

Meet the Candidates for **Divisions and Regions** → 2021–2022

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, WESTERN REGION

Elizabeth Forsyth

Elizabeth Forsyth is a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC) and a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Arizona. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Arizona State University in 2009 with a B.S. degree in Psychology and from University of Phoenix in 2013 with an M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is the former chair for the Western Region of the American Counseling Association. She is a former president of the Arizona Counselors Association (AzCA) and the Arizona Association for LGBT Issues in Counseling (AzALGBTIC). She served as co-chair of the ALGBTIC State Branch Committee, assisting branches with developing ALGBTIC divisions. Elizabeth has a strong history in legislative activism, serving as a registered lobbyist for the Arizona Counselors Association, during which time she arranged a Day at the Hill for Counselors and spoke on multiple occasions to committee hearings at both the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate. She was a member of the task force developed to change Counseling licensure in Arizona and participated in establishing rules to the new licensure statutes on behalf of AzCA, a stakeholder in the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners. Elizabeth also volunteers to lobby for the American Counseling Association and attends a Counselor Day at the Hill in Washington, D.C. every July to speak on issues related to Counselors in the V.A., school Counselors, and Medicare coverage. She has served on the ACA's Governing Council since 2018 and has served on several ACA committees. Elizabeth is a national speaker on issues of ethics, cultural diversity, legislative procedure, and professional identity.

ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING (AADA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Adrienne Trogden

I currently serve as Treasurer for AADA and have really enjoyed serving in this capacity as well as being more involved in this wonderful association. I have previously served in a variety of leadership roles within state counseling associations in Louisiana and most recently served as President of the Louisiana Counseling Association (LCA) and the Louisiana Association of Addiction Counselors and Trainers (LASACT). My service to both of these organizations was filled with many challenges as well as successes that shaped my leadership skills and prepared me for increased leadership roles within AADA. My most recent experience as President of LCA culminated in navigating responses to COVID-19 and racial injustice within our communities. While these were incredibly difficult issues to lead an organization through, I am grateful for the ways that I was stretched as a leader and challenged to grow. I am nowhere

near finished with my growth process as a leader, however, I do feel strongly that I am a better leader now than I was before those challenges. I look forward to the next chapter and the new challenges that it will bring my way.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – MEMBERSHIP

Janelle Jones

My name is Janelle L. Jones and I humbly accept my nomination as Member-at-Large position for the Association of Adult Development and Aging. I have been a member of AADA for three years and I continue to be inspired by the strides this organization makes in our profession. Once I joined AADA in 2017, I was emboldened to obtain my Master's Certificate in Gerontology while completing my Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Georgia State University.

Currently, I am a doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at the University of Alabama and I continue to serve AADA as the chair of the Professional Development Committee.

I am a fervent member of this organization and have seized every opportunity to be involved in the Association of Adult Development and Aging. I have attended and presented at annual conferences and have contributed to the bi-annual newsletter. I have also created promotional materials and moderated webinars for professional development. Most recently I was awarded the 2020 AADA Evelyn Chasan Research Grant, and I am now serving on the position statement task force for the AADA-AMCD partnership centered on multiculturalism and social justice in life span development.

Serving as Member-at-Large will enable me to act as a liaison between organization members and the executive board, work with a multitude of AADA committees, and ensure the diverse needs and voices of members are considered. I am committed to utilizing my passion for servant leadership and advocacy to keep members abreast on organization proceedings and participate in executive board meetings. It would be an honor and my pleasure to serve as the Member-at-Large for the Association of Adult Development and Aging. Thank you for your consideration.

Anthony Suarez

Hi everyone! My name is Tony Suarez, and I am an assistant professor in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Valparaiso University. It is a great thrill to be nominated to serve as the Member-at-Large for Membership for the Association for Adult Development and Aging. As a former quality management and training director for a community mental health agency, I am no stranger to the level of organization and structure this role would require. I consider myself to be a detail-oriented person and efficient in my work, and I believe I would thrive in this position if fortunate enough to be elected. I also serve in the role of faculty advisor for our program's chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, so I recognize the importance of maintaining and increasing membership to help an organization thrive. My role as a counselor educator is in its early stages, but I desire to serve in a capacity and make an impact that goes beyond the classroom. I hope to expand my role with AADA and truly solidify AADA as my professional home. I am an AADA member and presented, along with a student, at the most recent AADA national conference. I also have the pleasure of serving on AADA's Awards Committee. I believe in AADA's

mission of advocacy and addressing adult development needs across the lifespan, and I would certainly do my part in helping leadership stay true to this mission, as well as aiming the division toward growth. Once more, it is an honor to be nominated to serve our profession. I appreciate your consideration.

ASSOCIATION FOR ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH IN COUNSELING (AARC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Madeline Clark

I am honored to be nominated to run for president-elect of the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC). I became a member of AARC in 2013, as a first-year doctoral student at Old Dominion University. AARC has been my divisional and professional home as a doctoral student and now, as an Associate Professor at the University of Toledo. Since joining the division, I have been involved in various ways, including serving on the diversity committee, the awards committee, as a co-author on the AARC Standards for Multicultural Research, the recipient of the 2015 Donald Hood Student Research Award, and now in my current role on the executive board as the Member at Large for Awards and Grants. Through these experiences I have not only developed valuable professional skills, I have also been able to work with and connect with the brilliant members in our division. I recognize the importance of our division in the ACA landscape and the division's critical role in the development of counseling students, professionals, counseling research, and excellence in counseling assessment. AARC is established in not only being a center of excellence in our profession, but also as a key supporter and disseminator of counseling knowledge through our awards and grants programs and robust divisional journals, MECD and CORE. I hope to continue to further the successes of our division and further my service in AARC as president-elect. In this role, I intend to focus on the continued support of research regarding assessment in marginalized groups and ensuring members have access to the research and teaching resources needed to support their pedagogy and scholarship. I am grateful for this nomination and appreciate the opportunity to run for AARC's president-elect.

Kelly Emelianchik-Key

Hello AARC members! Once again, it is an honor to be nominated for the role of AARC president-elect. I was nominated for this role last year but lost to a brilliant colleague. So, I am back and running because I love this division, its mission, the leadership team, and the members. It would be a privilege to continue and further support and serve AARC in this capacity.

I am actively involved with AARC, and the organization has been my "professional home base" since my time as a doctoral student. If elected, I would plan to continue advocating and building on the work of past AARC leadership, while promoting meaningful and evidence-based research. My ongoing research areas align with AARC's vision and values. I have a passion for teaching assessment and research in counseling to masters and doctoral level students.

I have published within and served as a reviewer for MECD, as treasurer for AARC, and on the AARC finance committee. The treasurer role allowed me to assist the leadership of AARC and further promote the division's vision. I was able to maintain and improve financial stability, while helping to find ways that

increased revenue so AARC could give back to its membership (through decreased dues, grants, and scholarships), which further promotes best practices in counseling research. I believe that my leadership experience and organizational knowledge have laid the foundation for me to serve in the role of president-elect.

I have a profound commitment to AARC. Regardless of the election outcome, I will always be grateful to AARC and the invaluable experiences that membership has provided me. Anything I can do to further strengthen and support of AARC's leadership and assist the organization towards the promotion of its mission, vision, and values will always be a priority in serving my profession.

TREASURER

Andrew M. Burck

Thank you for the opportunity to be treasurer for AARC. I have been a member of AARC since 2001. I have experience as a treasurer for the past six years in our state-run counseling organization. I am currently on the editorial board for "Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development" and "Counseling Outcomes Research and Evaluation." I was the member-at-large, Publications, for AARC from 2014–2016. I have also published numerous research articles entitled, "Emerging counselors' perception of wellness: Implications for counselor development," "Detecting faking good and bad with the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3," "An examination of the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3 Correlational Scale in a college student population," and "Review of the Tests of Adult Basic Education," to name a few. I am currently working on articles that address psychometrics in the SASSI-4 and ethical dilemmas in rural counseling environments. I have presented frequently at AARC conferences and other national, regional, and state conferences. Thank you for this opportunity.

MEMBER AT LARGE – AWARDS & GRANTS

Amanda L. Giordano

My name is Amanda Giordano and I am an associate professor at the University of Georgia. I have been a member of the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC) for the past eight years. The organization has given me so much in terms of developing my competence as a researcher, introducing me to a network of incredible counselor educators and scholars, and providing meaningful grant and presentation opportunities. I now would like to give back to this organization by serving as the Member at Large for Awards and Grants. This position is of particular interest to me as I have previously served as the chair of the awards committee in my program. I very much enjoy helping members of the counseling profession be recognized for their accomplishments and successes. I believe coordinating the nominations of AARC members for various national awards and assisting with grant award selections will be very rewarding service. I also have experience as a board member for a division of the American Counseling Association, specifically, I served as the treasurer for the Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC) for the past six years. I would be honored to support the work and vision of AARC by serving as the Member at Large for Awards and Grants.

Kaprea “Dr. J.” Johnson

I am thrilled about the opportunity to serve AARC as Member at Large. I am thankful for being nominated and am confident that I have the necessary skills and background to fulfill this role. I hold a doctoral degree in Counselor Education from The Pennsylvania State University and a masters in School Counseling from The Howard University. I am currently an associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, where I teach doctoral and masters students. I have had the privilege to be connected with AARC and several other ACA divisions serving in various leadership and service capacities. For example, I am currently the co-chair for the development of an AARC fellows program, AMCD writers consortium co-chair, and selected member of the ACA research and knowledge committee. I am a fearless leader with a focus on building collaborative fruitful relationships amongst and between members of AARC to move the mission and the field forward. Again, I am humbled by this opportunity to serve you and AARC in this capacity. Thank you for your consideration.

C. Peeper McDonald

I am thrilled and honored to be nominated to serve as Member At Large for the Association of Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC). I joined AARC as a doctoral student after attending the annual conference and was immediately drawn in at seeing how passionate the membership was about using assessment and research to ultimately underscore the profession and excellent client services. I have since served in AARC as a doctoral Emerging Leader and served on the Diversity and Awards committees. Since becoming a counselor educator, I have also served in the Mission and Vision workgroup, had the honor of serving as a representative for AARC in the ACA 2020 Anti-racist Taskforce, and currently have the privilege of chairing the Diversity Committee. I believe that as a licensed professional counselor and counselor educator, it is my professional duty to not only teach students and supervisees about the importance of assessment and research but to also model it. If elected as AARC Member At Large, I will serve the membership with continued passion to support the mission and vision of AARC to the best of my ability.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Danica G. Hays

I am deeply honored to be nominated for the ACA Governing Council Representative position for AARC. I have been an active member of AARC since 2002, and I have had the privilege in serving the division that have enriched my understanding of the division, and its role in ACA, from multiple angles. Some of these leadership positions include President (2011-2012), Member at Large-Membership (2007-2010), Member at Large-Publications (2006-2007), and Secretary (2005-2006). In addition, I was the Founding Editor of Counseling Outcome Research and Evaluation journal, an AARC publication first published in 2010 to support the division’s expansion in scope related to outcome research and research methodology. Furthermore, I have been part of the task force and committee work that published the Standards for Multicultural Assessment (2012, 2nd ed.) and the Standards for Multicultural Research (2016). Throughout my formal and informal roles in AARC during the past 15 years, it has been exciting to see the AARC’s expansion both in scope and membership, its commitment to diversity and social justice in assessment and research, and its intentional focus on student and faculty peer mentorship. Serving as AARC’s Governing Council Representative would allow me to further the division’s alignment

with the ACA on public policy and advocacy initiatives. In addition, I do not take lightly the responsibility of having this platform to collaborate with ACA and other divisions on our collective mission and work, advocate for AARC's needs, and engage with other ACA leaders on emerging trends and societal considerations for our profession. Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Wachter Morris

It has been my privilege to serve the counseling profession, and I am honored to be nominated to serve as the ACA Governing Council Representative for AARC. I was first involved with AARC as a master's student, co-editing Newsnotes. Since then, I have served as Secretary, President-Elect, President, Past-President, and committee chair of the Sponsored Scholarship/Grants Committee. Through these roles, I have gained understanding of AARC as an organization and appreciation for how the work of AARC has the opportunity to create meaningful change in the counseling profession. As ACA Governing Council representative, my work would include strategic planning and positioning ACA to meet the challenges facing the counseling profession as well as serving as a liaison to the AARC Executive Council, in order to communicate ongoing needs and initiatives. I thrive in that work, as I enjoy looking at the larger picture and thinking strategically. I have demonstrated my ability to do so within AARC both in ways that are tangible (the Sponsored Scholarship Program) and a little less traditional (working to increase the perceived approachability of AARC for those who haven't experienced our conferences in person). I have had the chance to work alongside students, colleagues, and mentors as AARC has leaned into opportunities to be a change-maker in the field, including establishing the largest grants initiative of ACA and all its divisions and affiliates (including an additional cycle of funding this year specifically earmarked for research and assessment related to racial disparities and oppression). I have had similar roles throughout my career as a counselor educator, underscoring my ability to think strategically about how to make impactful and informed decisions that will help shape the counseling profession in years to come. I hope to continue to serve AARC as our representative to the ACA Governing Council.

ASSOCIATION FOR CHILD AND ADOLESCENT COUNSELING (ACAC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Rachel P. Jacoby

Rachel Jacoby is excited to have the opportunity to run for president of the Association of Child and Adolescent Counseling. Rachel is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Supervisor (OH), National Certified Counselor, Certified Family Life Educator, and Certified Trauma Practitioner who passionately enjoys working with children, adolescents, and families. Rachel's experience includes working with individuals who have experienced anxiety, depression, trauma, major life adjustments, and autism. Rachel is currently working towards obtaining her Ph.D. at The University of Toledo in Counselor Education.

Rachel has been an active member of ACAC for the last two years. Rachel has held various leadership roles as a member of the advocacy committee, the co-chair for the Graduate Student Committee, the ACA Graduate Student Representative, Child Competencies Chair, a member of the conference committee, and the current Approved Continuing Education Provider for ACAC CEs. Further, Rachel is the founder and current president of the ACAC-Ohio chapter. As president of ACACO, Rachel has helped

lead the Ohio chapter to be one of the fastest-growing divisions in the Ohio Counseling Association. She brought free CE approved webinars to members of the Ohio chapter, which has received praise from fellow leaders and members. In addition to Rachel's involvement in ACAC, she has held leadership roles in the Ohio Counseling Association, Northwest Ohio Counseling Association, Association of Humanistic Counseling, Chi Sigma Iota, and Ohio Association of Counselor Education and Supervision.

