appointed positions within the American Counseling Association, I have seen the impact that this division has on the profession of counseling.

I am beyond proud of what we have accomplished, thus far, and look forward to witnessing our future accomplishments. This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of AMCD. This will be a time for reflection and reconnection, serving as a reminder of how much progress can be done when we work together. My top priority, if elected, is to continue to unite the presidents at the state level to foster ongoing collaboration and networking in our division and assist each other with current issues in each U.S. state and territory. I plan to become more acquainted with our members and increase involvement while introducing some new ideas into our prestigious organization. It is my sincerest hope that you all will give me the honor of continuing to serve the AMCD and the profession as President-Elect.
June Hyun
Hello, AMCD community. I am thrilled to be nominated for the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD) President-Elect. Born and raised in Korea, I identify myself as a cisgender female, first-generation immigrant Asian American. As an international student, I came to the U.S. to pursue a master’s degree in counseling and have now entered my 13th year of teaching at Seattle Pacific University as an Associate Professor. I served as the Department Chair for five and a half years, Director of Clinical Training for two years, and the Faculty Diversity Committee for six years. In AMCD, I served as a Vice President of Asian American Pacific Islander concerns for over three years, in addition to serving as the Awards Committee Co-Chair for two years and getting involved in several other Concerns groups, including International Concerns. Currently, I’m working for the JMCD review board.

AMCD has walked alongside me in my identity journey, from lacking an understanding of systemic oppression and racism to shaping who I am as a person and professional, carrying humility, demonstrating sincere empathy, and taking steps for social justice with a deeper understanding of systemic injustice. AMCD has been an anchor for my professional identity and development as the first professional organization that welcomed me with open arms.

As AMCD’s president-elect, I’d like to continue its legacy and help it grow to embrace ourselves and others. I strive to be a leader that reflects oneself, prioritizes the community’s voices, empowers the community through self-determination, and pursues collectivism as practicing inclusive communication.

Joining in celebrating 50 years of AMCD together, I’m honored and humbled to be part of this community and looking forward to helping guide future generations of counseling professionals.

Ann Shillingford
Please accept this letter as my official statement of interest as a candidate for AMCD’s President-Elect. I have been a member of AMCD for many years and have been privileged to observe the organization’s growth toward becoming THE leading force in promoting multiculturalism in counseling.

Three years ago, I was asked to serve as the chair of the international task force, a new group dedicated to exploring counseling issues and programs across global communities. Through amazing teamwork, this task force was able to develop a plan of action to address research, teaching, and advocacy related to internationalization. Today, I serve as the first Vice President of AMCD’s International Concerns Group (IGC). As current VP, I have upheld a collaborative leadership role where, through monthly meetings, we have refined the mission and vision of the group, developed and analyzed data from a needs assessment, and developed programs to address themes identified through this assessment. I have also connected with the Chair of the ACA International Committee to collaborate on various projects, thereby serving as a bridge between the two organizations.

As AMCD president, I would like to further the organization’s international reach by (a) developing connections whereby AMCD can serve as an international consultant on various topics such as trauma and PTSD, (b) initiating conversations for developing international competencies through CACREP, (c) developing a platform to understand counseling practice from global perspectives, and (d) promoting more internationally-focused research among counselors in the US.

In summary, AMCD has made amazing strides in developing procedures and best practices for addressing multicultural issues in counseling. My goal is to further this work by highlighting internationalization as a key element in matters of diversity that should be underscored within the counseling profession.
GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Jordan D. Mike
Greetings! I am Jordan Mike, a second-year doctoral student in Counselor Education at the University of Florida. As an active graduate student member of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD), I am excited to continue to serve the organization as a compassionate leader and advocate of my fellow graduate student members. My involvement with AMCD began during the 2018-2019 year when I served as a member of the Ethics Committee and also as a volunteer during the first annual AMCD Multicultural and Social Justice Summit. I have also had the privilege of previously serving as a member of both the Conference Committee and the Media, PR, and Professional Development Committee. During the last three years, AMCD has been my professional home. It has inspired me and supported me throughout my journey as a counselor and hopeful future counselor educator, and it is my hope to help support the growth of my fellow graduate students. It is evident that AMCD has been woven throughout my work in the counseling field, and has provided me with invaluable learning experiences, mentorship, and service opportunities that complement my dedication to multiculturalism and social justice. I aspire to be able to pour into AMCD just as it has poured into me.

As the incoming AMCD Graduate Student Representative, I intend to build upon the following initiatives:
1. Serve as a liaison between graduate students and the AMCD Executive Board.
2. Promote AMCD and increase graduate membership and involvement.
3. Facilitate safe spaces for graduate students to connect, express concerns, discuss social justice and advocacy within the field, as well as share interests and opportunities.
4. Continue the works and initiatives of the graduate student representatives that have come before me.

Daniel Dosal Terminel
Candidate bio not available

Afroze Shaikh
I am beyond grateful to be considered to serve as the 2022-2023 AMCD Graduate Student Representative. I am a second-year doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Practice program at Georgia State University, and my experience with AMCD has been vital to my counselor educator development. I believe my volunteer experience with AMCD will be instrumental in supporting our graduate students, as I have been granted time and opportunities to work with and learn from the executive council and leaders in the field of multicultural counseling. I have enthusiastically served on the Conference (2019-2021), Awards (2020-2021), and Communications (2020-2021) Committees. Additionally, I have had the privilege of being appointed Newsletter Editor for two consecutive terms, working to revitalize the AMCD newsletter and increase accessibility.

In these experiences, I have created meaningful connections with inspiring individuals who exemplify cultural humility; become familiar with opportunities afforded to graduate students; and noted moments we can work to increase engagement and representation by continuing to expand our understanding of diversity.

I have outpouring appreciation for AMCD, as this organization has provided a treasured space to explore and appreciate my identity as a biracial Pakistani-American woman in academia, through profound kindness and deep care. I intend to provide this same support and empowerment for our graduate students by ensuring BIPOC voices are present and heard, facilitating dialogues around the oppressive institutions that perpetuate discrimination within counseling, and exploring the meaning of advocacy.
Furthermore, I will prioritize the wellbeing of our student population and promote wellness initiatives that center minoritized and vulnerable communities.

If elected, I will provide tenacious dedication through listening to and advocating for our students’ needs. I am a proud and passionate member of AMCD and look forward to continued growth alongside our community. Thank you kindly for your consideration and support.

VICE PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CONCERNS

Charmaine Conner
Hello, I am Dr. Charmaine Conner, an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL. I am also a Licensed Professional Counselor (TX) and National Certified Counselor (NCC) with experience providing mental health services to children, adolescents, and adults in a variety of settings. In my private practice, over 80% of my current caseload involves providing clinical mental health services to clients who identify as Black/African American. My counseling specializations include play therapy, servicing children who are transracially adopted, children who have experienced trauma, and children who have demonstrated academic and behavioral concerns. These experiences have afforded me with the knowledge and skills to provide diverse examples when teaching and supervising students. Furthermore, these clinical experiences have informed my research practices. I recently conducted a study entitled Moving Towards Antiracism: A Group Experience for Counselor Education Student. I hope to continue my research efforts in a study focused on examining the child-parent relationship between Black parents and their children. I was previously selected as a 2018-2019 Doctoral Fellow with the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) and I remain connected to NBCC through my service as the 2021-2022 MFP Advisory Council Chair. I believe my commitment to counseling underserved populations and practicing social justice within the counseling profession makes me a strong candidate to continue beyond the interim term and serve a 3-year term as Vice President of African American Concerns for the Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD).

Kaye Cole
Candidate bio not available

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MIDWESTERN REGION

Andrea Y. Stallworth
By way of introduction, my name is Andrea Y. Stallworth, and I am honored to be a candidate to serve as the Midwest Regional Representative of the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD). For over thirty years, I have educated myself and others on the impact and effects of systemic racism and advocated for change. According to the CDC, the pandemic has revealed racism as a serious public health threat in America. I believe we as mental health providers have a unique opportunity to create innovative ways to integrate ethnic and racial empathy and understanding, resulting in better mental health and wellness for our communities.

I recently earned my masters’ degree in mental health counseling from Northwestern University and am a student in the Doctor of Counselor Education and Supervision program at Adler University. I am a National Certified Counselor and have qualified for and am in the process of receiving my LCP Licensure. Before becoming a counselor, I was a human resources executive. In that capacity, I was responsible for ensuring that employees were treated fairly and that company policies did not cause disparate
treatment. I was also instrumental in creating safe spaces for employees to have difficult conversations about race, discrimination, and bias in the workplace.

As the Midwest Regional Representative of AMCD, my passion and commitment for diversity, inclusion and equity, multiculturalism, and social justice will not waiver. My genuine curiosity, openness, and commitment to my personal growth, and tenacity to learn will propel me to work hard to ensure that educational and professional opportunities are available for members of diverse backgrounds.

American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Daniel Balva

ARCA has proudly served as a home to rehabilitation students and professionals for decades—all of whom have been on the front-line promoting advocacy, change, and social justice since the division’s establishment. Yet, even with the significant progress made over time, the dire necessity for disability education and advocacy within the counseling profession and community at large has remained. As the only disability-focused division of the American Counseling Association, ARCA is in a unique position to meet this need.

As a grateful candidate to the ARCA Presidency, I would like to amplify the voices of ARCA members, while also ensuring that ARCA continues to serve as the premiere professional organization that enlightens students, rehabilitation counselors, rehabilitation and counselor educators, clinicians, and members of the community about disability education, training, research, practice, leadership, and service. My sincere hope is for disability to be at the forefront of every conversation, and I would be honored to further this important work with the ARCA membership in several ways:

• Unite with other areas of rehabilitation to facilitate an educational disability promotion campaign for the counseling and rehabilitation professions at large.
• Increase ARCA membership base through recruitment efforts at the student and professional levels.
• Educate the ACA membership about disability-related concerns and considerations through collaborative programming with other divisions.
• Organize quarterly webinars on disability skills and knowledge training.
• Host quarterly Town Hall membership meetings to foster a more unified rehabilitation community.
• Generate membership spotlights to feature disability research, clinical, and professional efforts carried out by ARCA members.
• Establish relevant committees that will promote increased engagement and professional advancement within ARCA.

ARCA can serve to further advance disability education and understanding within our profession and the greater community. As President of ARCA, it would be my privilege to work together to accomplish exactly that.

Dustin Herbert Reed

My name is Dustin Herbert Reed, PhD, LIMHP, CRC, NCC, ALICE. I am an Adjunct Instructor at Loyola University New Orleans.

I am currently the Mid-Western Representative for ARCA. I have also performed various services for numerous associations in the counseling profession including ACA, ACES, SACES, LCA, and its division LASERVIC.
As one of over 50 million Americans with a disability, I understand first-hand many challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. An extreme preemie, I was born 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. I have had years of experience of knowing, working with, and living with people with various types of disabilities. During my master’s program, I assisted in teaching special education students as part of service learning. For many summers as a camp counselor, I taught, interacted with, and mentored youth with Spina bifida and other neurological impairments. In addition, I served a year at Children’s Hospital as a recreational volunteer spending time, playing games, and talking with many children challenged with different disabilities. Enabling adults and children to maximize their potentials is the most noble of all ambitions as well as the most rewarding.

