LPCA 35th Annual Convention & Regional Conference

May 2–5, 2023

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa
Savannah, Georgia

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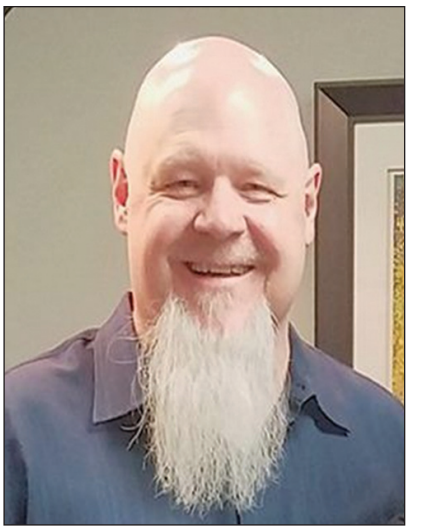
Finding BALANCE

Welcome from the 2023 Convention Committee Chair, LPCA President-Elect David Markwell, PhD, LPC, LCMHC, NCC, CPCS, ACS, BC-TMH



We are honored to host our attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers at the LPCA 35th Annual Convention and Southeastern Regional Conference!

On behalf of the LPCA of Georgia I would like to welcome you to the 35th Annual Convention in beautiful Savannah Georgia. This year's theme is ***Finding* BALANCE.**

Balance is the key to emotional and physical wellbeing.

Sometimes finding and maintaining balance can be challenging. To illustrate this point, I want you to think of a tightrope walker. Tightrope walking is a skill of maintaining balance while walking along a "wire" between two points. It can be done either using a balancing item like a pole or "freehand" by using only one's body to maintain balance. If you have ever seen a tightrope walker you have probably noticed that they sometimes lean one direction and, in order not to fall, lean the opposite direction. It is unlikely that they will stay perfectly still as they cross the tightrope.

Maintaining balance isn't about staying perfectly still; it's about recognizing when you're getting out of balance and adjusting. As therapists we are always helping our clients find balance. How often have we used or incorporated the phrase "work-life balance?" As therapists we need to also work diligently on ourselves to make sure we are balanced and adjusted.

On a side note, did you know that tightrope walking is called "funambulism"? It is an interesting term, though I don't see any "fun" in it.

This year's conference, although being our 35th year, will be our first year utilizing our new Conference Tracker App. While we all will be getting familiar with it at the same time, it will no doubt enhance our convention experience.

We have many wonderful presentations planned for you! Our Keynote speaker, Dr Amanda Giordano, will share new insights into behavioral addictions and useful treatment techniques.

As always, we could not accomplish what we do without the assistance of LPCA's staff and our many volunteers. My sincere thanks to everyone for your investment. Additionally I would like to thank the staff at the Westin for their hospitality and support.

Since 1987 LPCA of GA has been an active contributor in leading the counseling world in new pursuits of advancing the profession. As stated on the LPCA website: *The LPCA Convention and Regional Conference is the longest running professional development and networking event for Licensed Professional Counselors, students, and other mental health professionals in Georgia.*

I am thankful to be a member of this association and want to thank each of you for your support of LPCA of GA and for being an integral part of our association.

Let's have a great conference together!

Special Convention Events *for You!*

Breakfast (7:30AM) and breaks with coffee, tea and snacks are included in the convention registration. Lunch and dinner are on your own. Enjoy Savannah's restaurants!

Counselors Rock!

Tuesday, May 2

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

President's Reception, Nancy Reeves Presidential Forum, 2023 LPCA of GA Awards, 2023–2024 Board Induction

Harbour River Ballroom

Welcome from LPCA President Bryan Stephens, and Convention Chair David Markwell. Awards presentation by Immediate Past President Angela Feeser. 2023–2024 Board Induction. Cash bar (beer/wine) and light appetizers with sunset view of the Savannah River.

Wednesday, May 3

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Early Morning Welcome by Convention Chair David Markwell and Breakfast Buffet

Grand Ballroom

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Special Wednesday Evening Workshops

Presentations on Religion and LGBTQ Counseling, Improving Sexual Assault Prevention, Pornography Issues, Social Media Good or Bad for Teens

Thursday, May 4

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

"May the Fourth Be With You" Breakfast

Grand Ballroom

7:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Breakfast Keynote:

Clinical Work with Behavioral Addictions: Conceptualization and Treatment

Dr. Amanda L. Giordano

International Presenter/Researcher

Dr. Amanda Giordano

Friday, May 5

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

"Happy Cinco de Mayo" Breakfast

White Oak Ballroom

Breakfast Keynotes:

Legislation Introduction

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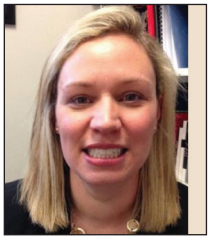

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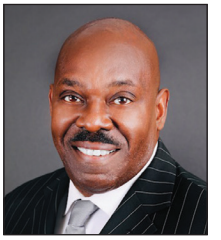

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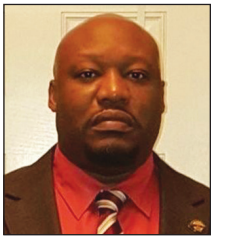

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The Savannah Belles Ferry

Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa is across the river from River Street with its many restaurants and shops. To get there you must catch the Savannah Belles Ferry for a 10 minute ferry ride across the river. The ferry departs the Westin every 20 minutes from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM and is free of charge.