When Rachel is not working or in school, she enjoys spending time with her family and pets, traveling, watching way too much tv (preferably The Office), and reading.

COUNSELOR EDUCATION TRUSTEE

LaKaavia Taylor

It would be my honor to be elected as the Counselor Educator Trustee for the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC). I am currently serving in this position and eager to extend my service. I am a Clinical Assistant Professor in the counseling program at the University of North Texas (UNT). I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (Texas), National Certified Counselor, and a Registered Play Therapist. I have eight years of counseling experience with children, adolescents, and adults in various settings, including community agencies, schools, and university clinics. My areas of clinical and research expertise are trauma, socialemotional development, and multicultural counseling.

The mission of ACAC strongly aligns with my professional goals. I am passionate about educating and training clinicians, reducing mental health access barriers, and advocating for interventions that will prevent childhood concerns from persisting into adulthood. I desire to continue using my voice and expertise to advocate for children and adolescents from marginalized groups. This advocacy is especially critical considering the current racial climate and impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented populations.

My scholarly and leadership efforts have prepared me for continuation in this position. Through my leadership endeavors, I developed stronger decision-making, advocacy, and collaborative skills to contribute to the counseling profession. I have delivered peer-reviewed presentations at numerous professional conferences, conducted play therapy research, and contributed to child- focused publications. I believe I am a strong candidate for this position. My dedication to children and adolescents 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.

Rebekah Byrd

I am an Associate Professor of Counseling and the Clinical Experiences Coordinator at Sacred Heart University's new CMHC program. I was formerly at East Tennessee State University for ten years. I am very excited for the opportunity to serve ACAC. I have been a Counselor Educator for over 10 years and have almost 20 years of experience working in the mental health field in varying capacities and settings. I have been a member of and involved in many associations and divisions and have years of experience in leadership positions in TACES, and state branches of SAIGE, as well as other local counseling organizations. I would love the opportunity to grow in more of a leadership capacity with ACAC and

feel that the trustee position would be wonderful to gain more experience and learn more about opportunities for service to the members and the profession. My research specialization falls primarily in issues pertaining to children and adolescent, play therapy, school counseling, social justice/multicultural concerns, self-injury, women's wellness and Adlerian theory. I just recently co-authored a counseling textbook on counseling children and adolescents (currently in press) and am working on many other writing and research projects while just acquiring another co-authored counseling text. I have also co-edited a book entitled *Common encounters in school counseling: A case-based approach* and written 14 book chapters and more than 20 refereed journal articles to date. I bring qualifications, abilities, and experience from working in multiple roles including Clinical Experiences Coordinator, former Counseling Program Coordinator, former concentration coordinator, counselor educator, Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC- NC), Licensed Professional Counselor (TN), Licensed School Counselor (NC), Play Therapist and Supervisor (RPT-S), Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS), and researcher. I plan to use these qualifications to be of service and dedication to ACAC and the counseling profession.

ASSOCIATION FOR CREATIVITY IN COUNSELING (ACC)

TRUSTEE

Yvette R. “Roxi” Tolbert

Dr. Yvette R. “Roxi” Tolbert is a licensed professional counselor and supervisor in SC (LPC-S and LPC) and OH (LPCC-S), a nationally certified counselor (NCC), a nationally approved clinical supervisor (ACS), and a registered, board certified, and credentialed supervising art therapist (ATR-BC and ATCS). She received her undergraduate degrees from Winthrop University, graduate degrees from Ursuline College and Kent State University, and has worked in a number of mental health settings (community-based, hospital, outpatient, bereavement, college counseling, addiction recovery, and telemental health private practice) for the past 16 years. Dr. Tolbert is the Clinical Director and owner of Creative Flame Counseling and teaches as an adjunct professor at Winthrop University. She is a member of ACA, ACC, ASGW, ACES, SACES, SCCA, OCA, OCCA, OASERVIC, OACES, Chi Sigma Iota, and Psi Chi. Dr. Tolbert has served on state, regional, and national professional organizations in the roles of president-elect, treasurer, ethics and bylaws chair/editor, executive committee member, conference proposal reviewer, and conference planning committee member. Additionally, she is an artist who displays her work locally and nationally.

Dr. Tolbert has been a part of ACA and ACA divisions at both national and state levels but found her national division “home” in ACC. She has worked on the ACC conference planning committee in an ever-increasing manner for the past four years and was encouraged to submit her name for an ACC Trustee position by fellow colleagues and ACC Board members. Dr. Tolbert would like to deepen her investment in her ACC “home” by joining her colleagues on the Board as a Trustee.

She hopes to help develop and encourage activity within the ACC interest networks if she is elected as a Trustee for the ACC Board.

Lotes Nelson

My name is Lotes Nelson, PhD., LCMHC, ACS, NCC and I am humbled to be nominated to serve as a Trustee with the Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC). I am ready to tackle the primary role of a Trustee in assisting to govern the body of the ACC organization and to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all types of organizational decisions. My previous and current organizational board memberships and professional leadership roles have given me the experiences to be aware of the rules and regulations of the organization and to ensure sound- decision making strategies. Further, I hope to bring my professional knowledge, as a counselor educator and counselor, to fulfill ACC's mission to "promote greater awareness, advocacy, and understanding of creativity in counseling" (ACC Bylaws, Mission). I have learned the fundamental elements of ACC over the last few years through my involvement in its annual conference planning and as a repeat presenter. As a culturally responsive counselor educator and counselor, I understand that everyone brings their beautiful uniqueness, and therefore creativity is necessary to reach the individuals that I serve. The creativity in my approach is not just limited to my clinical work, but also applicable in my work as a future Trustee. This creativity will include being in-tune with diverse perspectives of the diverse ACC constituents. This will mean handling important decision making to meet everyone's diverse needs with the utmost ethical and legal considerations.

I believe myself to be competent to serve as a Trustee for ACC and can offer my skills and experiences, and along with my colleagues, make high-level decisions for the organization. As I have worked with many of the ACC stakeholders (officers, memberships), I look forward to continuing to offer my services to build consensus and robust governance within the association.

AMERICAN COLLEGE COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (ACCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Becca Smith

I am running for President Elect of ACCA because I absolutely love this organization. I started in college counseling in 2010. Right away my supervisor encouraged me to join ACCA. At first, reading the emails on the listserv really helped me gain insight into my role as a college counselor, and I found a place to ask questions that actually got answered!! I attended my first ACCA conference in 2014. While at the conference I made connections to passionate people who love working with college students. It inspired me to become Chair of the Social Media Committee in 2016. At the ACCA conference in 2017, I attended a session on leadership within ACCA which encouraged me to serve on the ACCA Executive Board. I was elected and served as Secretary for ACCA from 2018–2020. Being on the Board helped me appreciate the importance of supporting college counselors and the work we do for students. College counselors continue to positively affect retention rates, inclusiveness, advocacy and mental health awareness on our campuses. We truly are social change agents. This year has especially been challenging for counselors both personally and professionally. I am very honored to be part of an organization that continues to take up the call to action, but also has a focus on self-care and collaboration. We need each other now more than ever. My goal is to continue to raise my voice and amplify your voices toward a future which will be more inclusive and supportive of everyone in our profession including those we serve. I hope as

President Elect to continue to focus on those values, raise awareness, and serve the college counseling community. Thank you for your consideration in electing me as President Elect of ACCA.

TREASURER

Sean Newhart

My name is Sean Newhart and I am running to serve in the position of Treasurer on the ACCA Executive Council. As a member since 2017, I have participated in ACCA in a variety of capacities, including receiving the ACCA Research Grant in 2017; serving on the ACCA Research Committee in 2018 and 2019; being awarded the ACCA Emerging Leader Grant in 2019; serving as a reviewer for the ACCA Emerging Leader Grant in 2019; serving on the ACCA Nominations and Elections Committee in 2019; serving as a conference presenter in 2018, 2019, and 2020; and serving as a reviewer of the Journal of College Counseling since 2018. As I have become increasingly involved with ACCA, I've had the opportunity to better understand the multiple facets of our organization and engage with the stakeholders at different levels of ACCA. My desire to run for treasurer represents a continuation of my commitment to advocating for the college counseling profession and serving members of ACCA.

Regarding my qualifications for positions, I have had experience serving in executive positions for student-led organizations in both my undergraduate and master's education (i.e., Chi Sigma Iota, Chi Upsilon Chapter President from 2015 to 2016) and actively contributed to budgetary decisions in both positions. As an Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University, I also have experience in creating and managing budgets at a programmatic and larger school level.

Integrating my experience with ACCA, service in leadership positions, and work with organizational budgets, I wish to serve in a way that will contribute to the continued vitality of our organization while preparing us for future needs and advancement in the larger profession. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for this position.

Derrick Paladino

I am thoroughly excited to be considered for the position of ACCA treasurer. College counseling and student development have been a passion for me throughout my entire career. Currently, I am a professor of clinical mental health counseling at Rollins College and the coordinator of our College and University Counseling Certificate. I have been at Rollins College for 13 years. Historically, I have also coordinated a college counseling CACREP Track. My ACCA career began as a graduate student member-at-large many years ago. Since then I have been very connected to the field - writing and presenting on the topic – most recently our book through ACA publications entitled, “College Counseling and Student Development: Theory, Practice, and Campus Collaboration.” In addition, I was the director for the embedded college counseling clinic in our counseling program, have delivered programming for student affairs, and have assisted our CAPS providing clinical work and supervision. I am currently a SAMSHA grant committee member, through our CAPS, on the topic of college student suicide and suicide prevention. Finally, I have been chair of our larger college's Student Life Governance Committee twice over. I love being connected to college counseling and student development. Regarding the role of ACCA treasurer, I have gained experience through my tenure as department chair where I have worked

extensively with budgets (preparation, maintenance and allocation of funds). I believe these skills will transfer wonderfully to the ACCA treasurer role. Finally, my aspirational goal is to assist ACCA become so incredibly fiscally sound that they can build a “Scrooge McDuck like vault.” Here, ACCA members can have the opportunity to dive into, swim, and spit gold doubloons in the air for the eyes to see.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE – ADVOCACY

Alan M. “Woody” Schwitzer

I appreciate the nomination to the ACCA Executive Council as Member-at-Large (Professional Advocacy) during this cultural moment:

Counseling centers have always provided resilient responses to changing campus needs, including after 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and Virginia Tech and the need continues during the current challenges. I am a licensed psychologist and professor of counseling, and have been advocating for college health and mental health in an interdisciplinary context throughout my career.

Prior to my current faculty work in College Counseling, Higher Education, and Community College Leadership at Old Dominion University, I trained and worked in counseling centers at Virginia Commonwealth University, The University of Texas at Austin, Tulane University, and James Madison University. I have been Editor of the Journal of College Counseling and Chair of the ACA Council of Journal Editors – and I now fill various editorial roles with the Journal of College Student Development, Journal of American College Health, and About Campus Magazine. Currently I am the Executive Editor of ACCA’s national College Counseling & Psychological Services Knowledge-Base.

Some recognitions reflecting my investment in, and contributions to, college counseling include: ACCA Meritorious Service Award, Outstanding Contributions to Professional Knowledge Award, & Research Award; ACPA Lifetime Achievement Award (Counseling & Psychological Services) & Commission Research Award; and ACA Ralph Berdie Student Affairs Research Award.

The ACCA Member-at-Large for Professional Advocacy promotes information and resources for the membership and the field. Towards that end, for many years throughout my career I have: been an extensive college health and mental health researcher; contributed popular magazine articles and written books and book chapters; and promoted the intersection among college counseling, college student development, college health, counseling psychology, and professional counseling. I would look forward to the chance to now extend these efforts with the ACCA Executive Council.

Scott Sokoloski

Hello! My name is Scott Sokoloski and I am a licensed psychologist in the state of Pennsylvania as well as the Associate Director of Counseling for Technology and Communication at the Drexel University Counseling Center in Philadelphia. Along with my role as a clinician, during my professional career I have been actively involved in the promotion of counseling center services through the development of creative marketing and social media initiatives. At Drexel, I have initiated programs with local and national organizations to help connect with students who might not know about or otherwise use our

services. I have also collaborated closely with university administration, faculty and staff, and the local community to help provide support and promote mental wellness.

As the Chair of the ACCA Social Media Committee, I have endeavored to promote both the ACCA and the field of counseling in general through moderating our social media pages, heightening awareness, and encouraging participation. I believe in the mission of the ACCA and its efforts to connect with professionals and students at community colleges and four-year institutions. This is especially important during the global pandemic, as students and staff are operating in quarantine while trying to navigate the challenges of being a member of the larger community.

In this role as the Member-At-Large for Professional Advocacy, I intend to work for and with all of you to increase awareness of the vitally important and challenging work that you do every day, both on a national and state level. I believe in the importance of diversity and the significance of promoting dialogue which challenges our beliefs and the systems in which we operate. I hope to have the honor to work with you in this regard. Thank you for your consideration!

ASSOCIATION FOR COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION (ACES)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Stephen V. Flynn

I am deeply honored to be nominated for President-Elect of ACES. As a counselor educator and clinical supervisor at Plymouth State University, I have considered ACES to be my professional home for the past 15 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 the North Atlantic region of ACES; NARACES 2018 conference planning chair; CES 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 continue this work and 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. I am dedicated to helping ACES continue its tradition of serving as a leading organization in professional counseling and providing excellent professional preparation for counselor educators. My interest in serving as ACES President reflects three core goals: (a) advancing counselor education by enhancing our collective understanding of multicultural and diversity issues, supervision, and research; (b) increasing membership and encouraging member participation; and (c) 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 professional counseling and supervision through high-impact research, and ensuring that excellent continuing education opportunities continue to be provided by ACES. I will collaborate with the ACES Executive Committee, Governing Council, and the general membership to strengthen these core areas and help ACES build on its history of excellence.