As President-Elect of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, I will address the needs of individuals with disabilities, spanning all cultures, ethnicities, age groups, and genders. I will help improve national awareness and give back to the study discipline that helped make me who I am today. I will dutifully learn all areas of the presidential position in my time as president-elect. I will learn current leadership, identify potential leadership, and devise plans to make the organization of ARCA even better for future generations of counselors.

Cecilia Guyton
Cecilia L. Guyton, Ed.D., is a Core Faculty member in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Hodges University. She is also the Clinical Coordinator for the program. Dr. Guyton is currently serving on ARCA’s Executive Board as Treasurer completing her second term in this role. Professionally, she has experience working within non-profit entities and providing counseling services to K-12 students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). In this role, she was able to educate mental health counselors and other constituents about the needs of students with disabilities and provided considerations for more effectively serving these students. Additionally, Dr. Guyton is no stranger to leadership and has served in the roles of President and Treasurer with the Florida Counseling Association (FCA).

As a faculty member, Dr. Guyton has the opportunity to integrate content to increase awareness to assist students learn how to competently provide services to persons with disabilities. Mental health counselors will knowingly or unknowingly provide counseling services to this particular population and it is very important for them to be aware of various services available, laws and appropriate approaches to utilize when servicing this population. Additionally, making others aware of the area of rehabilitation counseling as well as ARCA is important because counselors can be aware of the branch as a resource. Through Dr. Guyton’s service with ARCA, within the profession and educating her students, she continues to increase awareness pertaining to issues surrounding disabilities. As such, Dr. Guyton requests your vote to serve in the office of President-Elect for ARCA.

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CHAIR OF COUNCIL ON PUBLIC RELATIONS AND AWARENESS

Randall Boen
I would first like to express gratitude for being nominated by my peers to serve as the Chair of the Council on Public Relations and Awareness for American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA). I currently serve as an Assistant Professor in the Rehabilitation and Disabilities Studies department at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I earned my Masters and Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale, Illinois. I teach both undergraduate and graduate classes in research methodology, career devolvement, multicultural counseling, and vocational counseling. I advise both undergraduate and graduate student and participate in grant and research writing with my colleagues. My other experiences have included mental health counselor, undergraduate internship coordinator, and a research assistant at SIU. My research interests include the stigma of mental health, vocational evaluation, and inclusion of students with disabilities in postsecondary environments.

I have learned so much from my students and hope to continue to inspire future generations of Rehabilitation Counseling Professionals. Towards this goal, I have devoted my efforts to engage students within my academic role. I have promoted and guided student research endeavors and mentored students towards careers in the field. I have the privilege of participating in the ARCA mentorship program through 2022 as a mentor. I hope to contribute to promoting ARCA's organization's role and mission. I believe for example that Social Media plays an integral role in the dissemination of ARCA goals and to reemphasize its' role to a wider audience. I look forward to future opportunities to serve this vital organization. If given this opportunity, I would bring new perspectives to the chairmanship role and a commitment to advancing the field of Rehabilitation Counseling. I'm driven to seek out new information and learn from the experiences of my colleagues. Thank you for your consideration.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL ON COLLABORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Kenneth C. Hergenrather
I am honored to be nominated for the position of ARCA Chair for Council on Collaboration and Development. The ARCA has a rich history of advocacy and leadership within the Rehabilitation Counseling profession. I believe that my Rehabilitation Counseling career aligns with the position duties. In my professional career I have 15+ years of experience serving on national professional organization committees, boards, and centers that include serving as President of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, two 3-year terms on the National Rehabilitation Association board, two 3-years terms on the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association board, 10 years on the Executive Board of the National Working Positive Coalition, 7 years as the Co-Director of the GW Center for Rehabilitation Counseling Research and Education, 10+ years serving as the Coordinator of the GW Rehabilitation Counseling program, and as PI/Co-PI awarded $10 million in federal training grants. My career is framed within diversity, equity and inclusion and public service. It is founded on my service of more than 30 years with persons with HIV/AIDS, persons in poverty, persons with disabilities, and with persons from underrepresented groups. My career has provided me with foundational experiences to meet the duties of this ARCA board position to plan, direct, organize, coordinate, facilitate and the mechanisms through which an association provides meaningful programs for membership through conference planning and the provision of training opportunities. This includes collaborating and building partnerships with national organizations, professional organizations, and consumer groups; including advocacy on Capitol Hill. If elected, I believe that I can also demonstrate engagement in ARCA's mission through this ARCA position by further fostering dialogue, coordination, and collaboration activities among rehabilitation counselors, educators, administrators, other rehabilitation professionals, ACA principle committees, and regional ACA involvement. Thank you for considering my nomination for this invaluable ARCA board position.
Christine Sacco-Bene
Over the last three years, it has been my honor to serve ARCA as the Chair of the Committee on Public Relations and Awareness. During this time, I have been able to accomplish a number of important items. First, and most importantly, I worked with ARCA members to promote membership; and on a few occasions, help problem solve membership-related questions and issues. Next, I worked to organize and update the ARCA website to ensure import information for every member and those interested in disability advocacy. This included the ARCA 2020 Bylaws, the Disability Related Counseling Competencies, an updated Student Task Force section with a CRC Exam Resource Guide, and Webinars co-hosted by ARCA. In the last three years, I also worked collaboratively with other ARCA board members to develop training webinars for members and counselors in our communities.

I am now seeking an opportunity to serve ARCA membership as the Chair of the Committee on Development and Collaboration. In this role, I want to work with our ARCA board members to provide even more programming that is meaningful to the membership, work with other Divisions to build collaborative relationships to promote disability information, advocacy, inclusivity, and counseling competencies, and increase engagement with members. Promoting disability awareness and education, strengthening relationships with other ACA Divisions and community professionals and consumers, and building opportunities for members for their ongoing professional development is what I’d like to accomplish as ARCA’s next Chair of the Committee on Development and Collaboration.

Michelle Bradham-Cousar
Dr. Michelle Bradham-Cousar, a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC). Dr. Bradham-Cousar has a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction from the University of South Florida. She earned her M.A. in Community Counseling from University of Northern Colorado and a B.A. in Psychology/Sociology/Criminal Justice from Colorado State University. Dr. Bradham-Cousar began her elected term as Past Southern Region Chair for the American Counseling Association (ACA) extending 14 states with a membership of more than 22,000 counselors. She was selected to Co-chair the Bylaws committee for the American Counseling Association. Her other elected positions include Past President for the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA), Florida Counseling Association (FCA) and Florida Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development (FAMCD). Dr. Bradham-Cousar served on the task force to create and establish the Disability Competencies that was approved and published by ACA in 2019. Presently, Dr. Bradham-Cousar is a Researcher at the University of South Florida in the Education Center of Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Measurement. Her experience includes 16 years with the Florida Department of Education Rehabilitation Services for individuals with disabilities. Throughout her journey, she completed industry specific certifications in the areas of Child Development Associates (CDA) through Fort Carson, Colorado Military Command; Research Methods through the University of South Florida; Qualified Rehabilitation Provider through the Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment; and Assistant Clerk Supervisor of Elections through Hillsborough County. Other experiences include work in the psychiatric hospital, Instructor, supervision, faculty advisory board and correctional officer roles.

Maureen McGuire-Kuletz
It is a great privilege and honor to be nominated as a candidate for Secretary of American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA), the premiere rehabilitation counseling organization. My involvement with state and regional professional associations and experience on national boards of professional organizations prepares me to contribute to ARCA's mission and goals. I believe that my career-long involvement with rehabilitation counseling, education and research places me in a strong position to
truly understand the needs of our profession. As Secretary, I would work closely with the ARCA Board to promote our goals in the work of the board on behalf of the membership. I actively served on the boards of the National Council of Rehabilitation Educators (NCRE), the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), the US Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and ARCA. This experience prepares me to quickly step into the role of ARCA Secretary. My purpose in running as a candidate for this position is to continue to support ARCA and promote excellence in the rehabilitation counseling profession.

**GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**Nichole Tichy**
My name is Nichole Tichy, and I am a current Doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at George Washington University. I received my Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling from GWU, and I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. I have nine years of professional experience primarily focused on supporting individuals with significant disabilities (co-occurring mental illness and ID/DD) and transition-age youth in State Vocational Rehabilitation and Service Provider Organizations. Through these experiences, I have recognized the importance of collaborative relationships to support individuals in reaching their goals, increasing opportunities, and maximizing potential.

As a current Doctoral student, one of my main areas of focus is understanding the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor professional identity related to the counseling profession as a whole and how this identity influences services provided to individuals with disabilities. An additional area of focus is Graduate Education and the professional development of Graduate professionals in rehabilitation counseling. The development of solid Graduate experiences in the form of education and networks provides the opportunity for young professionals to promote the rehabilitation counseling profession and enhance the lives of people with disabilities.

As Graduate Representative for ARCA, my primary goal is to continue connecting graduate students to the field of rehabilitation counseling. Through this level of connectedness, we can address the environmental and attitudinal barriers that continue to burden individuals with disabilities. By enhancing the experiences of our Graduate students and providing support to their connection to the field of rehabilitation counseling on a larger scale, we can succeed in increasing awareness of our field and the needs of people with disabilities.

**Alexis Duggan**
My name is Alexis Duggan and I am the Student Disability Case Manager at Texas A&M Commerce. I received my Master’s Degree in Counselor Education with a focus in Vocational Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling at Florida International University. I received my Bachelors in Special Education at the University of North Florida where I was a Special Education teacher for five years. It is my goal to help adults and adolescents with disabilities gain independent living resources and reach their career aspirations. It is my passion to serve individuals with disabilities and assist them in living their best life. I believe that the disability population is often overlooked and left out of mainstream society which is why I have chosen to be an advocate for individuals with disabilities. Students with disabilities deserve to be treated with respect and provided with the appropriate resources. I am currently a member of ARCA, NAMRC (Membership and Coalition Board), FAMCD (Legislative Chair and Disability Concerns Chair), and NRA (Social Media Chair). Over the last several years, I have had the opportunity to travel across the country to participate in several different conferences that focus on improving the lives of people with disabilities through student research. I am seeking nomination as the ARCA Graduate Student Representative as I have love for disability and counseling related concerns. I believe that I will
be able to bring my own expertise, style, and hardworking nature to this wonderful position. As a current Student Disability Case Manager at Texas A&M University-Commerce, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), and Licensed Counselor Associate (LPC-A) I thoroughly enjoy working with the disability community and look forward to sharing my expertise with you!