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Pre-Convention

Tuesday Morning, May 2

7:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Registration

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast and Networking

9:00 AM – 5:15 PM
Expanding Our Views on Sexual Abuse
6 Hours Core

Sex is a difficult topic for therapists to discuss with their clients but when discussing sex after sexual abuse many therapists become uncomfortable. The *#MeToo* movement taught us how many individuals experience unwanted sexual attention or have felt forced, coerced, or obligated to have sex that they would not normally consent to. Clients who have experienced any type of unwanted sexual attention or activity may be drawn to BDSM. If a therapist is uncomfortable talking about sex in general or specifically BDSM they may accidentally shame the client. BDSM sex is healthy and therapeutic for clients who have experienced unwanted sexual attention or activity because they are able to reclaim power that was taken from them by their abuser. Sexual Configurations Theory can explain how and why sexual desires and fantasies develop. Understanding Sexual Configurations Theory can help you normalize your client's sexual desires, behaviors, or dysfunctions.

Alena Porter, MA, LAPC, NCC, graduated from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology and is currently working in private practice. Alena is one of the few identifiable sex positive therapists in Columbus, GA. Alena's life experiences and negative experiences with therapists motivated her to become a therapist to provide safe, shame free spaces for all clients to be able to share anything. Alena Porter has accepted over a dozen clients who have been shamed for their sexual interests or activities by other counselors.

9:00 AM – 5:15 PM
Human Super Power™ of Attachment
6 Hours Core

Learn to leverage the Human Super Power™ of Attachment to promote broad learning, growth and development of children and youth with complex and co-occurring disorders of behavior, development, learning, and mental health. Potentize treatment and intervention for children with history of trauma, abuse, neglect; Emotional and Behavioral Disorder [EBD]; Attachment Disorder [RAD, DSED]; attention and focus issues; Dissociative Tendencies, DID; and/or learning problems. Explore brain-based strategies that evoke a neuroplastic response to support learning, regulation, and normalization of behavior and cognition. Case studies explore children who overcame complex and co-occurring diagnoses through this comprehensive and evidence-based approach. Taken from national peer-reviewed presentations from the National Youth at Risk Conference and the Council for Exceptional Children [CEC] as well as the Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children. The parent version of this training is approved by DFCS for Continuing Education credit for parents involved in foster care and adoption.

Darleen Claire Wodzenski, PhD, LPC, NCC, ACS, MS, ESE, MA, CMHC, QPPE, is an author, speaker, and clinician with Orchard Human Services, Inc., and adjunct faculty member with Nova Southeastern University. A clinical supervisor and trainer for mental health professionals seeking CEs, her areas of specialization include trauma, attachment development, dissociation, developmental disabilities, and neurodiversity.

9:00 AM – 5:15 PM
Identifying and Understanding Coercive Control
6 Hours Core NBFE

Identifying coercive control/emotional and psychological abuse, which is a risk indicator for future alienation in divorce cases, continues to be one of the most difficult tasks mental health professionals have as evaluators and therapists. Identifying children who have been coerced to reject a parent vs. children who have estranged themselves by choice from an abusive parent is another piece to the puzzle that must be evaluated. Alienating parents use coercive control, as well as coercive control by proxy, to manipulate, intimidate, and control the other parent and the children's perspective of the targeted parent. Coercive control by proxy occurs when the coercive parent uses the children, or others, to aid in developing their control and marginalization over the victim parent and to monopolize the children's and other's perspectives.

Tommy Black, PhD, LPC, has been in private practice since 1998. He served as a member of the GA Composite Board for PC, SW, and MFT for nine years where he worked diligently to update the rules related to Professional Counselors. In 2022 the Board elected Dr. Black to be Georgia's first Commissioner to the Interstate Compact for Counseling Commission. Dr. Black serves as the Chair of the Rules Committee and on the Advisory Panel for the National Board of Forensic Evaluators (NBFE). For two years, he was the LPCA Ethics Co-Chair alongside Dr. Julie Whisenhunt. As Army veteran who works with active-duty individuals and their families, he became an strong advocate for licensure portability and mental health parity.

Gina Loretelli, a proud lifelong resident of Northern California, attended Ripon schools in her early years and received her Bachelor's degree from Stanislaus State in 2001. While her area of study was economics, her focus within the major was consumer behaviors. Gina has always been fascinated by human behavior which has led her to her true passion of helping families and children achieve peace in this crazy chaotic world. Gina spent many years

in sales and marketing positions before transitioning into mental health in 2016. Gina is not a licensed therapist however she does have mental health certifications and many hours volunteering and training. Experiential expertise is what makes her coaching so special. Gina has experience and training with issues of family violence, custody issues, family courts, and supervised visitation.