Natoya Hill Haskins

As a first generation college student, who worked for many years as a school counselor with youth in urban communities, my life's work has centered around addressing issues of equity and creating supportive professional and clinical experiences for ALL individuals. Consequently, I served as the Emerging Leaders Selection Committee co-chair (2011-2012). Subsequently, I functioned as the co-chair of the SACES Journal Exploration Ad-Hoc Committee in 2013. In continuance of my service to SACES, I was elected to the position of SACES secretary in 2014 and then elected SACES President in 2016. In the latter role, I had the privilege of helping to usher in and support over 20 women of color into leadership positions. In addition, during my time in this role, I reinstated the Day of Service for our bi-annual conference as a means to demonstrate our strategic mission related to social justice and advocacy. In my year as past-president, I was instrumental in developing the SACES Diversity Scholarship. At the national level, I also served as chair of several ACES taskforces, to include, Leadership and Emerging Leaders (2017-2019), Vetting and Election Procedures (2017-2018), and Diversity Scholarship (2018-2019). Currently, I serve as the AMDC Treasurer. My professional service is based on my deep desire to increase diverse representation and provide support to underrepresented populations who enter the pipeline of service. Consequently, in my role as ACES President I would endeavor to address disparities in leadership. I look to help members "see behind the curtain" and demystify the leadership experience as well as provide support and leadership enrichment for those who are new to leadership. Using my "servant leadership" style, which has roots in my seminary training and military experience, I will work alongside members of ACES, to model community, inclusivity, and courageous change.

SECRETARY-ELECT

Wendy J. Hoskins

When I started my counselor education journey, my mentor was elected as ACES President. When we discussed our profession, I remember our shared desire to serve and commitment to moving our profession forward. I have watched him and other mentors throughout my career and learned from the best. Now, 20 years later, it is my time to help us move forward. I am excited about the prospect of serving as your ACES Secretary-Elect!

So, why me and why now?

I bring a wealth of experience as a counselor educator, supervisor, and active professional within ACES. I possess an energy and enthusiasm to see the organization continue to grow based on current trends, needs, and desires of its members. I have been fortunate to serve in elected leadership roles (e.g., state counseling association president, regional treasurer, regional executive council) as well as multiple national committees and interest networks. Skills I possess that would prepare me for the position include active listening, ability to see and value varying viewpoints, teamwork, inclusion, and willingness to make difficult decisions with consensus. My students and colleagues describe my leadership style as inclusive, consensus building, safe, trustworthy, and empathic. I make a concerted effort to show and model a desire to lead with compassion. As a lifelong learner and agent of change, I understand the need to grow and explore our profession through researchbased practices.

My desire to serve as Secretary-Elect comes from a belief in service to the profession in meaningful and impactful ways. During these unprecedented times, I am also aware of the need to find multiple

pathways to stay connected. Serving as Secretary-Elect would allow me to engage with you and other ACES members at a foundational level, be a part of moving ACES forward, and provide support to the ACES leadership team.

Jennifer Smith

Providing service to our professional flagship organization in counselor education, the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES), is a lifelong, evolving career goal. Service to ACES is important to me because it shapes and informs much of what we do as counselor educators and supervisors. ACES has influenced my professional values and assisted in my professional development, and I, in turn, would like to be of service in shaping and influencing our next generation of counselor educators and supervisors through the role of Secretary-elect. The reason for seeking involvement in ACES as Secretary-elect is that the role of Secretary is one I have developed familiarity and aptitude at the regional level. Since 2018, I have served as the Rocky Mountain Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (RMACES) Secretary. When I think of how I am best able to engage in service, there is a balance of challenge and a previously developed skill set to draw upon, and this opportunity strikes that balance.

My current position is Assistant Professor at the University of Northern Colorado. I received my Ph.D. in Counselor Education in 2016 from Georgia State University. I am an Editorial Board member for the Journal of Counselor Leadership and Advocacy (2017-2020) and have been involved with various Chi Sigma Iota chapters since 2010. Serving on the ACES Social Justice and Human Rights Committee as a member for two consecutive years has been an honor. Another huge honor has been serving on the SAIGE, formerly ALGBTIC, Research and Scholarship Committee as a member the past two years. Additional service has included the RMACES Awards Committee (2018- member, 2020- chair) and serving as a reviewer for conference proposals for ACA (2020), ACES (2019), and RMACES (2018, 2020). Thank you for your consideration for ACES Secretary-elect.

ASSOCIATION FOR HUMANISTIC COUNSELING (AHC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Alfredo F. Palacios

The opportunity to lead as president of the Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC) will allow me to serve my community of scholars and practitioners. The humanistic philosophy is core to my professional identity and expressed in my scholarship, pedagogy, and professional counseling practice. AHC has been a cornerstone to my journey as a counselor educator. My experience with AHC as a member has largely been characterized by mentorship, collaboration, and collegiality. My service as president will embody these same principles in an aim to develop deeper connections with our members as well as welcome new voices to our division.

I've served AHC in several capacities in the past. I was an Emerging Leader (2018-2019) and have contributed to our annual convergence as both a volunteer and presenter. I have also served the Journal of Humanistic Counseling as an assistant to the editor, review board member, and now Associate Editor. I am the current chair of AHC's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee.

It is my belief that a cornerstone to leaderships is to acknowledge and engage our social climate toward taking action that positions humanistic education, practice and scholarship within the fray for justice. It is important for me to create a climate that allows members to connect, develop, and disseminate ideas that fuel the social dialogue at large. By valuing the knowledge of those that have served before me and mentoring those that will come after me, I can use my term to enhance the legacy of Humanism in counseling. As president I will be visible, accessible, and steadfast in showcasing the work of our members as a living testament to the humanistic philosophy in counseling.

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 the new e-newsletter format and editing our newsletter, cochairing the AHC Graduate Student Task Force, and presenting at our conference and webinar programs. 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 fosters openness, transparency, and authenticity. Leadership roles feel comfortable to me and at present, I serve as the Program Director of Yorkville University's Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology where I oversee 115 doctorate level faculty. This role has provided many opportunities for me to develop 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 such as our empty plate project. Identifying and meeting member needs will be a top priority if I am elected. I want to explore the wants and needs of members as well as how AHC can best support them. Nearly half of our members are students. I would like to understand their unique situations and encourage lifelong engagement with AHC. Thank you for your consideration!

TREASURER

Marianna L. Oller

Dr. Marianna L. Oller is a Core Faculty Member in the Counseling Program at Adler Graduate School. Dr. Oller is a National Certified Counselor (NCC), Associate Marriage & Family Therapist (CA), Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (CA), Licensed Professional Counseling Intern (TX), and Marriage & Family Therapist Associate (TX). Dr. Oller earned her Master of Science in Counseling at California State University, Fullerton, and her Doctorate in Counseling at the University of North Texas. Dr. Oller is the immediate past Graduate Student Representative for the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD), and Emerging Leader for the Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC). As a socially-just humanistic professional, her research interests and advocacy efforts are focused on eliminating the disparities and magnifying the voices of historically marginalized individuals. Dr. Oller is passionate about equity, inclusion, cross-cultural mentorship, and multicultural issues in counseling. Her aim is to promote personal growth, increased self-awareness, and self-empowerment in her clients, mentees, and students.

As a leader, I aspire to mentor, motivate, and empower individuals to foster their personal and professional development, cultivate cultural awareness, and actively confront inequity. As AHC Treasurer, I would use the platform to foster fiscal responsibility, promote positive and action-oriented dialogue around racial and social injustice, confront oppressive systems of power and privilege, and work to increase our membership while encouraging collaboration across ACA divisions. Additionally, I bring prior professional experience related to financial reporting, budgeting, and monitoring financial activities, which includes:

- Devised and managed comprehensive operating budgets exceeding \$11.5 million annually.
- Authored monthly financial variance analysis reports and detailed narratives for multiple ownerships.
- Organized and oversaw capital budgets, annual reconciliations, and all accounting functions.
- Managed account payables, consistent with approved budgets, contractor/supplier performance, corporate accounting directives, and expense containment initiatives.

Tyler Wilkinson

I am honored to have been nominated to serve as Treasurer of the Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC). I feel at home with AHC where I enjoy interacting with individuals who are passionate about encouraging individuals to live authentically and to their full potential. I strongly resonate with the humanistic belief that all people have value and worth and should be honored and respected. I have volunteered with AHC in several ways over the past years, including serving as chair of the membership committee for the past six years, serving on the conference planning committee for the last two annual conferences, and serving as a member on the public relations/technology committee. During this time, I have developed a rich understanding of the division's membership that I will use to inform my role as AHC Treasurer. I am committed to the financial and overall success of AHC. I am an Associate Professor of Counseling at Mercer University in Atlanta, GA where I serve as the program coordinator of our Ph.D. program in Counselor Education and Supervision. I have also served for many years as the coordinator of the MS program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and the faculty advisor for our chapter of Chi Sigma Iota. In these roles, I have provided successful oversight of the organizational and financial success of these programs. I will bring what I learned from these experiences to inform my role as treasurer so that I can help the division continue to empower, advocate, and promote humanistic ideals.

SECRETARY

Alicia K. Hall

My passion is for humanistic counseling. For over a decade, I have worked as a humanistic counselor, supervisor, and counselor educator. My value of helping others to become whole-hearted and their best, most authentic selves transcends all areas of my life roles. I feel honored and privileged for the opportunity to serve others from a humanistic perspective through my professional service activities and the work I will do as AHC secretary.

The AHC secretary role will allow me to give back to an association that supports my humanistic values. In the past, I have served AHC in a number of ways. I currently serve as the AHC Webinar Coordinator and I have strategically implemented short and long-term goals to streamline the webinar process and provide members with a wide range of beneficial trainings around humanistic principles. I am also

serving as the 2021 AHC on-site conference coordinator. Finally, I am serving as the Chair of the AHC Humanistic Counselor Certificate Task Force.

My past leadership roles have provided me with valuable leadership skills that I can use to buttress my work as the AHC secretary. I have served as an advocate and presenter for local mental health organizations; in various CSI chapter leadership positions; and as an on-site conference coordinator, secretary, and emerging leader for other associations.

Leadership should be about honoring and empowering those I serve and serve alongside. As secretary of AHC, I will be in a position to foster and cultivate strong relationships in multiple facets (e.g., with the AHC Board, as liaison to ACA, and most importantly, to our membership). In this role, I will empower AHC members to develop their humanistic values and skills through resource and program development, and strive to be a conscientious, thoughtful member of the AHC board.

Paul Smith

Having been a consistent part of AHC for the past 6+ years, I have gained insight about the innerworkings of AHC and the administrative needs of this organization. I helped pioneer the continuing education webinars and coordinated those events for four years. In 2019, I became more heavily involved in the conference planning and execution as the on-site conference coordinator. Chairing the 2020 conference was both a joy and a bittersweet experience, as we had to cancel the conference due to the coronavirus. I hope to help the conference realize its potential in Nashville next year as the conference co-chair. Outside of AHC, I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling at Mercer University and serve as the Coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Program.

As I reflect over the past few years, I am thankful for the mentorship over the years from various individuals in AHC and hope to give back by providing a positive experience for all members. The mission of this organization is central to my view of our profession – the assertion that humanism is fundamental to the work of counseling. I would be honored continue the positive impact of this division through serving in the Secretary role.

ASSOCIATION FOR MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT (AMCD)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Angela Coker

For over twenty years I have been a Counselor Education. I have held academic appointments in Counseling departments at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL), and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. I am a long-time active member of ACA, AMCD, ACES, and ASGW.

My publication record includes a focus on African American women's personal, career, and academic development. I currently serve as the inaugural Director of Inclusive Faculty Recruitment and Retention at San Diego State University. I have extensive international experience as a Fulbright-Hays Scholar (Brazil),

a Visiting Scholar at the University of Botswana and the University of the Western Cape in South Africa. I am the recipient of numerous awards, including the ASGW Group Practice Award (2015), the Women's Trailblazer Award (2015) from UMSL, and the Outstanding Professional Teaching Award from NCACES (2007). I am also a LPCC in the states of California and Missouri.

From 2013–2019, I had the pleasure of serving as AMCD's Mid-Western Regional Rep. This opportunity helped me learn more about AMCD as a Division, its organizational structure, and commitment to multicultural advocacy. During my tenure as Mid-Western Regional Rep., I worked with the Executive Council to increase division membership, developed partnerships with other counseling divisions, and served on the editorial board of JMCD.

If I am elected to this position, my goals are to continue and advance the solid work and dedication of its founding members, as well as its current professionals. It is in this spirit that I want to assist in maintaining and increasing the Division's goals and commitment to excellence in counseling and cultural competency. In 2021, AMCD turns 50 and will mark an important opportunity to highlight its historical trailblazing accomplishments, as well as vision for the 21st century.

Asha Dickerson

Greetings to the dedicated members of the AMCD! I, Asha Dickerson am hoping to earn your vote as the next President-Elect for our wonderful division. I am an LPC in Alabama and Georgia, an NCC, and an Approved Clinical Supervisor. I have been an active member of the AMCD for over a decade and have served on the Executive Board as the Secretary from 2012-2016 and Southern Region Representative from 2016-2020. At the state level, I have also served as the President of the Alabama AMCD. I have loved working with enthusiastic and passionate professionals from all over the nation while serving in these positions.

If elected, much of my attention would be devoted to continuing to build upon the initiatives that are already in place in AMCD. The division continues to grow and evolve and often, new initiatives are formed while established initiatives are forgotten or neglected. If elected, I will put more effort into growing and supporting the efforts of past-presidents and members.

Having learned so much about AMCD, I am inspired to be even more involved. I bring the knowledge of issues faced by state divisions as well as a thorough knowledge of successful and unsuccessful ideas that have been initiated in the division for the last 8 years. 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 assisting each other with current issues in each state. 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 members of AMCD and the profession as the AMCD President-Elect.