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

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hannah B. Bayne

I am an assistant professor at the University of Florida, and a licensed counselor in Virginia and Florida. My research centers on fostering connection through empathy and healing through the things that divide us such as differences in cultural, political, religious, sexual, and gender identities. I believe in the healing power of spirituality and religion, as well as the importance of supporting counselors as they navigate ethics and value conflicts. ASERVIC is more than just an association for me – it is a professional home. I have been on the board for the past four years, including chairing the Emerging Leader program and co-chairing the Ethics and Values committee. As we navigate challenging times where conflicting values divide us, it is a breath of fresh air to be part of a group of people devoted to celebrating and embracing spirituality and the diverse manifestations of religious values and worldviews. I am running for president to continue to invest in the good work of this association. If elected, I plan to focus on seeking the wisdom of professional counseling colleagues. As someone in academia, I acknowledge the privilege of having access to resources for research and publication. And yet, our knowledge base is enriched by encouraging practitioners to share what they see as they interact directly with clients. So much of our understanding of human experience shifts and flexes over time, and it is therefore imperative to understand the problems facing our world in the here and now, as well as how intersectional identities shape experience. I hope to offer more opportunities to showcase the work and knowledge of our practitioner members. I would be honored to serve as president, and would approach the task with humility, gratitude, and enthusiasm.

BOARD MEMBER

James M. Smith
Candidate bio not available

Stephanie Dorais
I am honored to put forth my candidacy for a board member at ASERVIC. I believe my passion for spiritual integration in counseling and research will help me perform my duties as a board member. I have been a member of ASERVIC since 2018, and I currently serve as an assistant professor in the CACREP-accredited counselor education program at Kean University. To offer a background of my qualifications, I graduated with my bachelor’s degree in statistics from New York University and master’s degree in counseling from Regent University. My master’s program held an academic focus on spiritual integration in counseling, which I’ve carried throughout my career. I joined ASERVIC during my doctoral program at William & Mary. After I joined, I became an editorial reviewer for Counseling and Values, and last year I served as graduate student representative during Dr. Ryan Foster’s presidency. While a graduate student representative, I served as the liaison between ASERVIC and the International Association for Near Death Studies (IANDS) symposium in the spring of 2021. Spirituality was a central component of my dissertation, in which I studied the longitudinal effects of a spiritual meditation called centering prayer. I published two manuscripts out of my dissertation results, which were accepted.
by Religions and Frontiers in the summer of 2021. I have published three other articles concerning spirituality in counseling, and I would hope to use my passion for spiritual integration as a board member at ASERVIC.

Angela Corrigan
Candidate bio not available

Awa Jangha
As an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at Seminary of the Southwest, I deeply value the integration of spirituality in the work of counseling. I am passionate about preparing both graduate students and professional colleagues to provide holistic counseling for clients who desire the inclusion of spirituality and/or religion in their healing journey. I lead a Spiritual Integration in Counseling Scholars Program, where graduate students have the opportunity to go beyond the spiritually infused curriculum of our program and delve deeper into the many ways in which spirituality and counseling engage together. This deeper dive allows for research, writing, and the presentation of knowledge gleaned to be shared with the broader community. As a member of ASERVIC, I have enjoyed attending conferences and webinars as well as connecting with and learning from fellow members. I am seeking office as a Board Member to be able to continue to support and lend my voice to work, development, and growth of ASERVIC.

Daya Singh Sandhu
Dr. Daya Singh Sandhu, Ed.D., NCC, NCCC, NCSC, LPCC

I am honored to be nominated for the Board Member of the ASERVIC. I humbly and thankfully accept this nomination. After serving as Chair and Distinguished Professor of Research for 23 years, I retired from the University of Louisville in 2014. Presently, I am a professor of Counselor Education and Director of Institutional Research at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky. I joined ACA in 1986 and ASERVIC in 1996.

I received numerous awards including, Fulbright Research Awards, ACA Presidential Award, and ACES Lifetime Achievement Award. I am ACA Fellow and AMHCA Diplomat. I made more than 250 presentations nationally and internationally. I also served on seven editorial boards. I published 17 books, 125 journal articles, and book chapters.

My Major Aspirations
If given the opportunity to serve, I aspire to support the integration of spirituality and spiritual values into professional counseling. I believe spirituality is the core and universal force, the very summum bonum of human life. When sufficiently understood, all human problems are the problems of the soul. For this reason, we can’t overlook the spiritual dimension of our client’s lives. The challenge is not whether the issues of spirituality should be addressed or not, but how it can be best addressed?

Inclusion of Diverse Spiritual Worldviews:
As a new board member, I aspire to promote the inclusion of unique and diverse spiritual worldviews, perspectives, and voices of many religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism to fully understand the broad field of comprehensive spirituality. I firmly believe that some ancient Eastern philosophies and spiritual traditions have the great potential to enrich our spiritual lives. I would like to invite the readers to review my theory of spiritual development at, http://globalvisionpub.com/globaljournalmanager/pdf/1389936461.pdf
Anthony Carr
I am excited to be a board member candidate for ASERVIC. I am an ordained United Methodist minister for over 25 years and during that time, I served 10 years as a Chaplain in the United States Navy. One of the reasons I pursued a career in counseling was because of the need to integrate spirituality and counseling. Pastors are usually on the front line of counseling issues and one of the things I want to do is equip pastors better as counselors. One of the ways I am doing this is in my adjunct position at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. where I teach chaplains about moral injury and I also teach intercultural pastoral care class for the “Soul Care” track in the DMin program. I am working as an addiction counselor at Kolmac Outpatient services where I am working with the Educational Coordinator about sharing with priests and pastors about signs of addictions and places to get people in congregations helps. With my faith, cultural, and military background, I know I would be a great addition to the board.

Benjamin Okai
I hold a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from Regent University. I’m an Assistant Professor of Counseling at John Brown University and also serve on the university’s Faculty Development Committee. I’m a member of ASERVIC, have served on the ACA International committee since 2020, and also a member of the ACA Mentorship Program. In addition, I’m a member of the APA Interdisciplinary Minority Fellowship Program. I teach courses such as Spiritual & Religious Values in Counseling, Ethics & Legal Issues in Counseling, Social & Cultural Foundations in Counseling, Group Counseling, etc. Teaching these courses have contributed to my professional development and competency in diversity and advocacy. I have a strong passion for Social Research and recently co-authored a research titled “Unpacking professional shame: Patterns of White male engineering students living in and out of threats to their Identities” published in 2021 by JEE. I serve as a peer research manuscript reviewer for the American Society of Engineering Education and the Journal of Graduate Education Research. If elected as a Board Member of ASERVIC, I hope to bring my professional and clinical experiences to promote the ASERVIC standards by collaborating with my peers to make the division one of a kind among the ACA Divisions.

Lisa McKenna
It is an honor to be nominated to serve as a Board Member for ASERVIC. In my experiences as a licensed professional counselor and clinical supervisor (originally in FL and now in TX), and a faculty member in counselor education at both secular and religious universities, I have seen the important significance of honoring and supporting the exploration of one’s spiritual and religious values in life. This is an essential component of wellness that can benefit the counseling process, as well as support counselors-in-training as they navigate their own exploratory process and adhere to professional counseling ethical standards. I have served in various leadership roles in higher education for a decade, as well as the ACA Graduate Student Committee. I am confident that my leadership experiences coupled with my passion for supporting counselors and the communities they serve will be of value in supporting the goals and mission of the Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling.

Melanie Popiolek
Hello! My name is Melanie Popiolek and I am a Professional Counselor/Supervisor and adjunct instructor from Metro Detroit. I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve as a Board Member for ASERVIC. I have a passion for servant leadership, and the longer I practice and teach, the more I am aware of how my own values in Counseling align with ASERVIC’s mission. I realize that the recognition of a client’s spiritual identity, at whatever stage of development, is an imperative and integral part of who they are
as a whole being. I am an advocate for having conversations, and for teaching counselors-in-training/supervisees how to have conversations about spirituality with clients to create an environment that allows for freedom of exploration and expression of spiritual identity without the fear of expectation or marginalization. In my experience this can help clients who already outwardly identify with their spirituality to engage in supportive conversations about tension they may experience between spiritual/religious teachings and their experience of the world, as well as help to provide a foundation of support for spiritually-minoritized clients (Pagan, etc.) who may have not experienced validation of their spiritual views.

Servant leadership is strongly reflected in my professional history. I am proud to say that my leadership began as a student as President of the Theta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota. I have also served at the state-level as President of the Michigan Counseling Association. Nationally I have served as a member of the ACA Branch Development Committee, and as ACA Midwest Region Chair. Currently, I am proud to serve AADA as their Bylaws Committee Chair. I am pursuing the position of Board Member of ASERVIC to continue to give back to the Counseling community in a way that is in line with my values. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Desposito
It would be an honor to serve as a board member and bring my passions of advocacy, professional development, and servant leadership to ASERVIC. As an independently licensed clinical counselor and adjunct professor, I work to advocate for clients locally and at the state level for better client care. Having served in professional counseling organizations since 2015, I have held several executive roles on state and national organizations such as president of the Ohio chapter of OASERVIC from 2019-2020, the Ohio chapter of SAIGE from 2016-2017, was an emerging leader of ALGBTIC (SAIGE) National from 2017-2018, and currently serve on the Ohio Counseling Association’s flagship committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Dignity. I have provided over 25+ national, state, and local presentations on a number topics including emotion regulation and mood disorders, affirmative therapy and pedagogy practices for LGBTQI+ populations, and wellness. Additionally, I published on Affirmative Therapy and Wellness and won 1st place in the Chi Sigma Iota’s Wellness Leadership competition.

I am particularly interested in serving as a board member to help streamline communication between national and state stakeholders, increase counselor competency regarding religious, spiritual, and ethical issues, and continue to build leadership opportunities for counselors after they graduate. I have worked at all levels of a counseling organization and have contributed to the development of future leaders by launching taskforces for three different state counseling organizations to develop emerging leaders, regional representation, and counselor competency across the state of Ohio. It would be an honor to serve in this way for the counseling profession and I believe that counselors have a social interest in the responsibility to honor the holistic wellness of a person by being an advocate for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion to preserve client welfare, professional competency, and the counseling profession.

Selin Philip
Mahatma Gandhi once said, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Service is an integral part of my life and career as a professional counselor, counselor educator, and supervisor. As an active member of ACA, ASERVIC, and ACES since 2014 and a counselor educator and supervisor since 2015, I have been engaged in the counseling profession, participating in state and national conferences as a presenter and proposal reviewer, and mentoring and empowering students and colleagues to do likewise. I am an ardent advocate for integrating religious/spiritual values into counseling and maintaining multicultural sensitivity to support an individual’s mental health. Thus, I
Camila Pulgar
I am honored for the nomination to the ASERVIC board. I look forward to serving ASERVIC members!
Here is my bio:

Dr. Camila A. Pulgar was born in Santiago, Chile. Dr. Pulgar is a bilingual therapist working in Winston–Salem, NC. Since receiving her master’s degree in Mental Health Counseling and obtaining her LMCHA in 2016, Dr. Pulgar has worked tirelessly to fill the gap between the needs of bilingual child/adolescent therapists and the Latinx community in Forsyth County, North Carolina. Dr. Pulgar is a graduate of the PhD program in Counselor Education and Supervision at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Her research focuses on the Role and Impact of Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy Interventions on Client Outcomes, as well as her dissertation about Acculturative Stress and Suicide Ideation in Latinx emerging adults. Her research experience highlights the need for culturally responsive interventions and evaluations. Additionally, she founded and manages a business called Salud Mental Health, which works to fill the gap of mental health services accessible for the Latinx community in Forsyth County. Her involvement with ACA includes serving as the AMCD 2020-2021 Graduate Student Representative and the SACES Graduate Student Representative. Dr. Pulgar also serves as the Secretary for the North Carolina Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP-NC) and Research Committee Chair, and is a Board Member for the National Latino Behavioral Health Association. Dr. Pulgar received the Beginning Counselor Award from both the North Carolina Counseling Association and the Beginning Child and Adolescent Counselor Award from the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling of North Carolina. She is a recipient of the NBCC Doctoral Minority Fellowship Award (2019-2020) and the 2021 APA Interdisciplinary Minority Fellowship.