9:00 AM – 5:15 PM

From Talk Therapy to Psycho-Neurophysiological and Other Interventions

6 Hours Core

This workshop reviews how current psychotherapy models work and why. We will discuss the differences between some psycho-neurophysiological models such as Biofeedback (Electromyography or EMG), Neurofeedback (Electroencephalography or EEG neurofeedback), and talk therapy. The focus is on the evidence-based results of several psychotherapeutic interventions that do not contain talk therapy. Ideally, there will be a practical component to this workshop, and registrants will have an opportunity to see a demonstration of what a psycho-neurophysiological intervention is. We will review traditional Talk Therapy models, how and why they work, what other models are available for the clinician to treat a client effectively, understand what are Psycho-neurophysiological interventions (mind-body connections), the relationship between nutrition and our mental health, and when to use techniques such as Electromyography biofeedback (EMG), Electroencephalogram, feedback (EEG), Neurofeedback, and Nutritional Therapeutic Interventions.

Jose F. Vasquez, PsyD, PhD, LMHC, LPC, CPCS, received a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology from the Autonomous University of Mexico City, and a Master's degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Therapy from Phillips Graduate University, in Chatsworth, California. In addition, she received a Doctoral Degree in psychology from California Southern University in Santa Ana, California. She is also a trained Nutritional Therapist and Professional Life Coach dedicated to helping clients achieve an optimum mind-body connection through proper nutrition

Sara Franco-Vasquez, PsyD, NTP, received a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology from the Autonomous University of Mexico City, and a Master's degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Therapy from Phillips Graduate University, in Chatsworth, California. In addition, she received a Doctoral Degree in psychology from California Southern University in Santa Ana, California. She is also a trained Nutritional Therapist and Professional Life Coach dedicated to helping clients achieve an optimum mind-body connection through proper nutrition.

9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

IYKYK or You Don't: What a Supervisee Should Know

3.0 Hours Supervision/Ethics

You only know what you know or you don't! This workshop focuses on key elements in five areas that supervisees should know while practicing towards full licensure. It is imperative that supervisees educate and equip themself during the supervision process. These areas include board rules, law, ethics, documentation and clinical practice. This workshop is targeted for students and LAPCs, and may be beneficial to newer supervisors.

- Review and discuss key elements in the areas of board rules, law, ethics, documentation and clinical practice.
- Review and discuss how to use the key areas as tools to decrease risk and disruption in direct work experience and application process.
- Review and discuss case examples to apply elements of key areas of practice.

Angela Feeser, EdS, LPC, CPCS, earned her BA in Psychology with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University, and an MA in Psychological Studies and an EdS in Mental Health Counseling at Seton Hall University. She began her career providing child/adolescent treatment as an in-home counselor. She was the Clinical Director at Serenity Behavioral Health Systems and is now in private practice with Georgia Behavioral Health Professionals. She is a member of the Augusta Coalition for Mental Health Advocacy, and the Augusta Coalition for Addiction and Recovery Awareness. Angela is trained in TFCBT, Process Therapy, Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD, CAFAS, C-SSRS, addictive diseases, Play Therapy, and motivational interviewing. Angela is the Immediate Past President of LPCA of GA.

Carolyn Ramp, EdS, LPC, CPCS, ACS, has a career in mental health that spans over thirty years. Her experience includes outpatient clinical work in agencies, school systems, as well as building and managing a multi-specialty private practice of 18 therapists. She's earned a master's degree in 1993 and a Specialist's Degree in Counseling in 2000. She was President of LPCA of GA in 2019–2020. Carolyn currently owns CR Consulting and offers consultation for new practices and Clinical Supervisors as well as Clinical Supervision for LAPCs. Her specialties include Clinical Supervision for over twenty years, working with the families of the Personality Disordered, teaching parenting strategies as a Love and Logic Facilitator, and she is a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 2

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Guidelines for Supervision

1.5 Hours Supervision

This workshop provides the necessary tools for supervisees to make informed decisions about their supervision experience. Supervisees will learn to apply the practical knowledge that they have gained at the graduate level to catapult them to the next phase of the profession. In addition, supervisees will learn the importance of providing ethical and legal services in accordance to the ACA code of ethics. After attending the workshop, the supervisee will be adequately prepared to begin the supervision process.

Michele Green, LPC, NBCCH, CAMS, is a licensed therapist. She graduated from Norfolk State University with a graduate degree in Urban Education, Guidance and Counseling. Her undergraduate work was also completed at Norfolk State University where she focused on English and Speech Language Pathology. She is a co-founder of

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Gathering Precious Stones which is a psychotherapy private practice in Atlanta. Michele is extensively trained in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), National Board Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist (NBCCH), is a Certified Anger Management Specialist. She is a certified Impact Trainer who provides training for foster parents. She regularly facilitates skill-building groups and individual training sessions on issues such as emotional regulation, anger management, and parenting. Michele is a community activist and much of her work has been directed towards empowering women and families. She has also focused on work with at-risk and under-privileged youth.

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Delphi: The Future of Psychotherapy

1.5 Hours Supervision

In 1980 a group of 36 mental health experts formed predictions on what the next decade of the 1990s would look like for psychotherapy in the United States. Since then experts have continued to meet each decade to make predictions. The most recent Delphi group met in 2021 and forecasted things for the 2030s. What do you think psychotherapy will look like ten years from now? What changes and challenges are possibly coming?

- Explore the history of the Delphi panel.
- Discuss some of the past, present and future predictions of the Delphi panel.
- Address ideas and concerns about the future of psychotherapy along with goals and outcomes.

