

Presenter Name	Brief Biography
Whitney Akers	Whitney P. Akers is an Assistant Professor at UNC-Pembroke. Whitney earned a PhD in Counseling and Counselor Education and Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from UNC-Greensboro. Whitney's research centers on advocacy with LGBTQ+ populations and how intersections of queerness, race, class, ability, spirituality, and ethnicity influence mental health.
Meghan Althoff	Meghan is a graduate of Furman University with a Bachelor's of Science in Spanish and Psychology and is currently a masters degree candidate at Wake Forest University's Counseling Program.
Lanie Anderson	Lanie Anderson is a first year Clinical Mental Health Counseling student at Appalachian State University with an interest in Body-centered therapies and Expressive Arts. She is passionate about exploring and healing trauma through the creative arts and somatic modalities.
Nichole Anderson	Nichole Anderson is currently working on her PhD in Rehabilitation Counseling at North Carolina A&T State University. She is currently working as a school counselor at two elementary schools in her school district. Also, she is the only counselor in the community managing two different school settings working with an underrepresented population.
Travis Andrews	Travis is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor. His primary speciality is with children and adolescents with trauma related symptoms. He has been in the field of counseling for over 10 years and is a certified trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapist.
Noreal Armstrong	Dr. Noreal Armstrong is an Assistant Professor in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at Montreat College. Dr. Armstrong has served as a Licensed Professional Counselor for five years and worked in the mental health profession for the last eight years. She has numerous presentations at state, regional, and national levels.
Rose Aucoin	Rose Aucoin is enrolled in the Doctoral Program in Counselor Supervision and Education, University of North Carolina, Charlotte. She is a North Carolina Licensed Professional Counselor, a North Carolina Licensed Certified Addiction Specialist, and a member of ACA, NCC, and Chi Sigma Iota.
Stacy L. Baker	Miss Stacy L. Baker (M. A. in Clinical Mental Health) is a recent graduate from North Carolina Central University. Her professional and academic focus is in loss and grief processes throughout the lifespan.

Stanley B. Baker	A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dr. Baker earned a M.A. from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (1963) and has professional experience as a high school teacher and counselor in Wisconsin. He earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo (1971). He is currently a professor of counselor education, coordinator of the school counseling program and adviser to the Nu Sigma Chi chapter of Chi Sigma Iota at NC State.
Rachelle Redmond Barnes	Rachelle Redmond Barnes is an assistant professor of psychology at Winston-Salem State University. She received a master's degree in rehabilitation psychology and counseling from UNC Chapel Hill and doctorate in counseling and counselor education from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
Jennifer Barrow	Dr. Jennifer Barrow serves as Assistant Professor in the Department of Allied Professions at North Carolina Central University where she heads the School Counseling Program. Dr. Barrow's research and practice interests focus on the enhancement of school counseling, in particular professional development and role advancement.
Alex Bass	Alex is currently a Graduate student in Western Carolina University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program and has an undergraduate degree in Biology. Alex's previous research and presentations include "Bullying and cyberbullying: The transition from high school to higher education" and "School Counselors and the need for inclusive LGBTQ training".
William Batchelor	William is currently a graduate student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and is the Trustee for membership for the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling.
Kristin Battle	Kristin is a graduate student at NC A&T State University studying school counseling.
Alice Berry	Alice Berry is a Board-Certified Music Therapist currently studying Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Music Therapy at Appalachian State University. She completed her music therapy clinical internship in hospice and bereavement. Her clinical areas of interest include work in the LGBTQ+ community, advocacy, grief and bereavement, and neurocognitive disorders.
Erin Binkley	Dr. Erin Binkley is an Assistant Professor of Counseling at Wake Forest University. She has worked mainly with at-risk adolescents, victims of domestic abuse, and clients in crisis. Her research interests include the development of crisis response skills and the use of creativity in counseling and supervision.
Jacob Blackstock	Jacob Blackstock is a first-year doctoral student at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He graduated with his M.A.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in 2016. Jacob is a native of North Carolina with a research interest in healthy community relationships and interventions for isolation.