Carol Benoit
Candidate bio not available

Elizabeth Norris
I am honored to be a nominee for the ASERVIC board. Thank you for the nomination and consideration. During my development as a counselor educator, I was pleased to find a professional home in ASERVIC and immediately began serving as the Webinar Coordinator. I have served in this role for the past two years and provided meaningful webinar events aligning with the needs of the division, our profession, and in response to the collective experience during this pandemic. As such, we have continued to see an increase in webinar attendees and I hope to continue bringing meaningful speakers to the division. I am currently an Assistant Professor of Counseling at Denver Seminary and serve as the local Chi Sigma Iota Chapter Faculty Advisor. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor in the states of Colorado and
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Georgia, a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC), and a Board Certified TeleMental Health Provider (BC-TMH). I specialize in trauma counseling and provide clinical services, crisis and disaster debriefing, and trauma trainings both internationally and domestically. I maintain active involvement in the profession at large, evidenced by my service on the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) conference committee and as Schedule Coordinator for Association of Humanistic Counseling. I am greatly interested in serving as an ASERVIC Board Member for the next three-year term due to my belief in the organization and desire to continue integrating the components of ethics, religion, and spirituality in education and professional practice. I am dedicated to service including committee involvement, board meetings, and a desire to advance ASERVIC for both members and the profession.

Miriam W. Mburu
Candidate bio not available

Zobaida Laota
Faith and spirituality are the core of my personal and professional identities. I joined the faculty at the University of Cincinnati in 2020. As a counselor educator, spirituality guides my teaching philosophy as I strive to create empowering learning environments for deep connection, authentic expression, and compassionate challenge. The overarching focus of my research is multicultural counselor education and practice, including mental health access and counseling with religious minorities. My community service has included years of work on an interdisciplinary team of Muslim mental and spiritual health professionals, brought together by a shared desire to address religious based stigma, trauma, and barriers to culturally congruent counseling services. My experience working with grieving clients and families of diverse faiths and spiritual orientations as a counselor in hospice and palliative care left a permanent mark on who I am as a counselor and the ways I integrate spirituality into my work.

During my time as a doctoral student at UNC-Greensboro, I served as an ASERVIC Emerging Leader and an NBCC Minority Fellow. These leadership experiences were integral to my professional development and blended my passions in multicultural counseling, spirituality, and social justice. Altogether, my personal journey and professional experiences have prepared me to provide leadership to ASERVIC. My vision includes developing an inclusive culture of compassion and understanding. If chosen to serve, I look forward to collaborating with many influential leaders to address mental health disparities by engaging community members, counseling professionals, and religious leaders in conversation and action.

Jeff Parsons
It is my honor to be nominated for the role of Board Member for ASERVIC. As a long-standing member of the American Counseling Association and ASERVIC, I have a deep appreciation for the role that ASERVIC plays in addressing core issues that impact the lives of clients, counselors, and counselor educators. It is my sincere desire to provide service to this exceptional organization. I am the program director for the Counselor Education & Supervision program at Lindsey Wilson College, where I have served as faculty for the past 18 years. Other professional responsibilities include serving as vice-chair of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, chair of the Product Development Committee for ACES, and member of the NBCC Ethics Advisory Council. In the past, I also served as a board member and chair for CACREP, a member and chair for the Professional Standards Committee for the ACA, and other roles within state and national organizations. My research interests focus on issues of spirituality and values. I am currently leading a research team exploring best practices for helping students navigate value conflicts. In addition, I recently chaired a student dissertation on the inclusion of the ASERVIC competencies in counselor training programs and am a chair or committee member on several dissertation projects related to spirituality and values in counseling. Each of these service
opportunities has, in some way, impressed upon me the importance of nuanced, thoughtful dialog around issues of spirituality and ethics, particularly in the context of cultural diversity. These dialogs can be challenging but are critical to the well-being of our profession. As a board member, I would support ASERVIC's objectives, advocate for greater awareness around spirituality and values, and participate in these broader conversations within our profession.

Clay Rowell
I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the ASERVIC Board. Over the past several years, I have served on this board, and I have connected with so many wonderful people there. I want to continue to be a Board member simply because I want to serve and help lead this division toward the future. As chair of my department, I embrace a servant-leadership model, and will continue that way of being as a Board member. If elected, I will work closely with the other Board members to ensure that our division continues its upward, positive growth. I also will continue to advocate for the ASERVIC competencies in counselor education and in counseling practice.

SECRETARY

Heidi Henry
It is an honor to be running for Secretary of ASERVIC. I first began my membership in ASERVIC in 2016 and shortly after, I assumed and maintained leadership positions within the organization. I have served as Assistant Editor and Editor of Interaction, ASERVIC’s newsletter for a combined 4 years, and I currently serve as a member on the Spiritual and Religious Values Committee. I believe my involvement in these roles is evidence of my dedication to advancing ASERVIC and its mission of infusing spiritual, ethical, and religious values into the counseling profession. In addition to my involvement in ASERVIC, I have also served in various leadership positions in state and regional counseling associations.

I am currently an Assistant Professor at St. Bonaventure University, a Licensed Professional Counselor, and have counseled in both clinical and school settings. During both my clinical and teaching experience, I have approached clients and students with cultural humility, affirming those whose religious and spiritual beliefs differ from my own. Through my experience in ASERVIC, I have come to appreciate how the organization’s leadership has also valued diverse religious and spiritual perspectives and sought to bridge gaps among populations historically marginalized by religious institutions. In my role as Secretary, I will work to continue the vision of recognizing the value in all religious and spiritual perspectives, while promoting the ethical use of religion and spirituality in the counseling profession.

Jessica L. Tinstman Jones
I am honored to be a nominee for ASERVIC Secretary. I am currently a Visiting Lecturer with the University of Central Florida’s Counselor Education and Supervision program, and my academic background includes a Ph.D. from UCF and Master’s and Specialist’s degrees in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Florida. As I have engaged in my journey to becoming a counselor educator, I have been grateful to serve in leadership roles including those of Conference Co-Chair and Research Coordinator for the 2020 UCF Counseling Conference, Vice President of the Chi Sigma Iota Upsilon Chi Chapter, Secretary and Doctoral Student Mentor for the UCF Doctoral Student Organization, and Leader and Process Coordinator for student Capstone experiences. Additionally, I have served as a reviewer for ACA, ACES, AERA, and the MGCA journal, and I have been active in attending and presenting for these organizations and for the ASERVIC annual conference. My goals and beliefs as a counselor educator align with the mission of ASERVIC and have been fostered through my experiences as an instructor, clinician, supervisor, and researcher, which have demonstrated the positive healing effects of ethically incorporating spirituality and religion in each of these roles. As I have grown in the
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Greg A. Meyer
After having the privilege of serving on the ASERVIC board this past year, I am excited to be nominated for the chance to serve as ASERVIC secretary. I have learned from current ASERVIC leadership members and hope to continue growing within the leadership structure of the association, and seek to serve on behalf of ASERVIC members to continue the positive momentum ASERVIC has recently experienced. I hold the responsibilities of this position with extreme integrity and value the tremendous duty of communication between ASERVIC leaders and members.

ASERVIC has been my professional “home” since completing a master’s degree in Professional Counseling, and I have remained active within ASERVIC throughout my doctoral degree and career as a Counselor Educator. ASERVIC has strongly influenced my professional identity as well as my research agenda. I understand the character of our association, and I seek to assist ASERVIC with the extraordinary potential to influence the core of the counseling profession, especially at a time when so many of our peers are searching for meaning and purpose within our profession.

I am a counselor education faculty member at Oral Roberts University, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I have been a clinician and administrator at various mental health and community clinics, religious communities, 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, the interplay between spirituality and humanism, and historical trauma in marginalized communities. It is an honor to have been nominated to serve as secretary for the ASERVIC leadership team and fellow association members, and I look forward to the potential of growing the ASERVIC community together as a result of enacting positive change.

Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Julia Champe
It would be an honor to serve ASGW as President-Elect as it is an opportunity for me to give back to an organization that has been my professional ‘home’ for so long. As a member and later as a group facilitator, teacher, and supervisor, I have witnessed the transformative power of groups. One of my greatest professional pleasures is teaching group and inspiring developing practitioners to become group workers. I see serving as President-elect as a continuation of that work. As a proud member of ASGW since 2002, I have served on several committees including my current role as the co-chair of the Product Development Committee. Since 2014 I have served as an editorial board reviewer for the Journal for Specialists in Group Work (JSGW) and am a recipient of an ASGW Emerging Scholar Award. I have co-authored numerous articles on group work theory and practice including three that received the JSGW Article of the Year Award. As a scholar, I have also been an active participant at professional conferences, presenting with colleagues and students on a variety of group work topics in the US and Japan. In any volunteer organization, continuity of focus and effort are frequent challenges. As ASGW President-Elect, I will continue the work established by the long line of creative, committed group work
leaders before me to promote excellence in socially conscious group work education, practice, and research.

SECRETARY

Priscilla Rose Prasath
My commitment to ASGW began in 2012 when I first came to the US and was in my first year doctoral program at Ohio University. During the last decade, while teaching at various universities, I have faithfully served ASGW. In my previous role as chair of the strategic communications committee, I engaged actively in all ASGW meetings and initiatives. As a member of the board, I contributed meaningful ideas and suggestions to the group discussions as well as proactively took responsibility for introducing new programs in ASGW. As a committee leader, I was able to lead a team of about 3-5 members over the span of my tenure in ASGW. I facilitated regular meetings and delegated responsibilities accessing the strengths of each person. Also, on my way out after the end of my term, I offered support and guidance to the new chairperson for a smooth transition. In particular, through my role as ASGW Secretary, I plan to: (a) develop and maintain strong collaborative relationships with other members on the board as well as the association; (b) keep careful documentation and communicate efficiently; (c) vote on policies and procedures upholding high standards; (d) assist with conference planning and board meetings, (e) utilize my organizational skills to keep records of the association; and (f) collaborate on new initiatives. I look forward to expanding upon my leadership skills through service on the ASGW Executive Council. I consider ASGW to be my professional home. I am honored to be considered for this role. If selected, I will support the objectives that align with the mission of ASGW, including establishing standards for professional and ethical practice, supporting research and the dissemination of knowledge, and providing professional leadership in the field of group work.