Noreal F. Armstrong

I am proud of the work that AMCD has produced over its almost fifty year tenure. As an active member in AMCD, I am privileged to have taken part in some of the work that has been done. From 2016-2018 I was the Strategic Planning for Clinicians and Graduate Students Chair where I implemented initiatives

aimed at supporting the specific needs of clinicians and graduate students. I served on the Bylaws and Awards committee in 2017, became the Women's Concerns Task Force Chair in 2018, and served as Secretary for the 2019-2020 year. During my time as Task Force chair, I developed and implemented actions required to transition from a Task Force to a Concerns Group and now serve AMCD as the Vice President of the Women's Concern Group. Through my various leadership roles within AMCD, I have correctly utilized policy and procedure, I understand and have ideas for implementing AMCD's strategic plan, and I have established a strong professional alliance of leaders within AMCD and the counseling profession. As a counselor for 11 years, I have served as the Association for Creativity in Counseling Bullying and Interpersonal Violence Task Force Committee Chair, ACA Branch Development Committee member, Texas Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development President-Elect, and this year was asked to serve as an ACES Anti-Racist Pedagogy Task Force Committee Member. As President-Elect it would be my aim and a privilege to work with the great leaders of AMCD to take us into the future of the profession by infusing innovation, creativity, and sustaining the rich cultural history of our division as we keep AMCD at the forefront of the evolution of counseling. I will bring my leadership skills, my knowledge of other branches and divisions, and my ability to build on the strengths of those around me.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER CONCERNS

Monica P. Band

As interim VP of AAPI Concerns, I focused my efforts on connecting with members and current leaders to better assess the needs of the group. What I found was an increased need for connection, communication, and community. Through AMCD, the AAPI Concerns group put together a panel in discussing xenophobia during COVID as well as addressing what the AAPI community can do to uplift the Black community, rather than contribute to systemic racism. We must have more critical discussions and forums like this. I believe the AAPI community can do a lot in ways of de-stigmatizing mental health and addressing intergenerational traumas as well as helping support other cultural groups in need. I believe visibility is important and we need to make a more intentional effort of equally representing the diversity within the Asian community. If elected, I would continue to focus on providing outreach to new members to empower them in positions of leadership within our group, AMCD, and ACA. As a private practitioner and former Counselor Educator, I dedicated my career on research, scholarship, and practice to serving the AAPI community. I would like to make an effort in engaging in projects and lifting up other AAPI voices in research, scholarship, and leadership within our profession. Overall, we need to mentor, uplift new and diverse voices within our Concerns group. I would like to break the Bamboo ceiling to make this happen.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTH ATLANTIC REGION

Todd E. Henley

I have a deep passion to creatively improve cultural, ethnic and racial empathy and understanding through workshops, podcasts, media outlets, discussion groups, programs, racial healing groups, and educational videos. I plan to accomplish this by establishing a North Atlantic creative team and then a Lead Facilitator in each North Atlantic Region State or Territory.

Once this is accomplished, we will strategize together to see how minorities and marginalized populations are being discriminated against in each State or Territory. After this we will diligently work on a 1, 3, 5, and 10-year plan to bring racial healing and equity to each community where a Lead Facilitator is residing. I will also work hard with our team to identify and work to eliminate conditions which create barriers to the individual development of marginalized populations.

Bringing a team together to improve ethnic and racial empathy and understanding is a life calling for me. This is why I lead the Racial Reconciliation Team at my church. I am also a Certified Generational Trauma Healing Facilitator, and Certified Trauma Healing Specialist. I have a certificate in Global Trauma Recovery, a Master of Arts in Leadership Development, and a Master of Arts in Counseling. Finally, I lead a 10-week support group for men called, THE UNDERGROUND, to help them heal from racial and generational trauma. With my experience, skills, and team building ability I truly expect to improve racial empathy and healing in the North Atlantic Region!

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Jordan Mike

Greetings! I am Jordan Mike, a first-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. My overall positive experience during my first year compelled me to apply to once again be a student liaison for the 2019-2020 year. During the previous year, I had the privilege of serving as a member of both the Conference Committee and the Media, PR, and Professional Development Committee. During the last two 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.

Kyesha Isadore

Hi AMCD! My name is Kyesha Isadore and I am a doctoral candidate in Counselor Education & Supervision at Penn State. My hometown is Lafayette, LA and I love hiking, musicals, and traveling. My research focuses on how intersectionality impacts mental health, specifically around race/ism, gender, and dis/ability; along with exploring the experiences of counselor education students of color, mindfulness interventions, and multicultural competence in counseling. To sum up my leadership style in a few words, I value open communication, transparency, teamwork, feedback, and accountability. Having the opportunity to serve as your GSR would allow me to combine my passion for this field with the skills I've gained from my past experiences and I'm so excited about the opportunities and growth that this

position offers. I hope to serve as the next AMCD graduate student representative and provide a space for graduate students to form community, have relevant conversations via town halls, create personal and professional development opportunities, and represent all graduate students on the AMCD executive council. Thank you for your consideration!

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Catherine Y. Chang (Catharina)

I am a proud and engaged member of ACA and AMCD. For over 25 years, I have actively promoted the mission of ACA ~ “Promote the professional development of counselors, advocate for the profession, and ensure ethical, culturally-inclusive practices that protect those using counseling services” ~ through my clinical work, teaching/mentorship, professional service, and scholarship. I have had the privilege of serving as President of two ACA divisions (AMCD and AARC) and President of Chi Sigma Iota-International. I also served as the delegate to the 20/20: A Vision for the Future of Counseling and chairperson for the American Counseling Association Foundation. At the community level, I served on a preschool board, consulted for a non-profit counseling agency, and served on an advisory board for a women’s shelter. These diverse leadership opportunities have afforded me a unique perspective on the operations and challenges faced by organizations. Over the years, I have also witnessed ACA confront various issues related to client and professional advocacy, such as licensure portability, counselor scope of practice, counselor educational requirements, and insurance coverage for mental health. More recently, ACA is again called to confront racism and discrimination that directly and indirectly impact our clients, professional counselors, and the counseling profession. I believe my rich leadership experiences and passion for client and social advocacy well position me to be the AMCD representative to the ACA Governing Council and to support ACA as we encounter challenges to ACA’s core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion; social justice, and empowerment; integrity; and proactive leadership. I would be honored to represent AMCD on the ACA Governing Council and to ensure that issues of race, diversity, and social action remain on the forefront of ACA’s agenda.

Shon D. Smith

Professional Counselor, Clinical Supervisor, Advocate, and Leader. I have been in the counseling profession for over 26 years, a clinical supervisor for more than 23 years, and a Counselor Educator for 20 years. I have served the counseling profession in volunteer and elected positions to include but not limited to 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. I have also served as President of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association, Florida Counseling Association, FAMCD, PACES, and FACES. I have served as Committee Chair for the PCA and FCA Conventions, FCA Professional Development, FCA Public Policy, and FCA Advocacy Committees. 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 Governing Council of ACA is the system within our organization that sets policy; rules; and professional norms for governing and creating change. My goal is to make good trouble. While always

working for and representing AMCD members and the counseling profession, I will use a social justice framework to lead and serve all counselors: a) I will listen and be available to AMCD membership; b) I will work to 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; and e) As a mentor, I will develop and groom the next generation of advocates, leaders, and counselors.

AMERICAN REHABILITATION COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (ARCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Valerie E. D. Russell

I am humbled to have the opportunity to be at the helm of an organization that is concerned with the professional development of rehabilitation counselors who provide services to persons with disabilities. As a disability advocate and transformative leader, I am focused on improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. My extensive and varied experiences related to disability advocacy, academic programs, research, leadership, shared governance, and financial management position me to contribute significantly to ARCA's mission and vision for the future.

From 2011- present I have served as the Program Coordinator of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at Florida International University. Since being in the role, the program has obtained national accreditation (CORE and CACREP), been awarded over 3 million dollars in federal grant funding, became nationally ranked and the number of student enrollment has increased substantially.

Additionally, I serve as the Principal Investigator (PI) and Project Director on the grant projects, Clinical Coordinator and Standardized Exit Exam Coordinator for the Counselor Education Program. Further, I have been on ARCA board members as Director, Organization, Administration and Management Council for the past 6 years and I provide weekly guidance and training to community therapist as a Clinical Supervision Consultant to community agency programs and Expert Witness for Social Security Administration. Prior to current position(s) I worked in the human service/rehabilitation counseling field in several capacities. Therefore, it is my sincere belief that my successes in clinical rehabilitation counseling, higher education, administration, teaching, and research have provided me with the knowledge and skills necessary to make a substantive contribution to ARCA.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL ON ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

Paige Dunlap

ARCA has a rich history in rehabilitation counseling. Its dedication to increasing knowledge about our profession as rehabilitation counselors is unmatched. ARCA has paved the way for other organizations to take a closer look at how to best serve individuals with disabilities. In recognizing this dynamic history, I seek to continue a role in ARCA leadership as Chair of the Council on Organization, Administration, and Management. Having served 6 years as the ARCA Governing Council Representative, I recognize some

of the strategies that our organization can use to propel forward. This begins by looking at current trends and diversity issues in our world and the impact they have on our profession. We must also promote professionalism and advocate through action. Our profession as rehabilitation counselors is changing and evolving. Given this, collaborating with other organizations of similar values, would provide an excellent platform to consolidate interests and visions with widespread implementation. I'm committed to expressing the challenges and concerns we face as an organization, while offering supportive suggestions and strategies to achieve goals. To be progressive in this position, my goal must involve willingness to think critically and recognize areas of improvement. This process cannot be done alone. It is necessary to ask and reflect upon distinguished opinions of the ARCA leadership and membership to help ARCA continue to meet and exceed expectations for organizational quality and caliber. I strive to advocate for our members and the clients we serve. I will continue efforts to support our objective of increasing the understanding of our specialty in counseling. As our field evolves, so must ARCA. Continuation of projects and developing new objectives are on the horizon for the coming years! It would be an honor to continue to serve as a part of the ARCA leadership team during this time.

Marcela Kopic

Since my early involvement in the helping field, I have always gravitated toward interdisciplinary involvement to promote the wellrounded development of every individual. My background in nursing, special education, crisis counseling, and counselor education made me who I am today – an advocate for those in need. My research investigates life span development issues, life satisfaction, grief, caregiving issues, mid-life friendships, and school staff preparedness to address LGBTQ youth needs. My professional involvement with the ACA is multifaceted. I am the past president of the Association for Adult Development and a member of many other ACA divisions, including the ARCA. I served on many committees and task forces, such as Crisis Preparedness and Trauma Task Force, International Committee, and the LGBT Adult Lifespan Development committee. I serve as a manuscript reviewer for the *Adultspan Journal* and *The Journal of Counselor Preparation and Supervision*. Every year I contribute to publications in peer-reviewed counseling journals and passionately present at international, national, and regional conferences.

I believe in the responsibility of using my privileges—education, training, and experience—to serve others in our profession and society. Serving as chair of Council Organization, Administration, and Management for the ARCA, I will continue to serve my profession and the ARCA through leadership to enhance the development of people with disabilities throughout the life span and also to promote excellence in the rehabilitation counseling profession. Drawing on my professional and interdisciplinary experience and passion, I hope to assist ARCA in encouraging excellence in the area of organization and management of rehabilitation counseling services and in bringing awareness to the importance of working within a developmental frame of all individuals with disabilities. I will draw on my extensive clinical, research, and leadership experience to further the mission of the ARCA and that of the field of Counseling.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL ON RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE

Amanda Tashjian

My interest in the Council on Research and Knowledge position for The American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA) stems from a deep investment in bettering the lives of people with

disabilities. As a scholar, practitioner, and advocate, I feel that my experience and commitment to rehabilitation counseling would be an asset to ARCA. I am particularly interested in the Council on Research and Knowledge board position as I believe that research informs practice in turn providing individuals with disabilities greater opportunities personally and professionally. It is imperative that rehabilitation counseling scholars are able to produce quality research, gain access to funding and grant opportunities, and disseminate their findings while collaborating with other scholars and stakeholders.

The Council position for Research and Knowledge is most appealing to me. I feel it would allow me to serve the rehabilitation counseling community and network with other professionals and stakeholders across the country in ways supporting knowledge dissemination and research opportunities. As a Rehabilitation Services Administration scholar, I know the mutually beneficial aspects of training opportunities and research. I strive to advocate for opportunities that provide the specific and important training of rehabilitation counselors, while aiding in research. Beyond this, the quality of research produced in rehabilitation counseling has a direct impact on service provision for individuals with disabilities.

I hope to support the ARCA in its mission to remain dedicated to the excellence of rehabilitation counseling and services for individuals with disabilities; maintain awareness of national standards in certification, leadership, education, advocacy, and research; and facilitate a forward-thinking identity within the profession. I feel I can bring new vision and help the ARCA to continue fostering a strong identity within the counseling profession while maintaining the mission and vision of the association.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Hartley

I welcome the opportunity to serve as Governing Council Representative for the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA). I am well positioned to be a voice for the interests of ARCA having recently served in the role of ARCA President-Elect, President, and Past-President. Additionally, I have been engaged in service and leadership in the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC), which defines the specialty practice of rehabilitation counseling. The Governing Council Representative is critical because it provides rehabilitation counseling a voice within the larger structure of the American Counseling Association (ACA) as a whole and its various divisions. The scope of practice for rehabilitation counselors is similar to other counselors. Yet, rehabilitation counselors also possess unique knowledge and skills around understanding the medical and psychosocial aspects of diverse disabilities. I believe that rehabilitation counselors are part and parcel of the counseling profession. Both ARCA and ACA must continue to evolve, and I would be honored to be part of that process and serve as the Governing Council Representative for ARCA.

ASSOCIATION FOR SPIRITUAL, ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS VALUES IN COUNSELING (ASERVIC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jesse Fox

It is a great joy to me to be running for the position of President-Elect of ASERVIC. ASERVIC is the only division within the ACA that specifically focuses on topics of spirituality and religion as a core, not peripheral, components of mental health care. It is for this reason that I find a great sense of continuity between the mission of ASERVIC and my professional experiences and aspirations. I received my counselor training in a seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and then spent the next 10 years serving continuously in ASERVIC, first as graduate student representative while I was receiving my doctorate at the University of Central Florida, then as an Executive Board Member from 2014 to 2017. I have actively served on the editorial board for ASERVIC's journal, *Counseling and Values*, since 2013, been a member of our Strategic Planning Committee since 2017, and Chaired our Religious and Spiritual Competencies Task Force since 2019. As a counselor, I have served clients in both sacred and secular contexts. I have always found, no matter where counseling services are provided, that clients' mental health frequently relates to matters of ultimate concern. Because of that, I have pursued research that focuses on spirituality and religion with the goal of promoting effective counseling services. This has included developing programs of research on spiritual bypass, spiritual and religious struggles, contemplative practice, as well as a comprehensive model for practicing spiritually integrated counseling. As a professor, I routinely train my students in how to practice competently whether that is in the area of spiritual assessment, diagnosis, spiritually oriented interventions, collaborative care with communities of faith, among others. My goal as ASERVIC President would be to continue to move spirituality and religion from the peripheral to the mainstream of mental health care.