David Markwell, PhD, LPC, LCMHC, NCC, ACS, CPCS, BC-TMH, CART, EAS-C, is licensed in Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina. He is a Board Certified Telemental Health Provider and a Registered Telemental Health Provider in Florida. He has counseling offices in Marietta and McCaysville, Georgia. He is currently the LPCA of GA President-Elect, the 2023 Convention Committee Chair, and former Clinical Supervision Chair for LPCA of GA.

Eric Rodgers, MA, MS, LPC, NCC, BCC, has worked in psychiatric hospital and private practice settings, as a therapist and clinical director, working with clients experiencing depression, anxiety, and those experiencing severe mental health disorders. He has conducted family, group, and individual therapy sessions with geriatric, adolescent, and adult populations. He owns a private practice, Just for Men Behavioral Health, Inc. He has presented at multiple conferences across the state of Georgia. He has served as the program manager for the Certified Clinical Supervisor Credential and as licensure consultant with LPCA of GA. He has been published in LPC Connection, the official publication of LPCA of GA. He has also served multiple terms on LPCA's Board.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Board Dinner

LPCA Board and Licensing Board

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Nancy Reeve's Presidential Forum
LPCA Awards Ceremony and Board Induction

Harbour Ballroom, cash bar, light appetizers

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7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Surviving Grief: Recovery Strategies to Regain Balance After Loss

1.5 Hours Core

Who heals the wounded healer? This workshop aims to normalize talking about death, loss, and grief for healers who are used to caring for everyone else. This workshop explores recovering from any type of loss experience. Although most people tend to associate grief only with death, loss and grief show up for us in many ways. In addition to losing loved ones we can and do experience loss of friendships, marriages, relationships, health, and faith. The presenter shares ways in which we experience grief and explores innovative strategies from her personal story to regain balance after loss.

- Discuss three types of grief.
- Examine the nature and experience of grief from the wounded healer perspective.
- Explore innovative grief recovery strategies for the times in which we live.

Triphinia Margaret Wallace, PhD, LPSY, LPC, is also an Advanced Clinical Hypnotherapist, and a Reiki Master. She is the author of two books available in paperback and via Kindle on Amazon: *Do It NOW! A 7-Step Plan to Fix Bad Habits that Block Success* and a companion workbook called, *Do It NOW Workbook/Journal: Powerful Exercises to Fix Bad Habits that Block Success.* Dr. Triphi has been the owner and CEO of a mental health agency in metro Atlanta from 2004. She also owns a private psychology practice in Atlanta where she conducts psychotherapy, evaluations, and hypnotherapy. As a speaker, workshop facilitator, and trainer, Dr. Triphi presents on popular topics such as: Surviving Grief, Transforming Trauma, Building, Emotional Resilience, Cultivating Feminine Energy, and Mental Reprogramming Secrets. Some of her previous clients include the Red Cross, the Government of Dominica, and the military.

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

When Curiosity Does Not Kill the Cat: Comprehensive Intake Assessment Questioning

1.5 Hours Core NBFE

The initial meeting with a client is one of the foundational and essential encounters for the therapeutic relationship. Whether a seasoned therapist or new clinician, this presentation seeks to add to your clinical toolbox, sharpening critical interview skills, and enhancing initial assessment practices. In this presentation, we delve into the intake process and review critical components that will be enhanced through use of Socratic questioning. Proper utilization of Socratic questioning and efficient assessment during the

intake process are integral to proper treatment planning and client progress. Additionally, participants will identify specific lines of questioning that will lend to explore and understand more regarding tentative diagnosis, and strengthen future engagement between clinician and client.

Nikita D. Robinson, LPC, NCC, CPCS, CCTP, has served as a university mental health counselor, community counselor, suicide prevention educator, and contractor with Drug Court/Mental Health Court. Nikita is an experienced clinician, trained in CBT counseling, EMDR, Prolonged Exposure Therapy, and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional, in addition to several certifications in evidence-based risk reduction curricula, and certifications in Mental Health First Aid, (youth and adult), Question Persuade Refer, and Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk. She instructs and encourages others in becoming purveyors of hope in their respective communities. She hopes to contribute to large scale suicide prevention one person at a time, while educating others to provide additional resources in the mental health community.

9:00 AM –10:30 AM

The Eating Disorders and Trauma Treatment Dance: When the Two are in a Tangled Tango

1.5 Hours Core Trauma

Treat the trauma or eating disorder? Eating disorder first of course, since eating disorders have the highest morbidity rate of all mental health disorders. But wait! So much trauma is hidden behind eating disorders and helps maintain them, so how about the trauma first? This workshop will help clinicians learn to dance the dance of working with co-occurring eating disorders and trauma history using a trans-diagnostic lens and evidence-based approaches. Presenters will provide case studies from their combined experiences working in multiple levels of care treating eating disorders and trauma.

Lisa Hedden, LPC, NCC, specializes in eating disorders, complex trauma, anxiety, and loss. She is experienced evaluating and treating clients of all ages at multiple levels of eating disorder treatment and is a passionate advocate for size inclusivity. Lisa's sweet spot is the intersection of trauma and eating disorders using an integrated approach. She holds an MS from Mercer University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and is a PhD candidate in Counselor Education and Supervision at the University of Georgia. Lisa's research interests include eating disorders, complex trauma, sizeism, and counselor education.