Brittany Pollard-Kosidowski
I am thrilled to be nominated for Secretary of ASGW, where in the past four years, I have found my professional home. In 2017, I was asked to join the Special Initiatives Committee (SIC) and I’ve never looked back, having served as its co-chair three times since.

This role has allowed me to engage in the types of socially just and culturally-affirming group work that have long served as the backbone of my approach to counseling, supervision, scholarship, teaching, service, and advocacy. Together, we have provided frontline outreach to earthquake and hurricane survivors in Puerto Rico. We have published and presented strategies for facilitating courageous conversations and conducting virtual groups. Currently, we are planning another service initiative in Jacksonville, FL, partnering with a community organization that serves LGBTQ+ youth. Despite these trying times, ASGW is alive and well and I have been honored to be a part of its service to others.

Now, I believe it is time for me to transition into a role that allows me to steep myself in ASGW’s history, while simultaneously helping it to flourish. As we emerge from the turmoil of the past two years and collectively journey toward healing, I believe group work will be more important than ever. I want to help lead the process of engaging others, bettering the world around us, and ensuring that all voices belong to the “we” and are empowered to contribute. Having served as Secretary and now President of the PASGW state branch and longtime JSGW Editorial Board member, I feel well-equipped to step into a role that allows me to manage information, keep careful track of the Board’s activities, and help this ACA division continue to prosper and make a real difference. Thank you for this opportunity and best of luck to all candidates!
Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Shon D. Smith
Professional Counselor, Clinical Supervisor, Advocate, and Leader. I have been in the counseling profession for over 28 years, a clinical supervisor for more than 25 years, and a Counselor Educator for 21 years. I have served the counseling profession in volunteer and elected positions to include but not limited to, on a National and Regional level, CSJ Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, Supervisor and Advisor for the CSJ Fellows, AMCD President, Secretary, Strategic Planning, Speakers Bureau, and Professional Development Committees and ACA Southern Region Chair, Southern Region parliamentarian, ACA Awards, and By-Laws Committees. On a state level, I have also served as President of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association, Florida Counseling Association, FAMCD, PACES, FACES. I have served as Committee Chair for the PCA and FCA Conventions, FCA Professional Development, FCA Public Policy, and FCA Advocacy Committees, North Carolina Counseling Association Chair for the Human Rights Committee, and locally, The City of Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina, Human Rights Commission Chair. While in the Army Reserve, I deployed to Africa, Iraq, Afghanistan, and stateside. I have also conducted several humanitarian missions in Central and South America all, as a Combat Medic.

In each of these identities and experiences, I have seen the diversity, humanity, and commonality in us all. The President of Counselors for Social Justice represents the mission, vision and values of the organization and represents our members to set policy; rules; and professional norms for governing, advocacy, equity and to create social change. My goal to make good trouble. While always working for and representing CSJ members, the organization, and the counseling profession, I will use a social justice and multicultural framework to lead and serve all counselors: a) I will listen and be accessible to all CSJ membership; b) I will work to increase obtain portability and parity for counselors; c) I will work to elevate and transform the counseling profession; d) I will work to increase integrative services through partnerships with public health profession, colleagues, and physicians; e) I will work to improve upon the internal systems of CSJ to increase efficiency and minimize redundancy while maintaining our integrity; and f) As a mentor, I will work collaboratively to develop and groom the next generation of social justice advocates, leaders, counselors and counselor educators.

Tina Onikoyi
I have had the distinct honor of serving as the Co-chair of the Professional Development Committee for CSJ for the past 3 years. During this time, my team and I have been able to: reignite consistent webinar opportunities for our members, collaborate with other divisions on social justice initiatives and cultivate new projects to enhance CSJ’s mission and vision. It has been a privilege working in various capacities as a Licensed Professional Counselor within the mental health and wellness fields for over 10 years. I am currently completing my dissertation for my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Health Psychology. My passion for social justice matters and facilitating healing experiences stems from both my upbringing and my experiences living in several different countries throughout my lifetime. I make it my business to show up as authentic, intentional and impactful in my interactions. My intentionality continues to serve me as a disruptor and activist who is focused on dismantling harmful systems while creating more equitable and justice-oriented spaces. My most recent impact has been creating a Cultural Competency Task Force within my sorority to challenge current systems, generate greater awareness and create tangible change. I am seeking office to continue to grow CSJ’s current initiatives and honor my ancestors who have paved the way for me to continue the legacy. Thank you for your consideration and for being YOU.
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

Judith Keogh
Candidate bio not available

Sarah Moore
Candidate bio not available

Karl Vonzell Mitchell
Thank you, Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ), for the nomination to be a candidate for Community Representative. As described in the CSJ Bylaws, the Community Representative represents the concerns of counselors working in community settings and promotes CSJ initiatives to meet these concerns.

As a future CSJ Community Representative, I would represent and meet the concerns by adhering to the CSJ Code of Ethics and each of the values, that include social justice; social action; eradication of all forms of abuse and oppression; dignity and worth of all persons; embracing diversity, integrity, and competence; being antiracist, and promoting racial equity (Counselors for Social Justice, 2020).

I’m currently a third-year doctoral student (LPC-Associate, LCDC) with experience working with, and counseling, refugee, substance abuse/addiction, and student populations. Prior to being a licensed clinician, I worked with, and provided services to, children, adolescents, and adults in different community settings, and capacities. My research interests include service-learning in counselor education, multiculturalism, multicultural competence, social justice advocacy, interventions for quality care of populations we work with, and treatments to help eliminate misdiagnosis. As a new professional this position would be a part of my continued leadership in the field, and continued service to our clients and communities.


Kshipra Jain
I am a licensed professional counselor in Washington, D.C., and a Doctoral Candidate at the George Washington University. I am the current Community Representative for CSJ, and have also previously served as their Student Representative. I am seeking to continue serving on the CSJ board as the Community Representative, as I have truly valued working with fellow advocates and professionals in the counseling community, who align with my strongly held beliefs of advocating for equity, justice, and liberation for all.

In 2020-2021, I served as the President for Maryland Counselors of Social Justice (MCSJ). We focused our year on the theme of decolonizing—the counseling field, mental health, and most importantly, our minds. I believe it is crucial that we acknowledge the colonial history of our field, and how that has especially affected communities of color, particularly Black and Indigenous communities in the US, as well as other minoritized groups, including LGBTQIA+ folx, immigrants and refugees, individuals with disabilities, and those in poverty.
The disparities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the countless stories of racism and violence against Black and Brown folks, show us that complacency is no longer an option. It is no longer enough to simply have empathy or say we stand in solidarity—we need to turn our compassion into action. We need to acknowledge factors of intersectionality, address how our existing systems are affecting mental health, and engage in conversations around privilege, power, and systems of oppression within and beyond our profession. We need to learn to take an active role as accomplices and co-conspirators in uplifting the voices and perspectives of minoritized communities, and consistently challenge our biases and preconceived notions. My hope is that through CSJ, we can engage in learning and experiential opportunities to raise our critical consciousness as a counseling community.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

Caroline Baker
Thank you for the nomination to be the School Counseling representative on CSJ. Since 2003, I have focused exclusively on school counseling, through graduate work and practice as an elementary school counselor in Tennessee and then as a Counselor Educator for 11 years at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. I am currently in my 5th year as Counseling Program director and 7th year as Practicum Coordinator. These roles have presented opportunities to network with practicing school counselors in rural, urban, suburban, and private or charter schools.

I seek the School Counselor Representative role on the CSJ Board to both contribute ideas and to learn from others. Acknowledging my own demographic background as privileged in numerous ways, my approach to social justice is one of cultural humility- to learn from others, offer space for discussion, and seek increased engagement with my local and greater environments. I demonstrate a passion for social justice in my teaching and the service committees I participate on through the University. I believe that school counselors must be aware of the MSJCCs and apply them in their work in all domains. I firmly believe that the first priority for any school counselor is two-fold: 1) self-awareness of identity and biases, and 2) identify and understand the different communities in a given school. This must be done with purpose and collaboration with representatives from the communities and will take some time. Following this, it will be imperative for school counselors to utilize their leadership, advocacy, data, and collaboration skills to maximize the school environment for all students’ success. It is important to acknowledge advocacy can occur at many levels- individually to systemically. I look forward with enthusiasm to future participation on this division.

International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors (IAAOC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

G. Michael Russo
Hello IAAOC Members!

I am truly humbled and honored to be considered for the position as your President-elect of the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors (IAAOC)! When I say “your” President-elect, I truly mean this. If selected, my number one goal would be to accurately hear your voice and use this voice to advocate for advancements in addiction and offender counseling.

Currently, I serve as the Addiction Cognate Coordinator at Boise State University, the Legislative and Community Relations Coordinator for the Institute for the Study of Behavioral Health and Addiction, Chair of the IAAOC Neuroscience Committee, and Editorial Board Member for the International Journal
for the Advancement of Counselling. In addition to these roles, I bring a track record of service-based leadership experiences that span the past 10 years and have occurred at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels. These experiences taught me two fundamental components of advocacy and leadership. First, it is only when you are aware of the needs of those whom you serve that you can truly serve on their behalf. Second, leadership and advocacy are about the collective we and not me. If chosen, I earnestly plan to apply these philosophies to enhance IAAOC and to support you, as a proud IAAOC member.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank you for your consideration and for utilizing your voice by casting your ballot to advocate for the advancement of IAAOC.

Rochelle Cade
I am excited and honored to have been nominated as a candidate for President-Elect of IAAOC. I am proud to say that IAAOC became a division home for me as a graduate student and has continued to be a division home for me as I became a Licensed Professional Counselor, board approved supervisor, and counselor educator. For more than fifteen years, IAAOC has given me a place to grow professionally, collaborate with colleagues working with clients who have offended or clients with substance use disorders, and engage in meaningful service. Through my service and experiences as Secretary, editorial board member and current Associate Editor for the Journal of Addictions and Offender Counseling, and member of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee, I have worked with fellow division members to support IAAOC’s mission of providing leadership and advancing the fields of addictions and offender counseling. In addition to my service with IAAOC, my experiences as a Board member, Past-President, and Division Director of the Texas Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (TAARC) along with Research Committee Chair, editorial board member for Counseling Outcome Evaluation & Research, and Treasurer of the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC) have given me the opportunity to learn and serve alongside colleagues and friends in professional counseling at the state and national level. I know those experiences and relationships have helped to prepare me for service as President-Elect of IAAOC. Should I be elected as President-Elect, I will work to make sure the division is a welcoming home for counselors-in-training, counselors, and counselor educators and supervisors alike. In addition, I would like to ensure our division is responsive to needs of the membership. To help accomplish this, I would intentionally seek membership input and feedback that would inform upcoming division plans and efforts.