Travis Bogan	Travis Bogan is a second-year graduate student in Wake Forest's Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. In addition, he is an intern at CareNet Counseling in Winston-Salem. His practice interests include spiritually-integrated counseling, couples counseling, and men's issues in counseling. He resides in Greensboro with his wife, two sons, and dog.
S. Todd Bolin	Todd Bolin, LMFT, RPT is an adjunct professor in the School of Psychology and Counseling at Gardner-Webb University. He holds a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy from Converse College, and he has a private practice in counseling. His research interests consist of 'the clinician as a researcher.'
Allison Bourguet	Allison Bourguet is the secretary of MGCA-NC. A recent graduate of ECU and is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate in WA and pursuing licensure in NC. She is currently working as a Child and Family Therapist with both military and civilian families near Joint Base Lewis and McChord, WA.
Megan Boyd	Megan Boyd, PhD, LPC, CPCS, is the Clinical Director of Grace Harbour, Inc., a community behavioral health center based in Peachtree City, GA. Dr. Boyd specializes in the supervision of associated-licensed clinicians that are working with underserved high-risk populations. Additionally, Dr. Boyd is also a Clinical Mental Health adjunct faculty member and serves on the CPCS committee for GA.
Hannah Brady	Hannah is currently at graduate student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and is the Treasurer for the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling. Hannah is interested in working with children, adolescents and college students, foster care, career concerns, and childhood trauma.
Cynthia Briggs	Cynthia Briggs earned her BS from Guilford College, her MAEd from Wake Forest University, and her PhD in Counseling from Oregon State University. She is a faculty member in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Masters program at Walden University. She coordinates a veterans' oral history project in Winston-Salem, NC.
Michael Brooks	Michael Brooks is a Counselor Education Associate Professor at North Carolina A&T State University (NCAT) in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. Brooks is a member of the doctoral faculty where he primarily teaches students in the Rehabilitation Counseling and Rehabilitation Counselor Education program.
Angela Brooks-Livingston	Angela Brooks-Livingston currently works at Daymark Recovery Services and teaches adjunct at Appalachian State University. She works with youth and families, and her expertise is in working with transgender clients. She practices soul-care by hiking with her partner and dog, crocheting, practicing Julia Child recipes, and listening to 80s hairbands.

La Vera C. Brown	Dr. La Vera Brown is currently Core Faculty and Clinical Coordinator at Webster University. She received her Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. Dr. Brown received her graduate degree from North Carolina A&T State University, and her undergraduate degree from North Carolina Central University. She is a National Board of Certified Counselors Fellowship recipient, National Certified Counselor (NCC), a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor for the States of North Carolina and Virginia, as well as, a Board Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator.
Shanita S. Brown	Dr. Shanita Brown is a counselor educator, trainer and consultant. She is a past governing council board member, and secretary of the North Carolina Counseling Association. She received her Ph.D in Counselor Education from North Carolina State University. Her research and service activities include examining IPV within various contexts such as spirituality, cultural specific interventions and multicultural training.
Judy Woodson Bruhn	Judy Woodson Bruhn serves as a Career Resource Specialist in the Labor & Economic Analysis Division of the NC Department of Commerce. She translates workforce and educational data into accessible career planning and job search information for youth and adults and for the professionals who assist them.
Alysa Calestini	Alysa Calestini received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University. Currently, she is enrolled as a first year student in the Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Appalachian State University. Alysa intends on obtaining a concentration in Body Centered Therapy.
Brian Calhoun	Brian Calhoun is an Assistant Professor of the Practice in the Department of Counseling at Wake Forest University. He holds an MA in Counseling, and an MBA both from Wake Forest University. Professor Calhoun teaches the College to Career series for undergraduate students at Wake Forest University. He has been an active participant and presenter at the local and national levels within the American Counseling Association and the North Carolina Counseling Association.
Annette Carpenter	Annette Carpenter is a graduate student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Appalachian State University. Annette graduated with a B.A. in English Literature and a minor in Spanish. She is interested in working with adolescents using methods such as body-centered therapy and therapeutic writing.
Cheyenne Carter	Cheyenne Carter earned her PhD in Counseling from the University of North Texas. A current faculty member in the Department of Counseling at Wake Forest University, she also sees clients at her private practice in Winston-Salem, NC. Her clinical interests include couples counseling, life transitions, grief/loss, and trauma.