Courtney Chaney, LPC, NCC, received her Master's of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Mercer University. She specializes in eating disorders, body image issues, complex trauma, and self-esteem/self-worth issues. She is experienced treating clients of all ages and at multiple levels of care, and currently sees clients in private practice and at Manna Fund. At Manna, Courtney is the Director of the Trauma Intensive Outpatient Program and is a Primary Therapist for the Eating Disorder PHP and IOP programs. She has a passion for helping individuals find their true authentic selves and gain freedom, purpose, and empowerment through the process of therapy. Courtney believes in the process of therapy and the transformation that therapy can have on people's lives.

9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Creating a Holistic Treatment Plan: Integrating Wellness in Therapy

3 Hours Core

Wellness is the state of being in good health, especially as an actively pursued goal. A comprehensive and holistic approach to wellness addresses the needs of a client mentally, physically, and spiritually. When all three aspects are included in treatment planning there is balance and enhanced potential for synergistic improvement and growth in all areas. Those that are not addressed may undermine treatment progress and lead to relapse, return of symptoms, and/or recidivism.

Kimberly Alexander, LPC, CPCS, is a certified personal trainer and fitness instructor who has trained individuals and groups for nearly thirty years. Kimberly holds an MBA from Emory University, a Masters of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy, and has an extensive background and training in behavioral health, fitness, and sports nutrition. Her specialty training includes addiction treatment and sex therapy. Formerly a West Pointer, she combines her military background with her three decades of personal training and group fitness to help clients meet their health and wellness goals – both physical and mental. She is currently the owner of Fit Mind, Fit Body, Fit Soul, a Christian health and wellness company that integrates spiritual, mental, and physical components for a comprehensive approach towards lifelong wellness. She often sees clients in a fitness setting to further help them reach their holistic wellness goals. Kimberly sees individuals, couples, and families in the therapy setting and facilitates groups. Kimberly regularly speaks to groups and individuals to motivate and educate them on the importance of health and wellness during all phases of life and its positive impact on physical and emotional health. Combining psychology and fitness is a ministry for her and she is excited to have the opportunity to share it with you today.

9:00 AM –12:15 PM

The Ketamine Effect: Understanding the Therapeutic Value/Potential of Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy

3.0 Hours Core Addiction

The course provides an overview of the of the medication and the transformational counseling work termed Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy (KAP). Introducing a counseling intervention approach Common Ketamine Progression Narrative (C-KPN), the training explores psychological variables that can be impacted through Ketamine Treatment and supported by accompanying therapy. The course is designed to uncover the mystery of the anti-depressive/anxiety effects of Ketamine and explore, with the reduction of symptoms, how the potential for deeper inter/intra-personal awareness can emerge. By providing an expanded understanding of Ketamine Treatment protocols and therapeutic implications, counselors will be assisted in guiding clients to the understanding Ketamine Treatment value and potential. The course expands awareness around a common understanding (C-KPN) of how treatment may offer assistance for clients experiencing treatment resistant depression, anxiety and complex trauma.

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Lesley Les Cole, DMin, LPC, CCTP, CPCS, NCC, is the director of Ascend Medical's Mental Health service. He received his Doctorate's from Columbia Theological Seminary and Emory University, his masters from Phillips University, and his undergraduate education at Texas Tech University. He believes that the most important part of being a healthcare provider is the relationship with the patient.

Vanessa Desir, MS, LPC, is a ten year counseling professional currently working as a Director at Attento Counseling and provides direct clinical services in support of clients. She has received her intensive training certificate as a KAP psychotherapist and has been actively providing services for the past two years with noteworthy success with a diverse population of clients. Managing eighteen Georgia licensed clinicians, Vanessa provides daily guidance and supervision support. Certified as a clinical trauma professional, Vanessa served as a clinical manager at a crisis unit and provided training guidance for clinical teams in terms of clinical care.

Timothy J. Giannoni, EdD, MS, MBA, is an Executive Life Coach, and has worked in human services for the past thirty years. Tim has assumed leadership roles in both national youth development and counseling organizations. Receiving training in Ketamine Protocols through the Ketamine Training Center, Tim is co-authoring with Dr. Cole a book to assist clients and counselor's better understanding of Ketamine Therapy. Tim presently is a co-owner of Attento Counseling Services and is focused on developing a "quality" support model for ketamine treatment for clients in need. Tim has an extensive history of presenting at local, state and national workforce development and educational conferences.

9:00 AM –10:30 AM

Understanding Your Personal Story and the Role it Plays in Therapy

1.5 Hours Core

Participants will explore aspects of narrative therapy while working to understand how their unique experiences impact their work as practitioners. Participants will be educated on current codes of ethics while working to identify proper ways of integrating disclosers within therapy. Lastly, participants will explore aspects of core beliefs held by the industry while working to develop an actionable plan to promote wellbeing.

Dontay Williams, LPC, is a native of Philadelphia, PA. He is a doctoral candidate at Mercer University for Counseling Education and Supervision. He holds a Masters of Arts degree in Professional Counseling from Richmont Graduate University in Atlanta. His expertise includes certification as an Anger Management Specialist recognized by the National Board of Certified Counselors and training in topics of Spiritual Integration. Notably he serves as the Founder of Mental Health on Purpose and Clinical Director for TimeWellness in Atlanta.