SECRETARY

Frances Ellmo
I am an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Addiction Counseling program at the University of Memphis in Memphis, TN. I have a variety of related clinical experiences including providing intensive outpatient treatment to drug court clients, assessing domestic violence offenders, working with incarcerated adults and with adolescents mandated to residential treatment. In addition to my academic responsibilities, I currently work part-time in private practice seeing individuals and families dealing with mental health and/or addiction issues. My primary research interests include trauma-informed therapeutic interventions for addiction and justice-involved client populations, as well as training and preparation of counseling students in these areas. I joined IAAOC as a graduate student and now, as a new professional, I hope to serve the organization as secretary. I am excited about the prospect of joining the IAAOC leadership team and continuing to advocate for individuals affected by addiction, the justice-system, or both. Thank you for your consideration!
Military and Government Counseling Association (MGCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Edward ‘Franc’ Hudspeth
I have been a member of the American Counseling Association (ACA) for over 20 years. During this time, I have joined various branches of ACA and served in various ways from state to regional to national levels. From treasurer to secretary to president, I have served in whatever way I could be of use. I am currently in my second term as the Military and Government Counseling Association’s (MGCA) Treasurer. Over the past 27 months, I have worked with the MGCA Executive Committee to organize and bring fiscal stability to the organization. Over the years, as a counselor, I have worked with service members, veterans, their families, and children. As a counselor educator, I have taught service members, veterans, and their spouses. With this in mind, I realize that working with military members and/or military families requires specific training, an awareness of military culture, and insight into the unique ethical challenges that may present when working with these individuals. Over the past six years, I have had the opportunity to present at multiple of MGCA’s Profession Development Institutes as well as offer an MGCA sponsored educational session at an ACA conference. Because I know that at some point, as counselors and counselor educators, most will eventually work with or teach a military member or a member of his or her family, I believe that service to MGCA is a way to support the needs of the association as it strives to support the needs of service members, veterans, and their families. As President-Elect, I hope to help continue to lead and support the organization as it grows, and I aspire to help promote the organization as it and its members fulfill the mission of MGCA.

TREASURER

Jennifer Sztalkoper
Hello, MGCA Members! My name is Dr. Jennifer Sztalkoper and I am interested in becoming your next MGCA Treasurer. As an active duty military spouse of 20 years, I recognize the importance MGCA can provide in increasing awareness of the issues and concerns that affect our past and present service members and their family members as well as caregivers. I have previously served on the board as an appointed Board Director, Secretary, President-Elect, President, and Past President. In my role as President, myself and the board created MGCA’s first budget in order to fiscally manage MGCA funds and provide the necessary fiduciary oversight to the monies being accumulated by the organization. I currently work for the Virginia Department of Veteran Services as a Resource Specialist working to connect Veterans, their family members, and caregivers to necessary resources within the community, which often includes behavioral health and benefits. With several MGCA members, I recently finished and submitted an article to the Journal of Military and Government Counseling for peer review. This article examines the transitional support needs of military spouses as their service members transition out of military service. As Treasurer, I promise to be fiscally responsible to MGCA and also the members within the organization and use membership fees wisely and for the good of the organization. I appreciate your consideration and I hope to continue to serve MGCA and its’ members.

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Corrinia Goode
I am currently a graduate student in the William & Mary Clinical Mental Health & Military and Veterans Counseling program. I am seeking this position to be an active participant for change in the field and contribute not only to the field of military counseling, but also to the advancement of educational programs targeted to engage with the military population. My primary exposure to military life came in
the form of family, like many others. I grew up on the civilian side of things and watched the interesting process of transition for those in my family from military life to civilian life. This sparked my interest in the field and made me want to be a force for positive support for military members during and following their service. I have a strong passion for ensuring that I and other counselors who will be exposed to military connected people, have the knowledge necessary to understand the differences of military and civilian life. I want to bridge the gap and help to reduce stigma regarding military members and mental health on the side of both the client and on the side of the counselors. I appreciate your consideration for the position of Graduate Student Representative.

Karl Monger
I am a US Army veteran (Desert Storm) who in 2010 founded a nonprofit called GallantFew, Inc. to help veterans transition from military service to lives of hope and purpose. It became clear to me after working with several thousand veterans that I would serve them better as a licensed counselor, so I returned to school and am on track to graduate in May 2022 with a Master’s in Rehabilitation Counseling. I intend to pursue my LPC and provide counseling services to veterans as long as I am able.

My military experience includes ten years as an active-duty infantry officer including three years as a staff officer in the 1st Ranger Battalion. I hold the rank of Major, retired. GallantFew has been working closely with the 75th Ranger Regiment to improve transition counseling services to the special operations community.

I reside in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, am married, have two daughters and a grandson.

Brittany Palmer
It is my honor to be nominated for this position as a graduate student representative for the military government counseling association division of the ACA. My passion began while being married to a military member and living amongst the military population. During that time, I saw the difficulties they faced in seeking treatment, and the culture that for so long stigmatized it. When I began my master’s program I was determined to advocate for this population, and thus far have not given up. Additionally, my entire internship experience will be working with this population, including but not limited to; first responders, military veterans, and law enforcement. During the summer 2021 quarter, I was inducted into Chi Sigma Iota- Chi Upsilon Chi Chapter as well. The ACA Code of Ethics requires counselors to advocate for our clients who cannot advocate for themselves (ACA, 2014). This is why I feel it is so important to advocate for this one. ACA Code of Ethics (2014). American Counseling Association. Alexandria, VA

Zuzi Gomez-Chang
I humbly submit this statement for consideration as the 2022-2023 Graduate Student Representative with the Military and Government counseling Association (MGCA). I am a licensed professional counselor-associate in the state of Texas and a doctoral student in counselor education and supervision at Texas A&M University-Commerce. I am both a first-generation college student and first-generation military veteran. I want to serve as the Graduate Student Representative with MGCA because I believe that education and communication with individuals, families, and the community is an essential part of providing effective and relevant mental health services. I look forward to serving. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Lauren Flynn

I am immensely grateful to be considered to serve as the 2022-2023 MGCA Graduate Student Representative. I am a second-year doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Practice program at Georgia State University, and I received my master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of San Diego. During my training in San Diego, I began working directly with veterans impacted by co-morbid substance use and mental illness. As a counselor with a passion for serving military populations, I am aware of the hurdles mental health counselors have encountered in attempting to provide services to military populations. Given the recent passing of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans' Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019, licensed professional counselors will soon be able to work and advance more equitably within the VA system. Continuous advocacy efforts have made possible this development in military counseling, however, more work still remains to further the professional and academic opportunities afforded to military counselors. As a future counselor educator, I am mindful of the training needs of students to develop military counseling competencies. Counseling students who desire to serve military populations should be equipped with knowledge of military culture and an understanding of the unique challenges faced by military populations. As the Military and Government Counseling Association (MGCA) Graduate Student Representative, I will aid in the professional development of my peers and future military counselors with the ultimate goal of improving services to our expansive and diverse military population. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Duane K. L. France

As a retired Army Noncommissioned Officer, combat veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan, and clinical mental health counselor, I recognize the need to ensure that counselors that serve the military and government affiliated population are culturally competent and provide evidence-based treatments for the unique mental health and wellness needs of those who serve our country and those who care for them. I have been providing direct client care for service members, veterans, and their families since 2014. I have primarily served disadvantaged veterans, including those experiencing justice involvement and homelessness, as well as combat veterans and their spouses.

I have served on the Board of Directors of the Military and Government Counseling Association, and served two years as Co-Chair of ACA's Public Policy and Legislation Committee. I am also a member of the Counseling Compact Advisory Committee, the group that is working to establish the Counseling Compact, creating an inter-state agency that will allow Counselors to practice in multiple states. In addition to my clinical work, I am also passionate about advocacy and awareness of the need for Counselors to be involved in the conversations about mental health and wellness in their communities. I have served as a military and government liaison for a large out-patient behavioral health practice and am currently the Co-Chair of SAMHSA’s Service Member, Veteran, and Military Family Technical Assistance Center, a SAMHSA TA Center that provides training, guidance and support for communities implementing suicide prevention and behavioral health integration programs for the military affiliated population. I am seeking the office of Governing Council Representative for the Military and Government Counseling Association in order to support the mental health and wellness needs of those who served, and support the goals of ACA to meet the needs of Counselors who serve them.

Keith Myers

What an honor to be nominated to serve MGCA as representative to ACA Governing Council! I am humbled to be considered for this role, and I appreciate you taking the time to read a little bit more about me. From a clinical perspective, the mission of MGCA to provide quality training and education
of military counselors has been a passion of mine. This passion is observed in my weekly clinical work with military clients for the past decade, my publications about clinical work with military, and presenting on various topics related to combat PTSD, secondary traumatic stress, and important veteran advocacy work. I also serve a counselor educator teaching counseling students about working with veterans. I believe that as we honor our veterans and their service, this honor can be a building block of healing for our nation.

Regarding my participation with MGCA, I served on the Board of Directors from 2017-2019 and have been a member of MGCA since 2013. Much of my research culminated in my recent co-authored textbook entitled Counseling Veterans: A Practical Guide (2021) published by Cognella Academic Press. This new text is meant to be a clinical introduction for graduate students and clinicians who are starting their work with veterans.

Concerning my prior ACA leadership, I served on the ACA Ethics Committee from 2013 to 2016 and served as its Co-Chair in 2016. Facilitating the direct report to ACA Governing Council on behalf of the ACA Ethics Committee as the Co-Chair provided me with experience and would serve me well on the creation of the annual report to ACA in collaboration with the MGCA Past-President. I was also an Executive Founding Board Member for the ACA of Georgia several years ago when we revitalized the state chapter after years of it being nonexistent.

National Employment Counseling Association (NECA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Joseph S. Parks, Sr.

As the founder/director of Trendsetters, a youth mentoring program that promotes the positive, personal, cultural, spiritual, and academic development of its participants to reach their highest individual potential, I have seen first-hand the positive impact that informed, engaged, and passionate counselors have on these young people. Therefore, it is imperative that the counseling community is continuously supported in our personal growth and professional development. This is why NECA is so important!

A little over eight years ago, I was introduced to NECA by Dr. Cheryl West. After becoming a part of this organization, I found myself thinking how beneficial this organization would have been to me as a counselor and youth development leader when I started out. Just as I found the value of this organization, I want others to discover this hidden gem of professional support as we seek to excel.

Confucius said, “Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” Unfortunately, many people are employed on jobs that do not align with their passion or education. This is another reason NECA is so important!

With the tremendous amount of resources available, membership in NECA allows us to become more proficient and effective in our position to help others with their employment concerns. For this reason, my vision is to raise NECA’s visibility among corporate and government employers so that they will encourage and support their employees’ membership in this organization. I believe an increase in our professional visibility will also increase our membership. Through NECA, members can find satisfaction and purpose in their roles. As President-Elect, I would be a strong advocate for NECA and a faithful servant to its mission.
Melanie Drake Wallace
At this remarkable moment in history, I am honored to be nominated as President-Elect of the National Employment Counseling Association (NECA). As a counselor educator and Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Alabama, I am a longstanding member of ACA, ACES, and ACC. By comparison, my involvement with NECA has been relatively recent albeit no less passionate! It is my personal conviction that NECA is an extraordinary gem of a division – hidden in plain sight.