Lissa Carter	Lissa leads expressive arts and ACT groups at Women's Recovery Center and works as a QPSA for Buncombe County. She maintains a private practice and a small herbal products business and loves to explore the overlap of ecology, psychology, art making, and spirituality. She is currently serving as secretary of NCASERVIC.
Ki Chae	Ki Chae is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling at UNC Pembroke. He serves as the Program Director for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. He completed his doctoral work in Counselor Education and Supervision at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.
Samaiyah Chatmon	Samaiyah is a graduate student at NC A&T State University studying to be a school counselor.
Katie Christensen	Katie Christensen is in the Counselor Education and Supervision Ph.D. program at University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Katie earned her MA in Professional Counseling at Texas State University, and her BA in Psychology at Washington State University. Clinical experience includes grief/loss, foster youth, juvenile justice, and survivors of inter-partner violence.
Kaitlin Clancy	Kaitlin Clancy is a first year Clinical Mental Health Counseling student at Appalachian State University with intentions of obtaining her certificate in Addictions Counseling. Her interests include working with indigenous populations living with substance use disorders and other mental health conditions in a multicultural competent manner.
Megan Clunan	Dr. Megan Clunan is an Assistant Professor within the Psychology and Human Services Department of Montreat College. Dr. Clunan holds a MA in Marriage and Family Counseling, a Masters of Theology, and a PhD in Psychology and Counseling. Dr. Clunan has served as a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Mental Health Counselor supervisor for over seven years.
Robert M. Cox	Robert M. Cox earned a doctorate in counselor education and supervision from The University of Memphis in 2016. In 1998 he earned a masters degree in community counseling at Appalachian State University. Dr Cox is Assistant Professor of Human Relations and Substance Abuse Counseling at Pfeiffer University-Charlotte.
Jessica Crandell	Jessica Crandell is a first year Clinical Mental Health Counseling Masters student at Appalachian State University. She is interested in working with adults who have experienced trauma utilizing animal assisted psychotherapy techniques.
Hannah Crouse	Hannah is a graduate student at East Carolina University studying clinical mental health and student affairs counseling. She received a BA in Psychology and Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is interested in multicultural issues in counseling.

Allison Crowe	Allison Crowe is an Associate Professor in the Counselor Education Program at East Carolina University and a Licensed Professional Counselor. She received her PhD in Counseling and Counselor Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Research interests include stigma and mental illness, help seeking attitudes, and stigma and IPV. She currently serves as President of the North Carolina Counseling Association.
Loni Crumb	Dr. Crumb is an Assistant Professor in the Counselor Education Program at East Carolina University and a Licensed Professional Counselor. She received her Ph.D. in Counseling from University of Georgia and M.A. in Community Counseling from Clark Atlanta University. Her research interests include rural mental health and multicultural training.
Paul Daoust	Paul Daoust is a dually-licensed professional counselor and addiction specialist who has experience practicing MI in a number of integrated care settings. He has worked with treatment teams in residential with children/adolescents, with an ACT team, with an ER crisis team, and most recently in a primary care setting.
Brook Davis	Brook Davis (B.A. Wake Forest University; MFA in Acting, Virginia Commonwealth University; Ph.D. in theatre University of Maryland, College Park) is an associate professor in theatre at Wake Forest University. Brook directs regularly in the Winston-Salem area and has a research interest in theatre for social change and community building.
Ticora E. Davis	Ticora E. Davis, Esq. founded The Creator's Law Firm, a boutique intellectual property and business law firm. She helps her clients successfully navigate their trademark, copyright and licensing matters. Her clients include TV celebrities, award-winning wedding professionals, artists, creative entrepreneurs, designers and business coaches, and TED/TEDx speakers.
Jessica DeLaura	Ms. DeLaura is pursuing a Master of Arts in Christian Counseling in Community Mental Health from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She will be graduating in May 2018. She has a heart for serving underserved populations and children. She is currently volunteering at a Title I school in Charlotte.
Syntia Santos Dietz	Dr. Santos Dietz is an assistant professor at East Carolina University. She is a National Certified Counselor and a Licensed School Counselor in the state of North Carolina. She is a native Spanish speaker from Honduras and her areas of interest include cultural competence, international counseling, and counselor education.
Kellie Dill	Kellie Dill is currently the Assistant Director of Student Services with the College of Nursing at East Carolina University.