10:45 AM –12:15 PM

Counseling Clients After Spiritual Abuse and Religious Trauma

1.5 Hours Core Trauma

The experience of spiritual abuse and religious trauma can have overwhelming effects on a person's mental health, including shame, guilt, disconnection, substance abuse, depression, anxiety, identity problems, and suicidal ideation. This workshop explores the devastating impact of spiritual abuse and religious trauma. Practical tools will be offered to assist clinicians working with clients who have been impacted by spiritual abuse and religious trauma.

Keny Felix, PhD, MDiv, LPC, CPCS, is an Associate Professor of Counseling at Liberty University, a Florida Licensed Mental Health Counselor, as well as a Georgia LPC. Utilizing his training and experience as a psychotherapist, counselor educator, and Christian minister, he assists clients in discovering effective and practical tools to cope with life's challenges.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Addiction: How to Perform a Family Intervention

1.5 Hours Core Addiction

This workshop outlines the therapeutic factors that will demonstrate the importance of involving family members in treatment. Particular attention will be paid to methods that can successfully be used in an intervention. The three most common interventions that will be compared and contrasted with each other are: the Johnson method, CRAFT, and the Arise model. Concrete methods that are used with each will be explored. Participants will be provided with educational materials that will highlight proven intervention strategies as well as the goals and interventions specific to the method.

Timothy S. Robinson, LPC, CPCS, CAD-F, has been certified in substance abuse treatment since 2005. Tim has spent most of his professional career working in the addiction treatment field. Tim served as the LPCA of GA Eastern District Rep 2014–2015, LPCA Newsletter Editor 2016–2019, and LPCA President, 2019–2021. While serving as Eastern Rep, AMHCA presented Tim the presigious Professional Service and Leadership to a Chapter Award.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Support for Caregivers Navigating Childhood Trauma: A Children's Advocacy Center Perspective

1.5 Hours Core Trauma

This workshop serves as a guide for clinicians to effectively support the caregivers of children who have experienced trauma. This session will outline supportive needs, services and processes from the time of investigation through prosecution and beyond using a Children's Advocacy Center Model from a therapist's point of view

Tori Massey Young, MS, APC, NCC, is a native of Huntsville, AL, who currently calls Columbus, Georgia home. She has a BA in Psychology from Tuskegee University, a MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Troy University, and is pursuing her Doctorate

Degree in Counselor Education. She serves as Lead Clinical Therapist/Outreach Specialist for Children's Tree House Child Advocacy Center, a program of Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services. Its mission is to effectively protect children of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit by providing one centralized, state-of-the-art location for consolidating the investigative, prosecuting, social services, medical and mental health care into one collaborative effort for abused children.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Are You Diagnosing Ethically?

1.5 Hours Ethics

This workshop reviews the ethics of diagnosing and includes an example of a diagnostic study on diagnosing as well as several case scenarios. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the purpose of mental health diagnosis, the impact of a diagnosis for the client and confirmation bias in diagnosing

Carolyn Ramp, EdS, LPC, CPCS, has a career in mental health spans over thirty years. Her experience includes outpatient clinical work in agencies, school systems, as well as building and managing a multi-specialty private practice of 18 therapists. She earned a master's degree in 1993 and a Specialist's Degree in Counseling in 2000. She was President of LPCA of GA in 2019–2020. Carolyn currently owns CR Consulting and offers consultation for new practices and Clinical Supervisors as well as Clinical Supervision for LAPCs. Her specialties include Clinical Supervision for over twenty years, working with the families of the Personality Disordered, teaching parenting strategies as a Love and Logic Facilitator and she is a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist.

Jihene Ayadi, PhD, LPC, CPCS, NCC, is also an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) with the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). She is also a Certified QPR Gatekeeper Trainer for Suicide Prevention and a Certified EMDR provider. She is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling and the Clinical Coordinator of the Augusta Campus of Troy University. She earned her Doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Arkansas and her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Valdosta State University. She currently serves on the LPCA of GA Board as the Eastern District Rep.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 3

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy in Georgia

1.5 Hours Core

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy is a short-term, specialized behavior management program designed for young children experiencing behavioral and/or emotional difficulties and their families. PCIT teaches caregivers to manage their child's difficult behaviors, while increasing their positive behaviors. PCIT works with the child and caregiver together to improve behavior and reduce parenting stress. PCIT is an exceptionally effective treatment backed by over thirty years of research. Live coaching is a hallmark of PCIT. The therapist observes the caregiver and child together, then provides coaching on the PCIT skills. Caregivers and therapists work together to manage challenging child behaviors.

Marina Yearsovich, LPC, is a clinical manager and the PCIT program manager at Pathways Transition Programs. She received her MS in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling from Georgia State University in 2017. She is an MHFA trainer and working towards becoming a PCIT within-agency trainer. Marina has provided trauma-informed counseling services with children and families in community-based settings for over five years. Her professional experiences include vocational counseling as a wraparound team member, court-mandated recovery and anger management counseling groups and volunteer return-to-work coaching.