NECA’s mission to “provide the best possible resources for people seeking employment and the counselors who work with them” is straightforward and pragmatic. Even so, I believe it is an understatement of the association’s identity and actual value to constituents. The vast and diverse repertoire of multimedia resources compiled by NECA for education, training, and professional practice reveals a forward-thinking organization marked by visionary leadership and a commitment to all facets of diversity. Now that COVID-19 has dramatically changed the global landscape of work, NECA’s mission is even more relevant. My goal is to promote NECA’s visibility and showcase the Association’s multiple streams of influence.

My leadership journey began at the local/chapter level where I served in several leadership positions before becoming a Branch President with 2000 members. Attending ACA’s Institute for Leadership Training for 7 consecutive years was excellent preparation for my subsequent tenure as Faculty Senate President of a midsize university in Southern Region. I was elected to the ACA Governing Council as the Southern Region Representative in 2015 where I served two 3-year terms. My official service to NECA began in 2021 when I was elected as a Trustee.

TRUSTEE

Sasha Butler
Candidate bio not available

Kimberly Key
Kimberly Key is a longstanding member of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and National Employment Counseling Association (NECA) among other ACA divisions. She previously served on the NECA board as a trustee and past-president over ten years ago and is submitting her application to serve and support NECA as a trustee. Kimberly has a private practice, Encompass Work & Family, that provides a combination of psychotherapy, organizational consulting, and career counseling services. She has additional specializations in trauma-recovery, health psychology, and is currently obtaining additional training in the emerging field of psychoneuroimmunology. She is the author of Counseling Keys for Psychology Today (https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/counseling-keys ). You can also learn more about her services at www.EncompassWF.com or her blog, www.Kimberly-Key.com.

Jennifer Wills
Jennifer Wills graduated from Capella University with her PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision in May 2021. Her dissertation was titled “Trauma Counseling Self-Efficacy In Practicing Counselors: CACREP Versus Non-CACREP Counselor Education Programs”. She is continuing to contribute to the field of counseling focusing both on trauma-informed school counseling and trauma-informed counseling techniques and awareness. Additionally, she currently serves as the graduate student representative on the board of the National Employment Counseling Association, and she is excited about growing the graduate program throughout the rest of her term. Jennifer wants to positively impact the field of counseling through service starting, if elected, as a trustee for NECA.
Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE)

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Robert McKinney

I am very humbled and grateful to be nominated President-Elect for the Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE). As a cisgender gay male, I have a personal sense of connection that fuels my engagement with SAIGE and this professional body of the LGBTGEQIAP+ community. I have also served in various professional leadership roles that I connect directly to this opportunity to be President-Elect of SAIGE.

My involvement with SAIGE leadership began in 2017 when I was nominated as the doctoral student for the Emerging Leaders program and my engagement with this division has only increased since this introduction. I am now in my third year of chairing the Emerging Leaders program, I serve on the editorial review board for the Journal of LGBTQ Issues in Counseling, and I have recently served on the conference planning committee for the 2021 conference. Beyond these leadership opportunities, I am the Chapter Faculty Advisor for Gonzaga University’s (GU) Chi Sigma Iota chapter, Membership Chair of Washington SAIGE, and I serve on the Social Justice and Diversity Committee within the School of Education at GU. In these various roles, I engage individuals at different organizational levels, regularly attend and/or conduct meetings, prepare reports to various stakeholders, report financial considerations, organize events, establish and maintain community partnerships, and advocate for various communities. These leadership and service experiences have sharpened my ability to communicate, listen, delegate, and execute a collaborative plan. All of these skills are ones that I will draw upon in my role as President-Elect. It is my hope to both honor what has been successfully established in the past and move SAIGE forward into new areas. I look forward to this leadership opportunity and serving SAIGE members as President-Elect.

**PROFESSIONAL TRUSTEE – MULTICULTURAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CONCERNS**

Mariangelly Sierra

Mariangelly Sierra (She/They/Ella) is National Certified Counselor and a licensed clinician in private practice focused on supporting Latinx and LGBTQIA+ community members. In the past, she has worked with non-US citizens on the Texas-Mexico border and refugee families’ survivors of trauma from countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. Mariangelly is an active member of professional organizations such as the American Counseling Association (ACA), the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD), the Association of Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness (ACSSW), Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ) where she serves as a mentor, and the Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, & Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE) where she is currently running for Professional Trustee on Multicultural and Social Justice Concerns. Mariangelly has presented on topics related to multicultural counseling awareness and development at various venues. Her research interests include multicultural competence in counseling and counselor education and supervision, social justice, and advocacy related to Latinx, LGBTQIA+, and other minority populations. She recently contributed a few case studies to Bonfini and Ventura’s (2021) Casebook for DSM5 chapter titled Cultural Considerations in Treatment and is working on publishing a training course entitled Strategies for Becoming Culturally Responsive Counseling Professionals. Mariangelly is currently a Contributing Faculty member of Walden University’s School of Counseling where she has taught Multicultural Counseling and Introduction to Mental Health Counseling. She is also a doctoral candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision. Her dissertation is entitled Minority Students Lived Experiences of Faculty Multicultural Competence in CACREP Accredited CES Programs. Mariangelly is interested in serving
SAIGE as Professional Trustee on Multicultural and Social Justice Concerns because she wishes to expand her awareness, knowledge, and skills on how to better support culturally diverse populations. She sees this position as an opportunity to serve as an advocate and contribute to social change.

Paul Henry Kabera
As an activist, I think of myself as a young elder. I’m an elder because I’m in my sixties, and having served the LGBTGEQIAP+ community since my teens, I now have more than forty years of activist experience. But I’m also young because I still approach the world with wide-eyed curiosity; I’m still seeking fresh ways of combining my experience, knowledge, creative juices, and kid-at-heart enthusiasm to step up to new roles. In fact, this is what initially brought me to SAIGE. As a graduate counseling student at the College of William & Mary, I learned about the SAIGE Emerging Leaders program. Well, ta da!, here I am, one of the three 2021-2022 Emerging Leaders proud to be actively serving our organization. Still, from the very first day of my Emerging Leader tenure, I was clear that I wouldn’t merely serve in this capacity and then move on from SAIGE. Quite the contrary, I saw this as the beginning of a long relationship in which, as a young elder, I would seek additional SAIGE roles. This is part of what is now driving me to pursue a new SAIGE board seat. My last day as an Emerging Leader is June 30th. I’d be thrilled to seamlessly begin a three-year commitment as your Trustee for Multicultural and Social Justice Concerns on July 1st. My other reason for seeking this commitment is that multicultural and social justice concerns are deeply personal to me, and as such, for decades now they have been the primary focus of my work in the LGBTGEQIAP+ community and beyond. As someone whose head—and heart—are set upon making the world a more equitable place, I hope you will choose me to serve you in this way.

Hasaan Reeder
I am eager at the opportunity to serve as the Trustee of Multicultural and Social Justice for SAIGE. This opportunity will allow me, a member of the LGBTGEQIAP+ community, to continue advocating for clients, counselors, and counselor educators alike. My values very closely align to those of SAIGE’s as I strongly promote diversity, equity, and inclusion when teaching my students, as well as advocate for multicultural competence and social justice for all. I have current and previous board experience as well as extensive committee affiliation.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Allison Miller
As a graduate student coming to my professional career in a changing landscape in the aftermath of COVID, I feel that an organization such as SAIGE is more important than ever. So many persons have felt isolation during this time, especially for those in the LGBTQ+ community that may have been cut off from their other communities. SAIGE is an incredible resource for graduate students who identify as part of, or want to develop a further, nuanced understanding of, the community and great work has been done by our predecessors. The position of graduate student trustee is an excellent opportunity to help counselors connect with these issues and I am excited to be considered for that chance. In an age where virtual mental health and distance learning is becoming more commonplace for many new professionals, I feel that I am uniquely positioned to provide a perspective that can help increase the awareness of SAIGE and what this division offers to emerging professionals and current grad student members of the ACA. The work done over the past two years that I have been a member has been inspiring to me, and I wish to continue that work throughout the next year. Throughout my adult life, I have worked with several LGBTQ+ organizations in various capacities and know that as our community grows, it’s important to ensure that our institutional face grows alongside to ensure full inclusivity,
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accurate education, and complete intersectionality and representation of all members. I’d love to bring these skills and this mindset to SAIGE this year. Thank you for your consideration.

SECRETARY

Lauren E. Brdecka
I am seeking office as Secretary with the SAIGE division of the ACA because I am a personal and professional advocate for these populations. Some of my clinical foci include collaborating with clients through gender confirmation surgery and beginning HRT, as well as identity, sex, and gender exploration.

I am a relatively new counselor having just graduated in March 2021 from Northwestern University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, however I have been involved in mental health treatment since 2008. Currently, I work at Fash Counseling in Bolingbrook, IL and am part of the Neuroscience Integration Lab at The Family Institute at Northwestern University. I hope to begin my career in counseling with involvement at the state-level and grow from this point with the ACA.

I have experience with the duties of Secretary in several formal and informal settings such as task forces and regionally-based organizations working to help individuals experiencing substance misuse. Lastly, I am informed on Robert’s Rules of Order parliamentary procedure if needed.

Barry Pickreign
Barry is new to the mental health profession. Before his transition to mental health he worked in the court system for more than 10 years, where he discovered his passion for helping others. This inspired him to return to school to get his masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. He received his degree in May of 2021 from Walden University, he also took the NCE in May and received a passing score. In June of 2021 he received his NCC certification through the NBCC and his PCMHT certification through the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (MS DMH). Also, in June he began working as an Adult Services Clinician for Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources in Hancock County, Mississippi. In August 2021 he received his PCAT certification through the MS DMH. Within the next few months he will be applying for his P-LPC license. He recently received his Certification in Geek Culture and is working towards being a Certified Geek Therapist. In November 2021 he will be returning to school to work on his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision at Walden University.

He is running for the office of Secretary because he is passionate about SAIGE and its mission. He has experience as a board secretary to the Gulf Coast Legal Professionals, Mississippi Legal Professionals, and National Association of Legal Support Professionals. His experience in working on these boards has given him an opportunity to enhance and grow his leadership skills, and an understanding of how professional associations work. He would like to apply the skills he has acquired toward his work with SAIGE. He is a very passionate and dedicated individual who has helped ACA divisions grow by serving on the ACA ByLaws Committee. If given the opportunity he will do everything possible to help SAIGE succeed and grow.