<p>Leigh Zick Dongre</p>	<p>Leigh Zick Dongre graduated from Wake Forest University with a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling. She holds a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. For the past 3 years, she has worked as a counselor, supervisor for Master's student interns, and researcher at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Her areas of interest are: substance abuse, depression, anxiety, grief and loss, trauma, interpersonal relationship concerns and general adjustment concerns. She is a nationally certified counselor, a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPC) and Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist Associate (LCASA). Currently, she works as a practitioner instructor at Wake Forest University and consultant for Parenting Through Addiction.</p>
<p>Jennifer Drum</p>	<p>Jennifer Drum, MA, LPC is a 2010 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University. She has experience working with children, adolescents, adults, families, and couples. Mrs. Drum has a specialty in TF-CBT, with an emphasis on sexual abuse. Mrs. Drum has been a counselor for Lenoir-Rhyne University for 4 years.</p>
<p>Adria Dunbar</p>	<p>Adria Dunbar is an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, Policy, and Human Development at North Carolina State University. Her research interests include using technology for counselor education and supervision, school-university partnerships, and diffusion of innovations in educational environments.</p>
<p>Melissa Enoch-DeBerry</p>	<p>Melissa Enoch-DeBerry is owner/CEO and Administrative Director of Trinity Counseling Services LLC, a private outpatient substance abuse and mental health facility located in both Charlotte/Mecklenburg and Burlington/Alamance. Melissa is a Clinical Supervisor-Intern; Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist, a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate, and Master Addiction Counselor, and has met all of the requirements for practice as a Substance Abuse Professional working with Department of Transportation clients.</p>
<p>Ashley Etheridge</p>	<p>Ms. Etheridge is pursuing a Master of Arts in Christian Counseling in Community Mental Health from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She will be graduating in May 2018. She desires to pursue a career that serves and cares for others by integrating psychology, human service, and her studio art background.</p>
<p>Anna Fleig</p>	<p>Anna Fleig is a 4th year MDiv/MA in Counseling graduate student at Wake Forest University. In addition to her interest in career counseling, Anna enjoys studying the implications of spirituality on clients who are also working on issues of sexual expression and health.</p>
<p>Catherine Ford</p>	<p>Catherine Ford is a second year Masters in Counseling student at Wake Forest University. She has experience working in mental health and substance abuse inpatient/outpatient treatment settings. She is currently interning in an Integrated Family Medicine Behavioral Health program. Catherine has an eclectic approach consisting of diverse theoretical perspectives.</p>

Holly Forester-Miller	Dr Forester-Miller has been a practicing LPC for 35 years. She was a Full Professor of Counseling. She has been using hypnosis as a tool for psychological and medical concerns with clients for 30 years. Holly has chaired committees in the counseling field nationally and statewide, and in the field of clinical hypnosis.
Allison Forti	Allison Forti earned her doctorate in counseling and counselor education from UNCG and completed a fellowship in psychosocial oncology from WFU. She is a licensed professional counselor and currently works as an Assistant Teaching Professor at WFU. She specializes in cancer survivorship, wellness, and resiliency.
Kimberley Gada	Kimberley Gada is a student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at Appalachian State University. She is pursuing her Master's Degree along with a certificate in Expressive Arts Therapy. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Studio Art from UNC Asheville.
Caitie Goss	Caitie Goss is a graduate student attending East Carolina University. She is in her second year of the MS in Counselor Education program and is specializing in clinical mental health counseling. Her research interests include geriatric counseling and counseling rural populations through integrated care.
Latonya M. Graham	Latonya M. Graham is a National Certified Counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor. She is a doctoral candidate and the 2016-2017 Wilkinson Graduate Ethics Fellow at North Carolina State University. Her degrees include MA in Psychology (Counseling), BS in Psychology and BA in Sociology.
Elizabeth Graves	Elizabeth is a former school counselor (10 years), LPC practitioner in emergency room, inpatient adolescent psychiatric, and clinical mental health settings (3), and now counselor educator (6) at Western Carolina University. Additionally, she is a spiritual director (Sursum Corda, 2006), LPCS supervisor (2010), and MINT Member MI trainer (2014).
Amy L. Grybush	Amy Grybush is a Ph.D. student in Counselor Education and Supervision at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Amy earned her MA from Wake Forest University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and her BA from Queens University of Charlotte in Psychology. Clinical interests include mood disorders, grief/loss, and mindfulness/meditation.
Dominique S. Hammonds	Dr. Dominique Hammonds is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development and Psychological Counseling at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Distance Certified Counselor, and National Certified Counselor. Dr. Hammonds' research interests include pedagogy and clinical supervision in counselor education.