Jaclynn Kuchta, PhD, NCSP, earned her PhD in School Psychology from Duquesne University. She is a Licensed Psychologist and a Nationally Certified School Psychologist in Savannah, Georgia at Pathways Transition Programs, Inc. Clinically, Dr. Kuchta's areas of focus include early childhood disruptive behavior disorders, early childhood trauma, and consultation/collaboration with early care and education, as well as with community implementation of evidence-based treatments. She has a particular interest in Parent-Child interaction Therapy (PCIT) and its adaptation with teachers (Teacher-Child Interaction Training, TCIT), and is currently in the process of pursuing her PCIT Within Agency (Level 1) Trainer Certification. Her research interests include community implementation of evidenced-based interventions, specifically the implementation of PCIT and TCIT.

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Private Practice 101

3.0 Hours Core General

Private Practice 101 walks you through all of the steps necessary for setting up a private therapy practice legally in Georgia. Many therapists struggle with the business side of things but still need to make sure they follow all of the rules and ethics when running a practice in Georgia. This course will walk through setting up an EIN with the IRS and registering your LLC with the State of Georgia. It will also walk through how to manage client paperwork and communication in an organized and HIPAA compliant way. Learn laws around taxes and accepting payment from clients ethically

Anne Rice, LPC, CPCS, is also a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in New York. She has been running her Private Practice, Firefly Wellness Counseling, since 2017. She also runs a coworking space for therapists, Blue House Wellness, that helps therapists launch their practices by offering hourly office rentals and workshops. She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Princeton University and her graduate degree in Counseling from Boston College.

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Advanced Motivation Interviewing Skills: Healing Those Who Struggle With Trauma and Addictions

1.5 Hours Core

This training builds upon theory, principles, and skills or motivational interviewing related to enhancing motivational behavior to change addictive thoughts and behaviors while promoting healing from trauma. Participants will be guided through sequential steps through demonstration and activation to gain mastery in applying advanced motivational interviewing skills. This training goes beyond just assessing readiness for change. This training looks to teach and demonstrate advanced skills in eliciting change talk for addiction and integrating cognitive processing therapy to heal trauma by motivating clients to move through trauma stuck points. It will enhance motivational interviewing skills that empathically address challenges to change.

Beryl Armstrong, NCC, LCPC, BC-TMH, ACS, CPCS, is an entrepreneur, author, and speaker. Having accrued more than 15 years of unique expertise in her chosen field, she has garnered a lauded reputation through her work as the co-founder of The Transformation Specialists, LLC, an online mental health practice specializing in the treatment of emotional disturbances, trauma relationship challenges, and bipolar disorder. Additionally, she serves as Associated Medical Director over Behavioral Health with Family Christian Health Center of Harvey, Illinois.

Charmain D. Gibson, NCC, LPC, is an entrepreneur and speaker. Having accrued more than ten years of expertise as a helping professional, she is known for her work as the co-founder of The Transformation Specialists, LLC, an online mental health practice specializing in treating emotional disturbances, trauma relationship challenges, and bipolar disorder. Mrs. Gibson has gained a great deal of experience in promoting healing to those that struggle with grief, trauma, and mood disorders. Additionally, she serves as Director of Reentry at the Lake County Sheriff's Department, where she works to facilitate care and reentry to juveniles and adults in the Indiana correction facility.

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Advanced CPCS Telehealth Supervision: Using Technology for Advanced Skill Development

3.0 Hours Ethics/Supervision

This workshop is designed to present a different way to use technology to advance clinical skill building for new professionals who are in supervision. First, this presentation will work with two different cameras and participants to understand how to use technology to advance supervision education. Second, volunteers will help suggest skills often taught and supervisors will speak about specific techniques they use in their supervision.

Louis F. Boynton, PhD, LPC, NCC, CPCS, ACEP, has a PhD in general psychology and is currently a professional counselor, filmmaker, researcher, and radio show host. He has a background in most qualitative research IPA, grounded theory, mixed methods, action research, and participatory methods. His research has focused on flourishing and virtue ethics in psychology to create new narrative interventions. These narratives focus on the good life and how to help people build healthy, happy and harmonious lives. By hosting a radio and TV show he has developed short psychological health tips, and he has produced, directed, and written media dedicated to promoting a narrative of health, happiness, and harmony for everyone. He considers himself, first and foremost a counselor and counselor educator. He has worked in several psychiatric facilities, outpatient facilities, and currently runs a private practice in Newnan, Georgia. As a counseling educator, Dr. Boynton has developed multiple courses in clinical supervision and currently serves on the LPCA of GA Board as Western District Rep.

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

The Bigger Picture: Understanding the Role of Historical Trauma in African American Identity Development

3.0 Hours Core Trauma

This workshop seeks to bring awareness to the unique challenges faced by African American clients. It takes a look at the overarching impact of historical trauma and ongoing challenges with racial injustice, poverty, and internalized racism. The goal of the workshop is to increase cultural competency in working with African American clients by taking a look at the bigger picture.