Mickey White
My name is Dr. Mickey E. White (he/him) and I currently serve as an Assistant Professor of Counseling at East Tennessee State University. I am a past Emerging Leader for both SAIGE (2018-2019) and SACES (2018-2020) and have been actively involved in SAIGE’s Research & Scholarship Committee since 2018. My research and professional interests include qualitative inquiry of experiences at various intersections of trans identity, queer and trans self-disclosure in professional settings, and anti-racist development of counselor trainees. SAIGE has been an integral part of my personal and professional development since
I was a master’s student in counseling, and I still fondly remember attending the inaugural conference in 2014. Watching the evolution of ALGBTIC into SAIGE and the intentional efforts of SAIGE leadership to engage in intersectional advocacy efforts and publicly addressing the necessity of anti-racist work within LGBTQIAP+ spaces has been truly transformative. As a White, queer, trans person in this profession, I feel immense gratitude toward SAIGE elders. I also feel hopeful for the future of SAIGE and excited for the opportunity to be part of the process in a meaningful way. As a nominee for the Secretary position, my goals, if elected, are three-fold: 1) bring additional representation of gender-expansivity to the table of SAIGE leadership; 2) support SAIGE’s mission in advocating for the active engagement in anti-racist, anti-cissexist, and anti-heterosexist praxis of counselors, counselor educators, and supervisors within SAIGE and across divisions; and 3) identify and/or create additional pathways for practitioners and students to be involved in SAIGE. I believe that these goals have the capability to serve all SAIGE members, both new and seasoned, and I am honored to be considered for this position.

Organizational Affiliate - International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling (IARTC)

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Rachel Jacoby
My name is Rachel Jacoby, and I am pleased to run for the position of Governing Council for the International Association for Resilience & Trauma Counseling organization. I am a LPCC-S (Ohio), as well as an NCC, Certified Family Life Educator, and Certified Trauma Practitioner. I am Visiting Professor at Palo Alto University and maintain a small private practice working with clients in Perrysburg, Ohio. My clinical work has been with individuals who have experienced adversities in their life, including extensive work with children living in the foster care. This has guided my research interests. Further, I have been exploring trauma surrounding post-partum and parental bereavement, as well as vicarious trauma within the counseling profession. Trauma influences people in many different ways. It is importance for us as counselor to understand the experience of trauma, as well as the resiliency factors that help support our clients.

I have had the privilege to hold many leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels. I have been actively involved in the Northwest Ohio Counseling Association, Chi Sigma Iota – Alpha Omega chapter, Ohio Counseling Association, and Ohio Association of Counselor Education and Supervision. I was president and am currently past-president of the Association of Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC) – Ohio Chapter. I have served as graduate student representative for the national ACAC organization for several years, and I am currently in the role of president-elect. I will be transitioning to president of ACAC in July of 2022.

As the IARTC Governing Council Representative, I will be proud to represent IARTC at all ACA Governing Council meetings. I will maintain a strong commitment to exploring trauma/resilience scholarship, and ensuring that the counseling profession continues to expand the overall knowledge of teaching students and counselors to work effectively with clients who have experienced adversities.

Joshua Kreimeyer
From the time I first traveled internationally, and was told that I could not get off the bus to interact with the families digging for food in the trash site, to my combat deployments to Kosovo and Iraq, where I saw firsthand the impact of the fist and the great need for the heart, I knew that I wanted to never again, not be able to make a bigger and more healing impact on the world. Since then I have focused my
education (e.g. PhD CES with cross-cultural supervision internships) and clinical work (building the first IRCEP recognized MA in Counseling program in Ukraine) on the manifestation of this mission.

I have been extremely excited to follow and join the creation of the IARTC. I have long searched for a professional home and feel that I’ve finally arrived there. I was equally excited to learn about the formation of the charter leadership team for this necessary organization. Having been in the trenches of worldwide, trauma and resilience work, I know that I have much to bring to this position, for such a time as this.

Within our gifting and calling, St. Ignatius of Loyola called us to go forth and set the world on fire. With this position, I would seek to inspire and galvanize IARTC membership and partner organizations and to assist world communities to research and develop trauma-informed, culturally sensitive best practices, to optimize healing and wellness for all. From both etic and emic perspectives, I will also work towards developing preventative based resilience strategies. From this balance, and through this position, we can truly impact the world for good.

SECRETARY

Jayna Bonfini

It would be my honor to be elected as the IARTC Secretary. I currently counsel individuals in private practice (specializing in trauma and addiction) and serve as an Associate Professor of Counseling at the University of the Cumberlands. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor, National Certified Counselor, Approved Clinical Supervisor, and Master Addictions Counselor.

My prior clinical work has ranged from a psychiatric hospital to a university counseling center to a residential treatment facility for adjudicated youth to an alternative to jail treatment program for women. While my experience has varied, as has the population that I’ve counseled, the thread running through all of it was my interest in providing trauma-informed care.

I want to contribute to IARTC in a meaningful way and I think that I could be an asset to the organization as the incoming Secretary. My dedication to furthering the field of trauma counseling is evident in my professional development. I have a strong counselor identity as a clinician, scholar, and researcher. If I obtain this position, I will utilize my passion, advocacy, and leadership to facilitate positive change. I hope you will support my eagerness to serve in this capacity.

It is my esteemed pleasure to express interest in serving as the IARTC Secretary for 2022-2023. I have served in a variety of leadership roles and have found a passion for treating trauma and building resilience. Regarding leadership, I have served as Treasurer for the Florida Association for Counselor Education & Supervision (FACES) and the Florida Counseling Association (FCA) Convention Co-Chair from 2019 through 2021.

Prior to this role, I served as the Chi Sigma Iota, Alpha Upsilon Sigma Chapter Secretary from March to July of 2018. In July, I was elected chapter president from July 2018 to March 2019. This position led me to become a Chi Sigma Iota Leadership Fellow from 2019-2020.

Based on my leadership positions, I believe that I would serve this association well as the secretary. Not only am I dedicated to leadership, I have a profound passion for trauma and resilience work. As a doctoral student, I found this passion through my own journey to build resilience. To navigate my own stress, I discovered holistic healing and wellness. Seeing the impacts it had on me, I began to seek out ways to offer these interventions to my students as a Professional School Counselor. This passion grew within me, and I shifted my dissertation focus to build resilience in youth who have experienced chronic adversity.

The fruits of my dissertation have allowed me to write newsletter articles, work on scholarly publications, present at counseling conferences and continue my research related to healing trauma and building
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resilience. In addition to this commitment to my scholarly work, I recently began to teach yoga to diverse populations as a means of creating more inclusion in the yoga space.

Thank you for considering me for this position!

**Melinda Paige**
The stories of the courageous survivors I have served as a licensed trauma counselor for the last twenty years fuel my research and advocacy as a counselor educator and subject matter expert for trauma impact and counseling curricula. I have been the recipient of the Chi Sigma Iota International Outstanding Practitioner Award (2014), the ACA Professional Development Award (2018), and the Chi Sigma Iota International Outstanding Faculty Award (2018) and have published and presented nationally on trauma competency, protective factors in the prevention of vicarious trauma and self-injury. Fellow trauma practitioner-scholars and I published the first qualitative study investigating the attitudes, knowledge, and skills of trauma-competent clinicians in the Journal for Individual Counseling. I currently serve as Founding Secretary for IARTC and enjoy collaborating with other dedicated trauma mental health professionals as Vice Chair of the IARTC Media and Public Relations Committee as well.

Trauma is ubiquitous and a significant public health concern, therefore it is essential that trauma counselors unite around best practices in trauma mental health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s TIP 57 report provides leadership for trauma mental health workers but is still an underutilized resource among counselors lacking the guidelines to support their trauma mental health practice. The Center for PTSD also provides standards and best practices for serving members of the armed forces but is also an underutilized resource among counselors. Trauma competencies are needed in the counseling literature and listed with other ACA endorsed competencies where fellow counselors/counselors-in-training can access and utilize them. My vision as Secretary is to support IATRC’s mission and the development of such competencies, so counselors are able to practice ethically within the bounds of their clinical competency, according to empirically based trauma mental health standards of care.

**PRESIDENT ELECT**

**Lisa Lopez Levers**
As Professor Emeritus, from Duquesne University—where I also served as the Endowed Chair in African Studies from 2012-2017—I am ready now to move into the next phase of helping to define the profession that I love. Fifteen years in community mental health and rehabilitation services informed my work as a counselor educator for the next 32 years. I began working with trauma survivors over 47 years ago, before PTSD was even listed in the DSM, and I continue this work today. My international experience started in 1976, as a delegate at the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women, in Brussels. I have been providing trauma-related services in African countries since 1993, including work in post-genocide Rwanda. I have worked with colleagues throughout the southern region of Africa in establishing trauma-informed programming for children who were orphaned during the HIV and AIDS pandemic; this activity punctuated my research agenda during my Fulbright year in Botswana (2003-2004). Further, working with a team of professionals in Russia, we created a community-based system of care for institutionalized orphaned children and initiated the first foster care program in the country. Academically, I created original trauma-informed coursework at four universities, which led to my textbooks on trauma counseling [Levers, L. L. (2022/2012). Trauma counseling: Theories and interventions for managing trauma, stress, crisis, and disaster (2nd ed.). Springer].
I actively engage in Trauma-Informed Community Development in my city and beyond. I eagerly anticipate serving the International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling as a global organization of ACA. Together, we promote resilience building and trauma-competent counseling worldwide. We provide professional counselors and counselor educators with robust trauma and resilience resources as well as ongoing training wherever they live.

TRUSTEE

Lisa Vinson
I am interested in this position because I care about the standards of our profession and the power of advocacy as a group. Through IARTC, we can make a significant impact within ACA and its members who impact people's lives. My professional presentation, publications, and work experience over the last 20 plus years focusing on educational and counseling services that affect diverse racial/ethnic individuals across the lifespan and their families which make me a strong candidate for the trustee position. As a Counselor Educator, who has also, served as a Human Service Specialist has overseen youth-related programming spanning education, job readiness and development, and anti-violence initiatives. I have led mental health teams integrating treatment for co-occurring disorders and supervised a federally funded career-laddering program that provided educational training for Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) recipients and low-income eligible individuals in high-demand healthcare fields.

I am a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor, a Co-occurring Disorder Professional Counselor I, a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional Level II, a Certified Complex Trauma Professional and an Approved Clinical Supervisor. My professional presentation includes racial identity workshops, social justice-related publications, and board of director positions that advise and consult on increasing community-based programs that help acutely high-risk youth successfully transition into adulthood. I am expected to earn a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Northern Illinois University, Spring 2022. I received a bachelor’s degree and a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree from Chicago State University. These leadership roles, combined with work and life experiences, have guided my passion for commitment and community service initiatives.

Misty Hatch
It is my honor to be nominated to run for Trustee of the International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling. I became a member of the IARTC when it formed. I am excited to be able to be a part of the division on its ground level. I joined the ACA as a Master’s student in 2018 and am so grateful for all of the data, the community and the ability to be a part of the ACA. I hope to serve in leadership positions and be a part of the growth of the counseling community. As a newly licensed clinician, I want to immerse myself into the counseling community. I have a passion for research and am continuing to grow my counseling knowledge. I just began working on my Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision at the University of Holy Cross. I look forward to continuing to grow as a clinician and plan to give back to the counseling community throughout my career. Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the Trustee position.