Janeé Avent Harris	Janeé Avent Harris, PhD, LPCA, NCC, ACS is an Assistant Professor in the Counselor Education program at East Carolina University. She researches, publishes, and presents on topics related to cultural considerations in counseling and counselor education. She is passionate about providing culturally sensitive services to historically underserved populations.
Seth Hayden	Dr. Hayden is a MGCA-NC's Faculty Director and an assistant professor of counseling at Wake Forest University. He has provided counseling in community agencies, school, and university settings. Dr. Hayden is an LPC in North Carolina and Virginia, a national certified counselor, and a certified clinical mental health counselor.
Jarred Hayes	Mr. Hayes is pursuing a Master of Arts in Christian Counseling in Community Mental Health from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He will be graduating in May 2018. He hopes to provide counseling services to clients and assist them in their identity and personal development.
Breanna L. Herring	A graduate of the school counseling program and UNC-Chapel Hill, she served as a teacher and school counselor prior to becoming a doctoral student at NC State. She also has experience in mental health settings. She was recently employed as a school counselor in a rural setting.
Meaghan Dolan Hitchcock	Meaghan Hitchcock has worked as a counselor across Western North Carolina in schools and conflict mediation agencies. Presently she works as a child and family therapist at the Rural Health Clinic in Hendersonville. Her specialty is counseling teenage girls with anxiety, depression, and trauma; Motivational Interviewing is her best tool.
Dillon Hooks	Dillon Hooks is a first year Clinical Mental Health Counseling Masters student at Appalachian State University. His research interests include the applications of mindfulness-based practices in education and intimate relationships.
Barbara Jean Howell	BJ Howell received her Master's from NCSU. She is a School Counselor and has a private practice, where she serves young adults, women in transition and clients with unresolved trauma. BJ honors the unique path of everyone she works with, creating a place to explore healing, emotional peace and individual empowerment.
Marie Huggins	Marie is a two time graduate of North Carolina State University, earning both her B.A. in Psychology and M.Ed., in Counselor Education- College Counseling. She is currently a 2nd year Ph.D. student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Counselor Education and Supervision Program.

Ben Jones	Ben Jones is a graduate student at East Carolina University seeking his Master's degree in Counselor Education. He is in his second year of the Counselor Education program and is specializing in clinical mental health counseling. His research interests include counseling rural populations with mental health and/or substance abuse diagnoses.
Theresa M Kascsak	Dr. Theresa M. Kascsak is a counselor educator at Capella University. She has worked as a professional counselor and play therapist for over fifteen years in both schools and agencies. She currently serves as the President for the Association of Child and Adolescent Counseling in North Carolina.
Taehee Kim	Taehee Kim is an assistant professor in the Department of Counseling (CACREP) at North Carolina A&T State University. Her research interests include cross-cultural competencies in counseling and counselor education, Korean American child and adolescent development, and professional development through mentoring.
Marie King-Cutler	Marie King-Cutler completed an undergraduate at Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in Counseling with an Emphasis in Addiction, Chemical Dependency and Substance Abuse. Marie is currently completing a graduate degree in Mental Health Counseling at Webster University, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with future goals to become licensed as a LPC and LSAC.
Sierra Kohler	Sierra Kohler is a Master's student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Wake Forest University. She has a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Queens University of Charlotte.
Ellie Lee	Ellie Lee is a first year Clinical Mental Health Counseling Masters student at Appalachian State University. She is interested in working with adults in the transitional phases of life.
Claire LeMoine	Claire LeMoine is a Clinical Mental Health Counseling student at Appalachian State University. She is working towards an Expressive Arts Therapy certificate with a body centered concentration. Claire has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Louisiana College. Her clinical interests include ecopsychology, trauma, anxiety, mindfulness, and autism spectrum disorder.
Robin Guill Liles	Robin Guill Liles is a professor in the Department of Counseling (CACREP) at North Carolina A&T State University. Her research interests include adolescents with chronic disease, program evaluation, and assessment of teaching and learning.
Christopher Locklear	Christopher is a graduate student in the Professional School Counseling Program at UNC Pembroke.