BOARD MEMBER

John J. S. Harrichand

Thank you for the nomination and opportunity to serve ASERVIC as a Board Member. My name is John J. S. Harrichand, Ph.D., LMHC, LPC, NCC, CCMHC, ACS and I am an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at the State University of New York at Brockport. Over the past few years, ASERVIC has become one of my professional homes as a counselor, educator, researcher, and supervisor as it aligns with my professional and personal identities. I believe in the importance of understanding the individual using a bio-psycho-social-spiritual framework, which in my view aligns with the ASERVIC competencies. ASERVIC provides the space for me to explore and learn the diverse array of spiritual, ethical, and religious values in counseling to better understand myself, and support my students, clients, and communities. I have the pleasure of serving as Co-Chair of the Ethical Values Committee working with a brilliant and passionate group of colleagues to address ethical issues related to religious and spiritual values in counseling. I have also actively contributed to ASERVIC as a conference reviewer and reviewer of the graduate student section of the *Interaction Newsletter*. If elected to the ASERVIC Board, I will continue to be dedicated in upholding the mission and vision of the organization, seeking to honor, respect, value, and advocate for all peoples. I am proud of the work ASERVIC continues to do in being

a voice of healing to our hurting world. If elected to the Board I hope to meaningfully contribute as a leader by furthering conversations related to supporting minoritized and marginalized communities who continue to be stigmatized for their spiritual and religious beliefs and practices. It would be my distinct honor to serve as an ASERVIC board member and give back to an organization that continues to shape my professional counselor identity.

Andrew Wood

It is an honor to be nominated for the ASERVIC board and I sincerely appreciate the work that current and previous board members have done to make the organization what it is today. I currently work as an Assistant Professor in the Counseling program at the University of Cincinnati where my research is focused on psychosocial issues surrounding cancer for patients and their families, as well as issues surrounding activism and religion and spirituality. My research interests and scholarship started with religious and spiritual issues and this area remains a point of passion. I consider my work in ASERVIC to be extremely personal I and have been privileged to be a member and/or work in a service capacity with the organization for eight years. I worked as an editorial assistant for Counseling and Values for two years and have served on the editorial board for five years, served as the president of the Florida ASERVIC chapter, and co-coordinated the unfortunately cancelled 2020 conference. If elected to serve on the board, I will continue to build on the work of those that came before me, while keeping an eye toward progress and ensuring that the organization continues to move towards inclusivity and understanding the place of religion and spirituality within intersectional identities. Further, I will also push for working for marginalized groups in the capacities under which ASERVIC can do positive and appropriate work, which is in line with many religions' histories in working towards liberation for marginalized individuals and communities.

Michael Desposito

Michael Desposito is a Licensed Professional Counselor at a private practice in Canton, Ohio and has served in the mental health field for the past nine years. Michael has held executive roles on several professional counseling organizations such as president of the Ohio Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values on Counseling (OASERVIC) from 2019-2020, the Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling of Ohio (ALGBTICO) from 2016- 2017, and was an emerging leader of ALGBTIC National from 2017-2018. Michael currently serves as a committee member for the Association for Humanistic Counseling's (AHC) membership committee, the emerging leader committee of the Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE), and served on the Ohio Counseling Association membership committee from 2016-2018. Michael has presented at national, state, and local venues on a number of topics including emotion regulation and mood disorders, affirmative therapy and pedagogy practices for LGBTQI+ populations, and wellness. Additionally, he has published on Affirmative Therapy and Wellness and won 1st place in the entry-level category for the Chi Sigma Iota's Wellness Leadership competition.

Michael believes he is qualified for this position due to his extensive service leadership with both state and national counseling organizations. He has worked at all levels of a counseling organization and has contributed to the development of future leaders in the profession by launching taskforces to develop emerging leaders, regional representation, and counselor competency across the state of Ohio. Michael is interested in a position with ASERVIC to help increase counselor competency of religious, spiritual,

and ethical issues. Michael believes 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 values to preserve client welfare, professional competency, and the counseling profession.

Katie Gamby

Katie Gamby, PhD, LPC, CWC is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Wellness Counselor in the state of Ohio. She has worked as a Counselor Educator since 2016 and is currently an assistant professor at Malone University. She has worked in the clinical mental health field since 2013 working with a variety of clients with many disorders in various settings including private practice, community mental health, addiction, and college counseling settings. She believes in the importance of giving back to the counseling profession by providing service to organizations that serve the profession. She has served in many leadership roles within the field of counseling including President and Past-President of the Alpha Omega chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, secretary and board member at large of the Northwest Ohio Counseling Association, President-Elect of the Michigan Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and secretary, President, and now Historian of the Ohio Association for Spirituality, Ethics, and Religious Values in Counseling. She currently serves Malone University as the Practicum and Internship Coordinator and Co-Faculty chair of their chapter of CSI.

She believes she is qualified for this position because of her extensive work with the Ohio division of ASERVIC both as secretary, President Elect, President, Past-President, and now Historian. She has been involved with the board in leadership for 6 years and helped move the organization from non-existent to thriving. Katie is particularly excited to seek office because she is wanting more responsibility at the national level and to better assist the larger organization in supporting and connecting with state divisions. Katie believes in the mission and vision of ASERVIC and would hope her presence on the board would continue to support the spread of religious/spiritual/ethical values in counseling.

Greg A. Meyer

After having the privilege of serving on the ASERVIC board this year, I am excited to be nominated again for the chance to serve as an ASERVIC board member. I have learned from current ASERVIC leadership members and hope to continue growing as a board member and working on behalf of ASERVIC members to improve and grow our ASERVIC community. I hold the responsibilities of this position with extreme integrity and value the process of communication between ASERVIC leaders and members.

ASERVIC has been my professional “home” since completing a master’s degree in Professional Counseling and specializing in spirituality and counseling, and I have remained active 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 potential and character of our association, and I seek to assist ASERVIC with the extraordinary potential to influence the core of the counseling profession.

I am a counselor education faculty member at Oral Roberts University, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I have provided clinical counseling services 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 in

the counseling relationship, the interplay between spirituality and humanism, and historical trauma in marginalized communities. It is an honor to have the opportunity to learn and work with the ASERVIC leadership team and fellow board members. I look forward to assisting the leadership team through such an unpredictable time in the world and growing the ASERVIC community together as a result of enacting positive change.

John Yasenchak

I have loved religion and spirituality my entire life. I first joined ASERVIC in 1976 while completing my M.Ed. in counseling). In 1982, I completed an M.A in philosophy and taught ethics for several years as a Jesuit scholastic at Loyola University, Baltimore. During the late 80's I studied theology at Weston School of Theology and Harvard Divinity School, and subsequently worked as a clinician at The Cambridge Hospital. During my doctoral years at University of Maine, I served on the Editorial Board for Counseling and Values (1995-1998). While teaching at the University, I served for twenty years as clinical director for the Penobscot Indian Nation Counseling Services. I experienced lessons in culture, spirituality, and humility. But most importantly, I learned that social justice and mental health are two sides of the same coin. From 2011 to 2019, I was Associate Professor in Counseling at Husson University. During those years, I served as Maine Counseling Association president and Chair of North Atlantic ACA Region. I also served (and still do) on various local and state boards. I was honored to receive several awards including the 2016 ASERVIC Meritorious Service Award. Currently I am contributing faculty for Walden University.

I have a long history conducting presentations and workshops on Spirituality in Counseling, Yoga as Adjunct to Counseling, and Digital Ethics. Regarding the latter, I am currently interested in ethical developments artificial intelligence in mental health. After visiting counselor training programs in India (2013), I began teaching workshops on the sacred Bhagavad Gita and counseling. When presenting to counselors, I am proud to share the ASERVIC competencies. I am proud to be a current editorial board member of Counseling and Values. Finally, I would be delighted to serve as an ASERVIC Board member.

Martin J. Burnham

I have been a member of ASERVIC since I joined the ACA in 2016. During my doctoral studies, I was selected to serve as an Emerging Leader for the 2017-2018 academic year. It was during this year of service that I was able to meet and appreciate the work of those who volunteer behind the scenes in leadership positions to make this such a strong ACA division. After my year of service as an Emerging Leader, I was invited to take on the role of Membership Chair. I graciously accepted this invitation and have enjoyed providing a point of contact for members around the US.

I received my doctoral degree in Counselor Education and Supervision from Loyola University Maryland's Department of Pastoral Counseling. I chose this program because of its intentional focus on the intersection of spirituality and psychology in the lives of counselor educators and practitioners. As an ordained priest in the Catholic Church, I found this marriage of spirituality and psychology integral in my approach to understanding the whole person as both a counselor and an educator. I am licensed as a professional counselor in Maryland and provide counseling and spiritual direction to those who seek my services.

If chosen for a board position, it will be my privilege to continue to serve the outstanding members of this division to further the appreciation and study of spirituality, religious values, and ethics in counseling.

Sean M. Ridge

I desire to serve as an ASERVIC board member as a means to both continue and expand my contribution to our field. Since 2015 I have served as Co-Chair of the Awards Committee, and during that time I have enjoyed recognizing the achievements of our peers as we seek to serve our clients and students across diverse settings. If elected to the board, I look forward to expanding my service to this community of professionals.

Academically I currently serve as Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Johnson University, and as a Core Faculty member within our CACREP accredited Graduate Counseling Program. In these roles I have had the opportunity to combine a passion for preparing the next generation of counselors through teaching and supervision with my desire to maintain the highest professional standards for intentionally integrating spirituality and holistic well-being into the provision of counseling services.

As a teacher I seek to accomplish this through courses such as Ethics & Professional Issues in Counseling, Integrating Theology & Therapy, and Holistic Sexuality (or Theology & Human Sexuality).

As a practitioner I seek to accomplish this through supervision of students and postgraduates as well as through a clinical practice that specializes in the overlap of religious and sexual identities, and other “meaning making” opportunities individuals, couples, and families experience in day-to-day life.

As a board member for ASERVIC, I will strive to build upon our history as a resource for counselors. This certainly is embodied in our presence, relationships, and the network of professionals we have. Additionally, I am interested in providing practical resources for practitioners in the field, enhancing the tools we have to do the good work that is ours to do, wherever that might be.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

W. Bryce Hagedorn

ASERVIC is my “home division”: it will be my honor to represent the Association on the ACA Governing Council. I believe that my commitment to ASERVIC and the counseling profession is evident through a career of dedicated service.

I have been actively involved with ASERVIC since 1998 when I was “drafted” as the association’s first webmaster (remember Netscape Navigator?). Since that time, I have served as (a) ASERVIC’s President; (b) a member of the Board of Directors; (c) a member of the Summit on Spirituality II; (d) the Chair of the Advisory Board; (e) the Chair of such committees as the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Spirituality and Religious Values Committee, the Technology Committee, and the Convention Steering Technology Subcommittee; and (f) a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, the State Divisions Committee, and the Convention Steering Program Subcommittee. My service and contributions to ASERVIC have been recognized with such honors as ASERVIC’s Humanitarian of the Year Award, ASERVIC’s Professional Service Award, and the Biggs-Pine Award for Scholarly Contribution to Counseling and Values.

In addition to the time that I have contributed to ASERVIC, I have served the Counseling Profession through such organizations as ACA (JCD Editorial Board), ACES (Department Chairs & Program Directors Interest Network), CACREP (Vice Chair of the Board of Directors), AHC (Executive Board Member), IAAOC (Journal Editor), and NBCC (Editorial Board Member).

I currently work as a Professor and Program Director of Counselor Education at the University of Central Florida. In addition to my work at the University, I maintain a private practice as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. One of my primary areas of research/practice is the integration of spirituality and counseling.

Besides work, I practice my personal model of wellness by making daily time for Faith, Family, Friends, Fitness, & Fun.

Harriet L. Glosoff

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for to be ASERVIC's Governing Council (GC) Representative. ASERVIC has been my professional home for over twenty years. I have served as a Board of Directors member (two terms), Chair of the Ethics Committee, Chair of the Governance Committee, and Chair of searches for the editor of Counseling and Values. Examples of my service outside of ASERVIC include: serving on the ACA Cultural Encounters Taskforce, as co-chair of the ACA Ethics Committee, member of two ACA Code of Ethics Revision Task Forces, ACES Secretary and President, SACES President, and Virginia AMCD Co-President. I bring a unique perspective to the GC role, having also been ACA staff (Grants Coordinator and Assistant Director for Advocacy and Ethical Issues). In both roles, I acted as liaison to several divisions, including ASERVIC. I have built strong relationships with other leaders in the field, and I believe these relationships are crucial in being an effective GC representative.

If elected, I promise to act as a servant leader, to become well-versed in the issues brought forward to the GC and share timely information with the ASERVIC membership. I will request your input when necessary and be available to answer questions and address your concerns. I will advocate for fiscal and governing transparency so that ACA and ASERVIC members know how decisions are made, and how dues are spent. I will work to invite increasingly diverse voices to the table to guide the work of ASERVIC and ACA and to keep discussions of societal issues that impact the mental health of individuals and communities on the table. I commit to representing the interests of our members, who represent a wide variety of faith traditions and viewpoints while promoting the continued growth of ACA and the counseling profession.

ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIALISTS IN GROUP WORK (ASGW)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kathy Ybanez-Llorente

I humbly accept the nomination of President-Elect and thank you for considering me for continued service to the Association for Specialists in Group Work. I am an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for the Professional Counseling Program at Texas State University and have been an active

servant leader in the counseling profession at the national level and state level for the past 18 years. I am running for this position because I love the passion of ASGW members, I truly believe in the power of group work, and I am excited to help ASGW continue to develop initiatives that align with its mission. Attending ASGW conferences, I have witnessed this passion, as well as the ease with which attendees gather and build connections with each other. These experiences motivated me to become a part of ASGW and serve as ASGW Treasurer. Serving on the board as Treasurer, I get to see the commitment of other leaders within the association and I look forward to helping the division grow, while working to promote new initiatives and volunteer opportunities. ASGW is financially stable and has worked to build an inclusive leadership model that values diverse ideas that work to serve the needs of our diverse membership. As President- Elect, I also hope to increase partnerships with other divisions, as well as organizations that promote group work in order to branch into similar organizations that can benefit from continuing education opportunities offered by ASGW related to group work competencies and standards. Group work reaches across the settings in which professional counselors find themselves working and ASGW can be the place where counselors gather to support each other. I will strive to nurture the inclusiveness that I experienced at my first ASGW conference and I look forward to supporting ASGW membership.

TREASURER

Kendra Jackson

During my graduate studies at Ohio University, I developed a passion for group work. I became a member of ASGW to cultivate my development as a group leader. After my graduate studies, I had a deep longing for serving and connecting with other counseling professionals; therefore, in 2017, I had the opportunity to begin serving on the ASGW Awards Committee as the chair alongside my colleague. In 2018, I was the sole chair for that committee. Currently, I am serving on the ASGW leadership team as the Membership Chair. I work diligently to assist with increasing and retaining members for the organization as well as working collaborating with a variety of committees to enhance the membership experience for all of our members.