Vickey L Maclin	Dr. Maclin is the administrator and a professor in the MACC program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She is a Licensed Psychological Associate who provides counseling services to children, adolescents and adults. She also provides psychological assessments to assist clients when additional information is needed for treatment.
Gamal Marlowe	Gamal Marlowe is a Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate student at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Their current research focuses on best clinical practices and theoretical frameworks for intersectional LGBTQ+ populations.
Charlie Marquardt	Charlie is an adoption professional as well as an adoptive mom. Her background includes working with pre-adoptive families as a consultant, writing home studies and post placements for adoptive families and the co-founder of Adoption Support Alliance, a nonprofit that supports adoptive and foster families through education, counseling and support. Her educational interest lies in helping adoptive and foster children thrive and grow in their new family environments.
Robert R. Martinez	Robert is a graduate of the Ph. D. program in counseling and counselor education at North Carolina State University and is currently an assistant professor in the school counseling program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While a doctoral student and employed at NC State, he delivered TRIO services to under-served school systems in North Carolina.
Shaleigh McBride	Shaleigh McBride is a graduate student in the Counselor Education program at East Carolina University. She is specializing in Clinical Mental Health/School Counseling and is completing her internship at the Center for Family Violence Prevention in Greenville, NC. She plans to continue research in domestic violence among homosexual couples.
John McCarthy	John McCarthy is a Professor in the Department of Counseling at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has directed the Center for Creativity and Change since its inception in 2005. He has presented nationally and internationally on counseling and mental health issues.

<p>Kerri Legette McCullough</p>	<p>Kerri C. Legette McCullough is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified Counselor and 2014 graduate of the Community Counseling Master of Arts program at Argosy University, Northern Virginia. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Johnson C. Smith University in 2004 and her Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Central University in 2007. Currently, she is a mental health professional with Hillcrest Children and Family Center in Washington, DC. Additionally, she is working to complete her doctorate degree in Counselor Education and Supervision. Her research interest includes colorism and the development of self-esteem, resiliency, intimate partner violence and its intersection with substance use, transgender concerns, and community safety and offender re-entry. She holds many professional memberships. Kerri works with many different populations of people that have varying intersecting identities.</p>
<p>Jane McNeill</p>	<p>Jane McNeill is the President of the Military and Government Counseling Association of NC and a Counselor in Fayetteville, NC. Jane is a military spouse and she is driven to improve mental health care for Military, Civilian Government, and their Families and to become a Counselor on Fort Bragg.</p>
<p>Sarah Mehta</p>	<p>Sarah Mehta is a Recovery Coordinator with Meridian Behavioral Health Services in Waynesville, North Carolina. She works at the Recovery Education Center in adult outpatient services. She received her Master's degree at Appalachian State University. Her research interests include counselor identity development, spirituality and counseling, trauma-informed care, and mindfulness.</p>
<p>Erik Messinger</p>	<p>Erik Messinger is a first-year doctoral student at NC State University working towards his Ph.D. in Counseling & Counselor Education. Erik received his MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and has experience working with adolescents and adults in a community outpatient setting focusing on substance abuse and mental health.</p>
<p>Katherine Mierek</p>	<p>Katherine Mierek is a graduate student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Appalachian State University. Katherine graduated from Clemson University with a B.A. in Psychology. She is interested in using body-centered therapeutic approaches in counseling individuals throughout the lifespan.</p>
<p>Jessie Tucker Mitchell</p>	<p>Jessie Tucker Mitchell graduated with Honors from UNC Chapel Hill and now is a graduate student in the MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at Wake Forest University. She lives in Winston-Salem, NC, with her husband and four children.</p>

Katelyn Monday	Katelyn Monday is a Clinical Mental Health Counseling student at Appalachian State University. She will also be working towards an Expressive Arts Therapy certificate. Katelyn's research interests include ecopsychology, animal-assisted therapy, low-income, and trauma populations. She graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.
Amy Moore	Amy is a 25 year veteran nurse and mother of Nolan, who was born with spina bifida, a neural tube defect. Amy has been his primary caregiver for the last 18 years.
Kristin Moore	After being frustrated with the "systems" of mental health care (both agency and schools), Kristin went out on a limb and began a private practice in the mountains of NC. After over two years in practice, Keystone Behavioral Health (KBH) has a total of over 150 clients, and averages a case load of 20 clients a week. Additionally, Kristin has learned tips and tricks along the way that can help anyone who is beginning to think about being in private practice. By sharing the things she has learned along the way, Kristin is hopeful that more counselors can get back to the art of counseling, find time and financial freedom and truly love their careers. Kristin is an LPCA and NCC in the state of North Carolina and has two decades of experience in the mental health field. She works with children, teenagers and adults.
Sarah Moore	Sarah Moore is currently the Clinical Coordinator for the Center of Behavioral Health and Wellness and Adjunct Faculty member at NC A & T and UNC Charlotte. She has worked in agency and college settings as a mental health and career counselor. Sarah has been a Professional Counselor and Play Therapist for 15+ years and working predominantly with children between the ages of 2.5-10 years old. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor in NC. She has served in various leadership roles on the national, regional and state level as well as presenting at the national, regional and state level on play and filial therapy, supervision, and other counseling related topics. She is currently the Past President of the Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling in North Carolina.
Felix Morton, IV	Felix Morton IV is currently a first-year graduate student in the MA in Counseling program at Wake Forest University, located in Winston-Salem, NC. Felix recently received his M.Ed. in Higher Education from UNCW, and is interested in the mental health and wellness of college students and African American youth.
Christie Nelson	Christie Nelson is a North Carolina licensed professional counselor currently working on a Ph.D. in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She has been practicing mindfulness meditation since 1998 and has been using it clinically since 2010 with diverse populations.

Megan Numbers	Megan Numbers is the President Elect of MGCA-NC. She is a licensed professional counselor in the states of CO and NC, and a 3rd year doctoral student in Counselor Education and Supervision. Megan is a military spouse and works with military children near Fort Bragg, NC.
Kelly O'Conner	Kelly O'Connor is a Clinical Mental Health Counseling student at Appalachian State University. She earned her B.S in Exercise Science from Florida State University.
Kristie Opiola	Kristie Opiola is an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Registered Play Therapist (RPT). She has experience counseling and researching children and families from diverse populations. Kristie has a special interest in training future child counselors in child centered play therapy and in utilizing expressive materials in counseling sessions with clients across the developmental continuum.
Elizabeth Patti	Elizabeth Patti received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Campbell University. She is currently enrolled in her first year at Appalachian State University pursuing a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Elizabeth intends on obtaining certificates in Systemic Multicultural Counseling and in Addictions Counseling.
Angiemil Perez-Pena	Angie graduated with a Masters of Science in Couples and Family Counseling from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is pursuing her Ph.D. in Counseling and Counselor Education from UNCG. Angie currently works with Spanish speaking clients, other minorities and has a strong emphasis on multicultural counseling/techniques.
Jason Perry	Jason Perry earned his Master's degree in Counseling from East Carolina University in May of 2012. He has worked for approximately 6 years as a Probation Officer in the Department of Public Safety in Beaufort County, North Carolina. He is currently a doctoral student completing the PhD program in Counseling at NC State University.
Melissa Pierce	Melissa Pierce is a graduate student at the University of North Carolina Pembroke following the Clinical Mental Health Counseling track and Vice President of the Phi Sigma chapter of CSI. Melissa has worked in a self-contained Exceptional Children classroom with ASD students and has a passion for researching and understanding Autism.
Carolyn Fields Pittman	Carolyn Pittman is currently enrolled in the MS in Counselor Education with a specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at East Carolina University. Her research interests include the use of alternative interventions for the treatment of anxiety and depression, as well as the effects of exercise on depression.

Phyllis Post	Phyllis Post is a Professor of Counseling and has taught and conducted research in the area of play therapy for more than 20 years. In addition to teaching many core courses in both the MA and PhD programs, Dr. Post has taught courses in Introduction to Play Therapy, Filial Therapy, and Contemporary Theories of Play Therapy. At UNCC, Dr. Post has developed the Multicultural Play Therapy Center and she developed and coordinated the Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy.
Megan Proctor	Megan Proctor is a Clinical Mental Health Counseling student at NC A&T University and is interested in Cognitive Behavioral approaches, particularly mindfulness based interventions. Megan's goal to eventually incorporate yoga practices that target mindfulness and meditation in order to work with eating disorders.
Richale Reed	Richale R. Reed MA, LPC, LCAS obtained her Masters in Professional Counseling from Liberty University, and is dually licensed as an professional counselor and a clinical addictions specialist, practicing for the past 7 years. The owner of CateRRRflies Lifework a distance counseling private practice, Richale uses naturopathic methods to help those she supports.
Jonathan R. Ricks	Jonathan Ricks has several years of school counseling and college academic counseling experience. Dr Ricks is an Assistant Professor of Professional School Counseling at UNC Pembroke and is a National Certified Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Licensed School Counselor.
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