At this time, I am interested in pursuing the Treasurer position with ASGW and I am passionate about continuing to serve this wonderful organization. To serve in this role, I will utilize my skills and qualifications in order to be effective. Although I possess a doctorate degree, have teaching and clinical experience, especially in the area of group work, I also have the ability and experience with managing and monitoring a budget to help assure the financial health of an organization. Additionally, I have the ability and experience with creating a financial budget, adhering and learning new policies, maintaining receipts, and handling expenditures. Moreover, I have excellent communication skills, am prompt with handling financial responsibilities, and have the ability to liaise with companies, professionals, and vendors to support the organization's product sales, and services for the Strategic Communications, Membership, Awards, and Conference Planning Committees. If elected as the Treasurer of ASGW, I will utilize my knowledge and experience in managing the finances to assist ASGW with being financially healthy as they continue to flourish as an organization.

COUNSELORS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (CSJ)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Ebony White

Growing up at the margins of society, in an under-resourced community, inequities have always been apparent in my life. However, I was privileged to have a front row seat to advocacy. In high school my counselor discouraged my desire to attend college by saying, “kids from this school don’t do well in college.” This event revealed my very first advocate— my mother. Learning of this incident, my mother accompanied me to school and spoke passionately about my strengths, listing reasons colleges would benefit from my presence. She ended by saying, “Don’t you ever tell my child or any other child they can’t go to college.” This birth of advocacy and activism in my life, showed me I could use my voice to speak out against inequities and disparities.

Although I currently hold various roles, my identity as an advocate transcends them all. Advocacy is at the center of my identity as a Licensed Professional Counselor, supervisor, and Counselor Educator. It is evident in the work I do in my hometown, the traumafocused work I do in Haiti, and service to my profession. I have served as the Public Policy and Legislative Chair for the New Jersey Counseling Association, the Advocacy Chair of CSJ, current Chair for the North Atlantic Region of ACA where Diversity, Equity & Inclusion are my primary focus. I was a panelist for “Our Community Gathers: A Conversation With Counselors About Mental Health in 2020” hosted by ACA, and a panelist for the I Need A Minute town hall, resulting in co-facilitating a monthly space for counselors. Additionally, I contributed to the Helping Counselors and Psychologists as Advocates and Activists video. Advocacy is not a catchphrase for me, it is my responsibility. I am grateful for the nomination and opportunity to continue serving the CSJ community.

Pat Dudley

Pat Dudley, LCPC, NCC, is a Board Approved Supervisor, a Ph.D. Candidate, and a Graduate Instructor with Capella University. She is currently serving in a leadership role with CSJ as the Co- Chair for Strategic Planning. She also serves on the American Counseling Association Human Rights Committee. Previously, Pat served CSJ in a leadership role as Board Liaison with the Mentorship Committee. She served as the American Counseling Association Doctoral Presidential Assistant to the Past President, Dr. Simone Lambert (2018-2019). She is a member of Chi Upsilon Chi, Chi Sigma Iota, CSJ, AMCD, MAMCD, IAAOC, ACES, and SACES. Pat recently received the Maryland Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development, Graduate Student Award. Pat is a seasoned professional counselor, she is a private practice owner serving individuals, couples, families, and a clinical consultant.

Greetings CSJ members! I am excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve CSJ and its members. I am hoping that you will give me the opportunity to lead CSJ and promote and support the mission of CSJ. I would like to provide leadership that will advance social justice, advocacy, improve the conversation with necessary action while continuing to tear down the walls of injustice we are seeing so vividly today. I come from a long line of civil rights and social justice activists and it is on their shoulders that I stand to serve CSJ members. It would be an honor for me to serve, to lead, and to continue the

mission of CSJ and impact inequality. If elected, I will embrace past efforts while creating collaborative opportunities that have an impact on injustice and create a framework for productive change.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Lindsay M. Syeh

I am writing to apply for the vacant position of Student Representative for the Counselors in the Social Justice committee. I hold a Master of Divinity and am presently pursuing a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Throughout my academic and professional careers, I have had the opportunity to be a member and serve on numerous committees.

I have learned that each organization and committee are unique in its functionality, vision, and scope of work. Being a student representative, I believe it will afford me the experience to learn from distinguished counseling professionals, actively work to bridge the gap between the committee and students. Lastly, to use my voice to advocate for my peers, community, and counselors.

I hope to use my passion for service, influence, and God-given skills to make an impact.

Leo Balseiro

Hello! My name is Leo Balseiro, and I would be honored to lead as your Student Representative of CSJ. I am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and a doctoral student broaching dissertation at Barry University in Miami, Florida. With over four years of clinical experience, I serve individuals and families of diverse identities, ethnicities, and perspectives through a relationalcultural lens. A critical direction for my professional identity is largely concerned with promoting social justice. My past social justice endeavors include service with individuals who are impacted by homelessness, immigration reform, foster care, affordable housing, and racial justice issues that currently plague our communities.

With humility, I possess a broad array of experiences in my service with multiple professional counseling organizations. As an active member and current co-chair of the Southern Association of Counselor Education and Supervision's Blog Committee, I have facilitated work groups in observing blog design and submission proposals prior to publication. As past graduate student representative of the Florida Association of Counselor Education and Supervision, I served to produce valuable information from our membership body for the purpose of guiding our leadership team. I also single-handedly facilitated the emerging leaders program, guiding leaders who have advanced in preparation for esteemed positions into the upcoming year.

These descriptions are not exhaustive of my leadership experience. I have also served as the Past Newsletter Editor/Historian, PastPresident, and Past-Doctoral Student-at-Large of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota. Over the years of service and work as a counseling professional, I have accomplished multiple objectives, written multiple newsletter publications, and have produced notable results. While self-directed work is both a strength and an area of growth, I successfully bolster my efforts through open, supportive, and development-oriented collaboration with all colleagues I have the pleasure of serving with.

Elizabeth Strong

My name is Elizabeth Strong, and I am a second-year master's student at Idaho State University in Meridian Idaho. I am seeking election for the graduate student representative position for Counselors for Social Justice. I believe my background in education and management will be an asset to this position, as well as to the association. As an educator, I have worked on adapting and creating curriculum to fit the needs of a changing student population; throughout this process I worked closely with instructors across the country to ensure curriculum cohesion. As a manager I believe in a collaborative leadership approach, and I feel that building relationships and giving everyone a voice is foundational to creating a strong team. As the graduate student representative, I will work on developing strategies for outreach to other new budding professionals as a way of building up the association and increasing awareness of this important organization with the goal of adding additional university chapters across the country.

I also recognize that as an organization we have the unique opportunity to help our counseling community to be more aware of the social justice issues our clients face every day. By creating initiatives that bring social justice education and resources to individuals that may not otherwise have access, we can make a difference for our diverse client groups and counselors across the country. I believe in order to accomplish this we will need a strong partnership between current professionals and the graduate student population. With my background in leadership, I can accomplish this task. Additionally, I will strive to bring the highest level of professionalism to my role while working to strengthen my skills as a professional counselor and community advocate. I look forward to this opportunity to be involved with counselors for social justice.

Jazmone Wilkerson

I am interested in serving in the Student Representation position as I believe that my skills and knowledge of leadership, the law, ethics, and advocacy will grow from this experience. I am a results-driven servant leader with over nine years of experience in positions in which I have advocated or taught others to advocate. As a professional who has spent most of my career empowering families of children with special education and healthcare needs, I have dedicated my life to ensuring that all children have equal access to their education and the necessary services. I have done this in various settings, including professional positions, volunteer, and association work. I am interested in this position because I hope to work within our profession to create advocacy programs that train future counselors' to advocate.

I am currently the Director of Advocacy for a non-profit who empowers and teaches parents of children with special needs to advocate for their children to create systemic change. I am currently developing a strategic plan based on the data and needs of the community. I have served in several leadership capacities, including MCA Assistant Newsletter Chair, an Emerging Leader for SACES, Editorial Fellow for the CES Journal, and a reviewer of materials submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. I am currently on the Board of Directors for the National Center for Parent Leadership Advocacy & Community Empowerment. I was also the Ethics & Curriculum Development Specialist at ACA.

I have also reached out to CACREP to discuss the addition of advocacy standards. I am dedicated to the advancement of the counseling field and the community through leadership/service. As with all of my leadership experiences, I intend to dedicate the time and effort to engage student members in social justice issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Sha-Toria L McCoy Gregg

Hi, my name is Sha-Toria McCoy-Gregg, a graduate student in Mercy College's Mental Health Counseling program and I am in my fourth semester. I am confident, I embody the characteristics, attitude, ambition, and resume needed to effectively sustain the office of Student Representative. Advocacy and competency are propelling factors of what catapults my drive to ensure all individuals are represented and treated with decency and understanding. My attitude is always one that believes counselors are catalysts for change and it should be reflective in our daily work.

I bring with me a host of skill sets and experience in health care and social services. I possess a background in case management services for a community-based organization that provides affordable housing, case coordination and community organizing. I pride myself in being engaged in community and advocacy efforts alike. I am a student member of the ACA, AADA, ACAC, CSJ, AMHCA and NYMHCA. I am privileged and honored to currently serve as President for my school's Counselors for Social Justice chapter with many amazing students.

When I reflect on what justice means to me, equity and action is what comes to mind. Sure, equality is important, but it does not include representation. Equity does. Breaking racial divides and social constructs can only be done through an equitable and individualistic lens. Action is putting equity into motion. I put equity into motion 2020, by marching in Washington as a NAN member. I also did it in 2007 when I advocated support for Senate Bill 1342, The Healthy Teens Act.

Change is happening all around us, and we have the platform to lift our voices. For those, whose voices have been silenced and those who have yet to discover their own. Again, my name is Sha- Toria and I want to help be your voice.

Raina Edwards

In my career, I have worked with a variety of populations including children in foster care and adults living with HIV/AIDS. Currently, I work for a women's shelter helping the women to process their trauma and regain their power. I also have a private practice that primarily services those on the front lines of social change. In addition, I have created a support group for BIPOC mental health workers due to the potentially traumatizing nature of our work. I have participated in the creation of a webinar to assist teachers and administrators to build resilience for the school year in the wake of COVID-19. I have also participated in a variety of webinars discussing coping and resilience during the pandemic. Lastly, I am at the end of a year-long supervision process with the International Association of Social Work with Groups for international certification.

Being in a leadership position is something that I have always strived for. In fact, that was one of the motivating factors in pursuing my counseling Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision at Barry University. I believe that I have the capability to be adaptable in various situations and to motivate those around me. Since my time in high school, I have been interested in learning about the various oppressive systems and how they impact my life and the lives of others. In this position, I know my passion for multiculturalism will shine through. However, what I want to be seen the most is my ability to be a force of change for and with others. As a student with a seat at the table, I want to be sure that all voices are being heard.

Kayleena Brashear

I would like to express my sincere interest in the CSJ Student Representative position. I am a current doctoral student in the Counselor Education Program at the Ohio State University. I also earned my Master's degree in clinical counseling from OSU and am a professional counselor working in private practice. Social justice is a core value that I hold across personal, professional, and academic domains. At present, I am involved in research that has afforded me the opportunity to utilize a social justice supervision model with counselors in training. I have served as a co-instructor for our Masters course in Multicultural and Social Justice counseling. I also currently serve the Ohio chapter of CSJ on the government relations committee. Through my doctoral program, I will complete a minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies to further my competence with intersectionality and affirmative work with those whose identities have been historically oppressed. I am also involved with OSU's Suicide Prevention Program in Student Leadership Development. I help our student leaders develop their voices to reach student populations that are disproportionately impacted by suicidality and mental health in part because of systemic and societal barriers.

The current events of the global pandemic and Black Lives Matter civil rights movement have forced a number of social justice issues into the spotlight and provided an opportunity for social justice activists to stand up, organize, and create real change. Our students, counselors, educators, leaders, and clients deserve strong advocacy and activism against issues of privilege, power, and oppression. Change and progress can only come with competent, committed, passionate leadership. I would be honored and humbled to be selected as the student representative for CSJ. I could not think of a better capacity in which to serve our profession.

RETIRED/LIMITED MEANS REPRESENTATIVE

Jane Goodman

I have been committed to issues of social justice since my teens. I am delighted that CSJ exists to be that voice within ACA. I am a past president of both CSJ and ACA and look forward to serving on the board as a representative of retired persons, but also as a collaborative team member as we work to continue the good work of our predecessors as 'the conscience of ACA.'

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Rachael D. Goodman

I am honored to be nominated for GC Representative and, if elected, would continue the CSJ tradition of advocating strongly for social justice within ACA. I will advocate for policies and practices that reflect justice, equity, and access within our profession. The need for advocacy action on racial justice, as well as other social justice issues, is urgent. As counselors, we have a vital role to play in these conversations and solutions – within our profession, as well as our country and our world.

My professional background includes serving CSJ as President (2017-2018) and Community Representative (2014-2016). I currently serve as Co-Chair of the CSJ Membership Committee. This past

summer, I served on the ACA Anti-Racism Action Plan Task Force, and will advocate strongly that GC and ACA implement the plan we developed.

I have also pursued social justice through building power with communities. As an LPC and Associate Professor in Counseling at George Mason University, much of my work focuses on community-based participatory action research (CBPAR). I work in partnership with immigrant communities, colleagues, and students to identify structural barriers, concerns, and strengths. Together we develop research and action initiatives that address barriers through community- driven advocacy and support.

If elected as CSJ's GC representative, I would:

- Build connection and solidarity among members committed to social justice in order to accomplish shared goals for justice and equity.
- Develop mechanisms by which the communities and members we serve influence, direct, and evaluate the actions and priorities of ACA, drawing on my CBPAR background.
- Utilize my skills as an advocate to ensure that the “Advocacy” focus within ACA's 2018- 2021 Strategic Framework is: implemented throughout ACA, divisions, and membership; provided with necessary funding and support; and evaluated through critical, ongoing, and transparent reflection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anna Flores Locke

My leadership in CSJ began about five years ago when I became the first voting graduate student representative on the ACA governing council. Since this initial role, I have been the community representative, president elect, president, and past president of CSJ. I was also the conference committee chair for two years and spearheaded the inter-divisional social justice summit at the ACA conference (which was attended by more than 6 divisions and 50 people). One thing I learned from this role was that CSJ is the conscience of ACA, and must remain a strong advocate for social justice. ACA is well-positioned to be an exemplar entity that lives and breathes social justice. Now is the time for social justice to take center stage in all our profession's decisions. If given this opportunity to be the CSJ representative on the ACA governing council, I will use my voice to actively and intentionally centralize social justice in policy and programmatic decision- making conversations. CSJ will continue to be the conscience of ACA to promote social justice minded actions that seek to confront oppression and marginalization in our world.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADDICTIONS AND OFFENDER COUNSELORS (IAAOC)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Melanie Iarussi

Serving as IAAOC President-Elect would be a humbling honor. IAAOC fills an essential niche within the American Counseling Association, as counselors have unique and imperative roles to serve as agents of change for those affected by addiction and those involved with the justice system. Counseling with clients who are justice-involved or who are affected by substance use and addictive disorders has

implications at the individual, familial, community, and public levels, including the interplay of social injustices and need for advocacy. If elected, I aim to continue to move IAAOC forward to best meet the needs of counselors who serve clients with addiction or justice-involvement, including advocacy for diverse clients in the context of systemic issues such as stigma, disparities, and inequities.

IAAOC has benefited from a long-standing history of steady leadership, which is paramount to the success of the organization. As a long-time member of IAAOC, I have benefited from the community, opportunities, and resources provided. My service to IAAOC has included serving as the IAAOC secretary (2015-2016), a member of the JAOC editorial review board, and I am in my second year as IAAOC membership chair. I have gained additional leadership experience through other counseling organizations, including SACES and ACES. My work as a counselor educator, professional counselor, and trainer has focused on service provision for those who are justice- involved or who are affected by substance use and addictive disorders. As a motivational interviewing trainer, and I have provided numerous and intensive MI trainings for professionals who serve clients involved in the justice system, including probation and parole officers, counselors, and others working directly with people who are incarcerated. In addition to teaching, supervising, and counseling in these areas, I have published on counselor training standards related to addiction and evidence-based counseling practices and training outcomes.

SECRETARY

Latasha Hicks Becton

Thank you for considering me for the position of Secretary of IAAOC. I am an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at North Carolina Central University, and I have the privilege of providing direct clinical care and supervision in multiple practice settings including an addiction treatment specialty hospital, a medical-surgical hospital, and private practice. I have been involved in IAAOC for several years as a practitioner, as a doctoral student, and now as a counselor educator. I have experience with documentation and record keeping for social organizations as well as professional organizations. Most recently, I have served as a scribe in various committees within the American Counseling Association and have taken minutes for program meetings at my home university.

The secretary is asked to serve as a voting member of the executive committee, keep organization records, conduct official correspondence, solicit reports from standing committees, forward meeting records, and complete other tasks as part of the executive committee. I am confident in my ability to carry out these tasks efficiently. As a voting member of the executive committee, I am committed to supporting ideas that are consistent with my values of social justice and doing the most good for our community. I look forward to serving IAAOC in this way.

MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (MGCA)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Tom Ayala

Hello. I am one of many dedicated outpatient mental health professionals who focus on the veteran population. Our commitment to serving this special population is deep. The Military and Government Counseling Association (MGCA) is comprised of healthcare clinicians who work to encourage and deliver meaningful support, treatment, and informative programs to people engaged within the military domain. All are welcome. This charter is near and dear to my heart. Therefore, I have thrown my hat in the ring to lead the organization for an upcoming term.

I am qualified to perform the duties and am up to the task. My master's degree in counseling, from George Fox University in the beautiful state of Oregon, allows me to run a busy, rural outpatient mental health clinic. Geographically, we provide access to veteran healthcare located between the Roseburg and Portland VA Healthcare Systems. As such, a significant number of veterans are authorized for patient care here through the VA Office of Community Care. This work includes regular visits to the nearby Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home, an award-winning specialty care facility for wounded and aging veterans. Within the licensed counselor community, those we have a passion for working with veterans and possess an intense appreciation for the discipline and sacrifices demonstrated by the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

Leadership is an important part of sustaining adaptability and cohesiveness. American Counseling Association divisions have shortterm leaders and I am committed to continuing the positive energy and purpose of the MGCA. I have a PhD in Organizational Leadership from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and believe in collaboration, consultation, creativity, and appreciative inquiry. It takes a village and there's nothing more energizing than enjoying life through purpose with like-minded individuals.

It's an honor and privilege to run for this position.

Dannette Berksteiner

I am responding to the nomination for President Elect (MGCA). I have a doctoral degree in Counselor Education and Supervision. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor, a National Board- Certified Counselor, Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor, and Approved Clinical Supervisor. I have been engaged in providing counseling services for the military community for over 13 years. Supporting the unique needs of the military community is of specific interest to me both personally and professionally. As a former military spouse for over 20 years, I am extremely passionate about building resiliency within the military community, through advocacy, research, clinical practice, and training.

I demonstrate a strong commitment to the mental health profession in enhancing awareness of the unique needs of the military culture. This is evident through my professional affiliations and active participation in the American Counseling Association and the Military and Government Counseling Association. I am currently serving on the ACA Governing Council representing MGCA (2019–2021)

and an Executive Committee member for ACA (2020-2021). I am also serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Military and Government Counseling Association (2017–2021). I have held several leadership roles within MGCA to include, Education CoCommittee Chair (2018–2019), Emerging Leader’s Program Committee member (2018–2019), Reviewer for the Journal of Military and Counseling (2017–2018) and Graduate Student Representative (MGCA) (2017–2018).

I believe that I am an ideal candidate for the position of President Elect (MGCA). Based on my personal and professional commitment to excellence, I believe in the importance of building collaborative teams that are mission focused. As, the President Elect, my goal would be to support the members and leaderships’ vision for enhancing the development and growth of the Military and Government Counseling Association, while effectively working in partnership with the American Counseling Association.

SECRETARY

Elizabeth Burgin

Elizabeth Burgin is an Assistant Professor and the Program Coordinator for the Military and Veterans Counseling program at the College of William & Mary. Dr. Burgin is a member of the military community, Tillman Foundation Scholar, provides counseling services and conducts research to support exemplary practice among trainees and practitioners for military populations. As Secretary for the Military and Government Counseling Association, Dr. Burgin is committed to highlighting opportunities for counselors to enhance their knowledge and skills in research and practice to ultimately improve mental health care accessibility for military populations.

TREASURER

Edward (Franc) Hudspeth

I have been a member of the American Counseling Association (ACA) for over 19 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 year as the Military and Government Counseling Association’s (MGCA) Treasurer. Over the past 15 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 treasurer, I hope to help continue to maintain the fiscal stability of the organization as it grows, as well as, aspire to help promote the organization as it and its members fulfill the mission of MGCA.

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**Greg Love**

As a student and former military member I am seeking nomination for office so that I can become proactive in the veteran mental health community. I would hope to be able to provide more outreach through my post and make a larger impact on the community as a whole.

Lauren E. Brdecka

Hi! My name is Lauren and I am hoping to be your next Graduate Student Representative. I have worked with Dr. Katherine Atkins on a publication that has left me endlessly curious on the best ways to treat veterans in counseling, the distinct aspects of their life that must be learned to effectively treat such individuals and their family, the necessity for veteran's issues in counselor education, and the importance of spreading awareness of this distinct population in the field of counseling. As I finish my graduate studies at Northwestern University for clinical mental health counseling, I hope to work at a VA throughout my doctoral work in counseling. Thank you for your consideration.

Rachel Terrell

Hello, my name is Rachel Terrell and I am a Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate student at Northwestern University. I have a passion for working with those that are experiencing symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and their loved ones. Coming from a minority family with military ties I am no stranger to PTSD and its impact on one's day to day life. It has been my experience that seeking counseling can seem counterproductive for those serving in the military. I believe that with proper training of military counselors the military can not only decrease symptoms of PTSD and other disorders but also strengthen the military as a whole. If given the opportunity I would love to work within the Military and Government Counseling Association to help bring awareness to the different modalities that are available.

DIRECTOR**Beth Carter**

As a Master's in Counseling student, I am deeply drawn to caring for veterans and first responders. I have strong family ties to those who have served in these areas. My father was a WWII veteran, and my brother is a retired Air Force Master Sergeant. My husband is a 30 year firefighter, who is currently a Captain with the Denver Fire Department. As my counseling studies have progressed, I have felt a deeper and deeper desire to work with this special group of people who choose to give so much to others, often with no concern for themselves. Their work can take a huge toll on their mental health. Through my family involvement, I have had some first hand experience observing the long term effects a lifetime of serving others can have, especially in these risky and often dangerous lines of work. I feel the profound impact of trauma and stress these brave individuals experience, and feel strongly that this is where I would like to use my developing counseling skills. No one deserves our time, energy and care more than these selfless individuals. I would be honored to be able to help in any capacity, by representing the Masters in Counseling students at Northwestern University.

Melinda Paige

I've spent the last twenty years serving survivors as an LPC, certified professional counselor supervisor, and national certified counselor. The stories of these courageous men and women 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/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/skills of trauma-competent clinicians in the *Journal for Individual Counseling*. I provided training in the ethics of trauma competency at the MGCA Professional Development Institute at ACA conferences held in San Francisco and Atlanta. I enjoy collaborating with other dedicated trauma mental health professionals as a member of MGCA. Trauma is ubiquitous and a significant public health concern, therefore in this critical time for trauma counselors should 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 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 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 is to support the development of such competencies so counselors are able to practice ethically within the bounds of their clinical competency, according to established competency-based trauma mental health guidelines.

Justina Wong

I am a Master's Candidate and will graduate from the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in December 2020. I'm currently interning with a non-profit agency that works with military veterans and their families. My clinical experience includes working with veterans who have co-occurring disorders, depression, anxiety, PTSD, TBI, MST, and substance use.

It would be a tremendous honor to serve as an MGCA Director. For the last ten years, I have worked with military veterans and their families in the non-profit sector. I founded a non-profit project that is dedicated to working with combat veterans, wounded warriors, and Gold Star families. This includes personally funding a whitewater rafting trip for five combat veterans to raft the Grand Canyon to reduce the risk of suicide as well as supporting Gold Star family members who are struggling to manage their symptoms of depression and anxiety. I am passionate about advocating for the population that MGCA serves and supporting the profession to lower the suicide rates for veterans. I believe in selfless service and being an MGCA Director would give me an opportunity to continue serving those who have served. I am also passionate about making a difference and this opportunity would put me in a great position to make changes.

I have been actively involved in my school's program as well as outside of it. I currently serve as the Graduate Student Liaison for AMCD's Newsletter Committee and as a Student Ambassador for ACC's Publicity Subcommittee. I am the co-founder of the Courageous Conversation Series for my school's program. I am a member of the ACA Human Rights Committee and a founding member of my school's Brave Spaces for Diverse Students interest group.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (NECA)

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Seneka Arrington

With honor, I accept the nomination for the office of the ACA Governing Council (GC) Representative by the National Employment Counseling Association (NECA). As a member of NECA for eleven years, I served on the executive board in the roles of graduate student representative, secretary/treasurer, President, and Past President. I am a licensed professional counselor with ten years of experience in the field. These academic and field experiences led to my career experiences in the following settings: behavioral and mental health clinics, non-profit organizations, career centers, residential substance abuse facilities, school counseling, and private practice. Currently, I am a doctoral student and graduate teaching assistant at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho.

The GC board space fosters collaboration on divisional and regional factors that affect counselors everywhere. I served on the GC for the past three years. I shared with my division my initial goal and desire to be intentional about listening and observing first to make informed decisions. Reflecting on my past experiences, the current state of the world, and the systemic disparities witnessed by all, I seek to extend my time on the GC board to influence organizational change and highlight minoritized voices. I wish to challenge preexisting perspectives on counseling and counselor education while prioritizing the mission and core values of ACA.

SOCIETY FOR SEXUAL, AFFECTIONAL, INTERSEX, AND GENDER EXPANSIVE IDENTITIES (SAIGE)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Tamekia Bell

I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the position of President-Elect for the Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE). I have served in various leadership positions throughout my career that will make me an asset in the role of President-Elect of SAIGE. Additionally, as a cisgender, heterosexual black woman, I have a personal and professional commitment and responsibility to advocate for, with, and on behalf of all members of the LGBTGEQIAP+ community.

I have served on the SAIGE board since 2016 in the roles of Secretary and Professional Trustee for Multicultural and Social Justice Concerns and have a desire to continue my leadership in SAIGE by building upon the work of past-presidents, particularly in the areas of intersecting identities within the LGBTGEQIAP+ community. Additionally, I have served in additional leadership roles, such as Chapter Faculty Advisor for Chi Sigma Iota, Chair of the Professional Development Committee for the Illinois Counseling Association, President of the Illinois Counselor Education and Supervision, Secretary for the Illinois Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling, and Treasurer for the Illinois Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling. In these roles, it was critical for

me to maintain accurate records of organization functions and business, distribute meeting minutes to Board in a timely manner, adhere to organizational deadlines and requirements, organize and conduct committee meeting, provide monthly reports of organizational and/or committee activities and financial activities, delegate tasks to committee members and follow up to ensure tasks are completed. These positions were intense in nature and enhanced my organizational, listening, communication, and time management skills, which are skills needed to serve in the role of SAIGE President Elect.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve SAIGE in the role of President Elect!

PROFESSIONAL TRUSTEE – RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Jeff Moe

Hello SAIGE members! My name is Jeff Moe and I am an associate professor of counseling at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, where I live with my life partner of 11 years and our dog. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the SAIGE Professional Trustee for Research & Knowledge. I have been a SAIGE member for 16 years, and am passionate about promoting inclusion and social justice for all LGBTGEQIAP+ people. My research focuses on counselor competence with LGBTGEQIAP+ groups and also applying wellness models to counseling practice with these still marginalized communities. I have published research on these topics in the Journal of LGBTQ Issues in Counseling, Journal of Counseling & Development, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of Counseling Psychology, and Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services. Relevant service experiences include presidency of the Virginia – ALGBTIC branch, co-authoring a position statement on best practice with LGBTGEQIAP+ youth that was co-sponsored the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling, and supporting the leaders of the SAIGE QPOC advisory committee.

As a counselor educator, I am committed to supporting students and new and early career counselors as they seek to advocate with and on behalf of intersecting LGBTGEQIAP+ populations. This includes research mentorship, and supporting communities of practice and scholarship as we infuse inclusive values into knowledge creation. Some of the most important civil rights gains for our communities, whether relationship recognition or workplace protections, were supported by critical scholarship that help change minds while authentically representing our lived experiences and diverse voices. This is why I am a proud SAIGE member, and why I want to help SAIGE sustain and advance research & scholarship that supports transformative social change for LGBTGEQIAP+ liberation as the Professional Trustee for Research and Knowledge.

Whitney P. Akers

As a queer and non-binary counselor educator, supervisor, and counselor, I have consistently devoted my energy, passion, and heart to serving LGBTQ+ populations and communities through clinical work, service, advocacy, and research. From consulting with probation officers in rural Louisiana to create trans-affirming juvenile detention facility policies and training clinical professionals and students to engage in intersectional and liberatory practice, I have worked interpersonally and systemically to build bridges between the counseling profession and LGBTQ+ communities. I have also served on a collaborative SAIGE (formerly ALGBTIC) and AARC joint task-force to establish standards of care

for research and assessment with LGBTQ+ populations to increase awareness of LGBTQ+ specific considerations in assessment and research and elevate the standards of our profession. Relatedly, I have had the joy of serving on the SAIGE Research and Scholarship Committee and serving as a reviewer for the Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling, both since 2018. As a candidate for the position of Professional Trustee: Research & Knowledge with SAIGE, I am aware of the potential for research to offer profound empirical support for therapeutic approaches, clinical work, training and supervision of students, and building credibility within the larger counseling field. However, I am also aware of the lineages of violence and harm enabled by unexamined heterosexism and cissexism within research practices. In response to these potential dual outcomes of research, I hope to assume this role as a means of critical engagement with research and scholarship to recognize and maximize the quality, reliability, and trustworthiness of research available for consumption within our field and to elevate diverse, intersectional voices and perspectives. Thank you for considering me for this position. Through critical engagement, compassionate collaboration, and intentional dissemination of knowledge, we can engage in not only transformative and liberatory dialogue, but also, and importantly action.

Ashley Rohrbach

I am honored to run for the SAIGE Board as an organization that cultivates my advocacy and passion for working with a multitude of historically marginalized communities. Running for the Professional Trustee of Research and Knowledge connects to my dedication for synthesizing research with advocacy and best practices. As a licensed professional counselor and certified through the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), I serve as the Chair for the Human Rights Committee for Idaho Counseling Association.

Building on my history of professional service at the state level, my clinical focus highlights working with LGBTGEQIAP+ communities both in counseling practice and community partnerships. In 2019, I was awarded the Rural Scholarship from the NBCC for my work in furthering affirmative counseling practices for LGBTGEQIAP+ individuals within rural communities. I have received Accelerated Resolution Therapy training for working with those who have experienced trauma, and I also hold a certificate in Animal Assisted Interventions in Counseling. Using my background on trauma, animal-assisted interventions, and community partnerships, I have found that inequities within rural communities for LGBTGEQIAP+ individuals illuminates a glaring gap in research.

I wish to hold this position of leadership within SAIGE to promote research and mentorship opportunities that expand the knowledge base of professionals and move research into action. As I recognize the importance of this Trustee role, my previous experience with coordinating care and as a licensed professional counselor working in the community allows me to effectively organize current and new opportunities for research within the organization. Serving as the Professional Trustee of Research and Knowledge as well as the Chairperson for the Research and Scholarship Committee would provide me an opportunity to actively engage with emerging researchers in the counseling community and be an active member in the essential work of the progress of human rights.

Liz Nadeau

My background as an attorney advocating for social justice would bring a new perspective to this position. I understand the importance of research in effecting social and legal change since my practice focuses on regulatory advocacy before federal agencies. I have successfully relied on medical, academic, and economic research to persuade OSHA and other agencies within the U.S. Department of Labor to make significant regulatory changes that have expanded safety and health and wage protections afforded to workers and apprentices throughout the country. I also have extensive experience with grant applications and administration as an attorney to recipients of federal grants.

Since my 25-year-old transitioned in 2015, I have used my extensive research, writing, and speaking skills developed as a union attorney in trans advocacy. I currently serve as Treasurer of MALGBTIC of the Maryland Counseling Association. Most recently, I have been engaged in advocacy for mandatory education on counseling transgender and non-binary persons for licensed counselors and as a condition of an applicant's initial licensure. I am working with the Boards of MALGBTIC and VA-ALGBTIC to effectuate these changes in Maryland and Virginia. See the MCA's Compass Point for a link to MALGBTIC's proposed position statement and advocacy brief, both of which have been endorsed by VA-ALGBTIC. <https://mdcounseling.org/resources/Documents/Newsletters/summer%202020.pdf>. My academic credentials are Yale University, B.A., 1982, University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1986, and Johns Hopkins University School of Education, M.S. in Counseling, May 2021.

SAIGE would benefit from the participation of a parent of a TNB person in its leadership. Since parents profoundly impact the mental health outcomes of TNB persons, we are an indispensable voice. Our perspective in reviewing grant applications would aid in targeting research to improve services offered to parents, which would, in turn, improve outcomes for the entire family.

PROFESSIONAL TRUSTEE –STATE BRANCHES

Stacy Pinto

I'm excited for the opportunity to be considered for the office of Professional Trustee of State Branches for SAIGE. My name is Stacy Pinto. I grew up in NJ and completed my graduate studies at Montclair State University before heading west upon graduation. I'm currently a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the School Counseling program at the University of Denver. My service portfolio consists of a broad range of positions and committees – many of which have prepared me for this position. I've been involved with SAIGE since early in my doctoral program, having quickly found a home within its community. I've had the privilege to serve SAIGE as a member of both the Strategic Planning Committee and the SAIGE Conference Committee in recent years. I've also had the opportunity to collaborate with a small cohort of trailblazers in Colorado toward formalizing a state branch of our own. Having seen the process and challenges of establishing state branches from the grassroots perspective, alongside my familiarity with SAIGE, I am poised to step into this role. My experience as a program administrator and other college-bound leadership roles related to policy development and mentoring have all given me opportunities to build not only my abilities to lead and facilitate, but to give others the support they need to do the same. This role would position me to leverage my skills toward supporting and continuing to build the SAIGE community, across our country, as a formal resource, recognized community, and

professional home for counselors, counselor educators, counseling students, and all folks serving sexual, affectional, intersex, and gender expansive communities.

Michelle E. Wade

My name is Dr. Michelle E. Wade (she/her/hers). I am an Assistant Professor at the University of New Orleans. I am a fully licensed counselor in both Maryland and Virginia and hold a number of national credentials. Throughout my professional career, I have maintained active membership in ACA and a number of divisions, SAIGE being one of those. I have also served in a number of leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels. I believe it is important to serve the profession and to be an advocate for the profession. Some of the leadership roles that I have had are: within Maryland - MACES president and Credentialing Chair, Awards Committee Member; within Virginia - Ethics Chair and Conference Planning Chair; Nationally - currently serving as Co- chair on the ACA Ethics Committee and Ethics and Bylaws Committee member of AHC. It is my desire to serve SAIGE as the Professional Trustee of State Branches because helping states start and maintain active branches of this division is necessary and vital for the profession. SAIGE offers the counseling profession and its members a platform to address LGBTGEQIAP+ concerns, issues, and advocacy work. These are concerns at state and local levels just as much at the national level, and as the Professional Trustee of State Branches, I want to help state divisions grow and develop to best serve their members and the division as a whole. It would be an honor to serve in this role, thank you all for the consideration.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Jessica L. Skrzypiec

My name is Jessica L. Skrzypiec and I am running for Graduate Student Trustee for SAIGE. I received my Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Cleveland State University in 2014, and began my doctoral journey at Kent State University in 2019. I have been a member of SAIGE (formally ALGBTIC) since 2012. I am a Pansexual mostly female-ness identified person and love being a part of our community. I ask for this opportunity to serve as the Graduate Student Trustee to help facilitate a greater reach out and involvement of LGBTQIA+ identifying graduate students, as well as increase graduate student voice on the board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Stillwell

Sarah Stillwell, M.S., LPC is currently a doctoral student at Texas A&M University- Commerce studying Counselor Education and Supervision. Their research focuses on non-monosexual females and what protective factors are needed in therapeutic interventions. In their master's program at Southern Methodist University, they specialized and completed additional coursework in LGBT Affirmative Therapy and completed their internship at Resource Center of Dallas which is one of the largest LGBT community centers in the country. Professionally, they are the Clinical Coordinator of Affirmative Therapy for SOGI (sexual orientations and gender identities) in private practice due to their passion for the community. In this role, they have also developed a SOGI sensitivity training, Affirmative Therapy Competency training, and a training on gender-affirming mental health care. Through these trainings, they educate clinicians on how to assess and diagnose Gender Dysphoria in order to write clearance letters to suffice gatekeeping needs for medical and legal gender transitions while also teaching clinicians how

to advocate to have these stipulations removed. Regarding leadership, they have served in leadership for the Texas Counseling Association divisions including the president, president-elect, senator, and emerging leader roles. They are also presenting for two sessions in the upcoming virtual SAIGE conference. They are also a pansexual genderfluid woman, parent of 2, partner, and avid gamer.

Lauren E. Brdecka

I am seeking office with the SAIGE division of the ACA because of my deep sense of allyship with the LGBTQIA populations and sexual minorities. I hope to be elected to this office to strengthen my advocacy work and will continue my advocacy and allyship for my lifetime.

Devyn Savitsky

My name is Devyn Savitsky, M.S., and I am a fourth year PhD candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision at Ohio University. I have had the privilege of serving SAIGE at state and national levels in various capacities over the years and would be honored to continue this work as Student Trustee. At the state level, I have been a member of the executive board of SAIGE's Ohio branch for the past 2.5 years and served as the Advocacy in Action committee chair. At the national level, I am a member of the research and scholarship committee, have contributed to SAIGE's newsletter, served as head booth volunteer at the American Counseling Association annual conference, and will be published in the upcoming special issue of the Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling focusing on advocacy and social justice for LGBTGEQIAP+ populations. As a proud queer woman, making a positive contribution to the counseling profession particularly as a member of SAIGE is of the utmost importance to my career goals and personal goals. My research focuses on eating disorder and body image training in counselor education programs, and I am especially interested in the experiences of LGBTGEQIAP+ persons navigating their own relationships with their bodies, as well as assisting their clients or students in doing the same. I believe that my service, teaching, and research experiences domestically and internationally as well as my experiences at the state and national levels of SAIGE would allow me to effectively connect with my fellow graduate students and further develop programming for graduate student involvement. With pride, joy, and dedication, I would be honored to join SAIGE's 2021- 2022 executive board as graduate Student Trustee.

Caitlin Carew

Caitlin is currently a third-year master's student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Oregon State University. Their areas of clinical interest include LGBTQ+ young adults, geriatric populations, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They have experience in individual counseling and group work focusing on mindfulness-based practices and self-compassion. Caitlin also has a research interest in sizeism and its effects in the contexts of counseling, counselor education, and supervision. Caitlin is an enthusiastic member of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance (NAAFA) as well as the Association for Size Diversity and Health (ASDAH).

Gene Dockery

I am Gene Dockery (they/them/theirs pronouns). I am currently a second-year doctoral student at Ohio University. I am also a licensed professional counselor in Ohio, currently working in community mental health. As a queer and nonbinary person, much of my efforts in counseling, research, and advocacy have been focused on LGBTGEQIAP+ populations. I concentrate not only on clients but also the experiences of queer counselors.

I have been a member of the SAIGE Graduate Student Committee since the fall of 2019 and am now applying to be Graduate Student Trustee. I have greatly enjoyed being a member of SAIGE and would be thrilled to further student involvement in the organization. My leadership philosophy is oriented around intersectionality and social justice. I have held a number of leadership positions during my academic career including being a NCACES Emerging Leader.

I am deeply committed to advocacy for the LGBTGEQIAP+ community and have been involved in different efforts since undergrad. I have assisted in setting up inclusive spaces and centers at two different universities. I am presently collaborating with the LGBT Center at my current university on better serving trans and gender expansive students. I should also be published soon on the topic of LGBTGEQIAP+ advocacy.

Additionally, I see scholarship as an important part of leadership in counseling. I hope to nurture an environment where graduate students can develop a research identity and work towards both presenting and publishing.

GOVERNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Jane E. Rheineck

Hello! I'm Jane Rheineck, a Counselor Educator at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee. I received my Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Arkansas in 2004. I am an LPC in Wisconsin, an ACS, and an NCC.

I currently serve as ACA Governing Council member representing ALGBTIC now SAIGE. During my time on Governing Council, I have had the privilege of being a part of the decision-making process on ACA's governance matters and engaging in advocacy efforts that serve professional counselors. I recently participated in ACA's Anti-Racism Task Force that developed an action plan ACA will implement soon. I currently serve or have served as Chair for the ACA Audit Committee, Professional Conduct Committee, and the Nominations and Elections Committee.

I have been a SAIGE member for over 20 years and have watched ALGBTIC/SAIGE grow and evolve through LGBTQ+ programming, outreach, and advocacy. In addition to Governing Council, my leadership positions with SAIGE include ALGBTIC President (2014-2015), and SAIGE Strategic Planning Committee. I also coordinated the first ALGBTIC Conference in New Orleans in 2014.

In 2016–2017, I had the honor of serving as ACA National Treasurer, the ACA Executive Committee, Financial Affairs Committee, and ACA Investment Committee. I was involved in ACA's national symposium on LGBTQ+ mental health issues in 2017.

Prior to my service with SAIGE, I was President (2010-2011) and Treasurer of AADA. My experiences as President and Treasurer enhanced my knowledge about national and divisional structure, management, and service to the profession.

My leadership roles have prepared me well, but serving on Governing Council the past three years has been an invaluable learning experience. If I am re-elected, I will serve LGBTQ+ community to the best of my ability, demonstrate openness, and broaden the inclusion focus for ACA.

Kristopher Goodrich

I am both honored and enthused to be considered for the role of Governing Council Representative (GCR) for SAIGE. As past president of both SAIGE (2015–2016) as ACES (2019–2020), I have enjoyed serving the counseling profession and learned a great deal through my leadership roles. I hope to extend this service to a different role within SAIGE, which is my academic and organizational home. I am prepared to support the SAIGE board in continuing their service for LGBTQI+ persons everywhere, while developing new forms of outreach as we move forward in this complex world. I also hope to serve as a strong voice at the ACA Governing Council to ensure the needs and hopes of SAIGE (and its members) are carried forward into the larger ACA. We are at a critical junction, and this current climate calls for us to more consciously and deeply consider the concerns of culturally marginalized communities and focus how we can intentionally address the intersections that are often overlooked. Within my previous leadership, I established a record of collaboration with other divisions of ACA to support the needs of our queer and gender expansive communities, 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. With all the fractioning within our field and the ideological and political divisions more broadly, it seems that what has tied us together and kept us connected as professional counselors has been lost. If elected as SAIGE 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.