Sandtrice D. Russell, LPC, CPCS, has been in the helping profession for over 15 years. Sandtrice graduated from the University of West Georgia in 2004, and later obtained a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Mental Health from Troy State University in 2012. Throughout her career she's worked with individuals across various populations providing mental health counseling, career counseling, mentorship, and life coaching services. Sandtrice has worked in a variety of settings to include residential group homes, outpatient mental health, inpatient mental health, and a suicide prevention hotline for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. Sandtrice specializes in working with clients coping with depression, anxiety, relationship issues, anger management, trauma, and individuals of the LGBT community who are seeking a safe space. She also has experience working with veterans and active-duty servicemen. In addition to her role as an LPC, Sandtrice is a motivational speaker, podcast host, and mental health advocate. The mission statement for her organizations, Unique Destiny, Inc. and Unique Destiny Counseling, is *Empowerment through education.*

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

ADHD and Neurocognitive Disorder (Dementia): A Comorbid Connection

1.5 Hours Ethics

The purpose of this workshop is to acquaint therapists on a subject matter that has not been widely discussed in counseling literature or workshops. However, if current research does show an ADHD connection to a neurocognitive disorder (dementia), the ramifications could alter the way counselors view these two diagnoses in a therapeutic setting.

Richard Fowler, EdD, LPC, is a Professor of Psychology and Professional Counseling at Truett McConnell University in Cleveland, GA. He is the author of over 30+ articles and 15 books, one of which is titled, *Honey Are You Listening?? How ADHD Affects Marriages*

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Military Cultural Competency— Basic Training

1.5 Hours Core Diversity

Understanding military culture, the terminology, and the barriers they face are crucial when working with this population. Tkachuck et al. (2021) pointed out that in order to provide the highest level of care, it is critical that providers seek to understand the challenges that military personnel and veterans face. This presentation is a basic introduction to military culture. It aims to enhance your military cultural competency by understanding the various military branches, their structure, terminology, stigmas and barriers to seeking mental health treatment, the current treatment options available for military personnel, and recommendations on the way forward.

- Gain an understanding of military culture.
- Learn the barriers and stigmas that prevent military personnel from seeking treatment.
- Identify possible solutions to assist this population.

Jerry L. Pierson, MSgt, USAF, is a graduate student pursuing his master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Capella University. He has a bachelor's in Psychology from Capella and an associate in Human Resources. Jerry is currently a member of the United States Air Force with 23 years of service, garnering nine total combat tours to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and has been stationed in South Korea, Italy, and Germany, as well as various locations within the United States.

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

The Power of Engagement: The Secret to Assessing for Suicide

1.5 Hours Core

Suicide. The word itself brings an array of feelings that we, as clinicians, are afraid to discuss. Now is the time! What are we afraid of? Why is this conversation necessary? What do I say? How do I know if this person is truly at risk? What skills do I need to help my client? All these questions and more, we will explore and dissect. In this workshop, we discuss how skills we already use daily can help with our fears surrounding suicide prevention. We brush up on some that we may not have used in awhile and explore new theoretical techniques that will make a great difference in our clinical impressions and decisions. If you are ready to learn the secrets to assessing for suicide and feel confident working with this population, this workshop is for you.

Edlove Robinson, LPC, CPCS, is a native New Yorker who moved to Atlanta to pursue her dream of becoming an LPC. She has worked with several populations from detained juveniles at the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), to suicidal veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs. She currently is a Supervisory Social Science Specialist training with the Quality and Training Department with the Department of Veterans Affairs with the Veterans Crisis Line. She also continues work with clients through her own private practice, Power of Love. From her time at DJJ to present, she has over ten years in crisis and suicide prevention and found her passion for training suicide prevention while training numerous clinicians/responders at the Veterans Crisis line.

Wednesday Evening, May 3

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Hallowed Be Thy Name: Religion and LGBTQ Counseling

1.5 Hours Core Diversity

What is religion and how is it defined? This is deeply personal to many people. Some will say going to a physical church or attending services of a particular religion is what defines religion. Imagine if you will, wanting to believe, wanting to attend church, only to be told you are not allowed because of who you love, how you love, or who you have become. From the Holocaust and the Pink Triangle to the religious zealots which denounced those who have AIDS as being punished by God, to the signs posted it's Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.

Mary Star Hannify, MS, APC, NCC, works with ADAPT Counseling in Columbus, GA. Her supervisor is Amy Buchannan, LPC, CPCS. Along with being an APC, she is an ordained minister with Universal Life Church. She honors diversity, no matter one's journey, gender, sexuality, or spirituality, and assists individuals to navigate coming out in the South. Mary also works at New Horizons Behavioral Health as a counselor and works with the IDD adults in various capacities. She completed her internship and residency with NHBH working in substance abuse and trauma. Mary is also a Developmental Disabilities Professional and is a certified instructor for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, CPR/First Aid/ AED and Non-Violet Crisis Interventions. She received her BS from Phoenix University, Phoenix, AZ, and her MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Walden University, Minneapolis, MN.

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Improving Sexual Assault Prevention Programming Efforts: Incorporating Rape Myth Acceptance, Hookup Culture Endorsement, and Moral Development

1.5 Hours Core Trauma

Many publications have been dedicated to studying sexual assault prevention specifically on college campuses. The present study investigated the relationship among factors that contribute to rape supportive culture: rape myth acceptance, the endorsement of hookup culture, and the moral development of undergraduate students. This session will briefly present the findings of this research and implications for counselors working with survivors of sexual violence. This session will further address gaps in current prevention and programming efforts on campuses/ communities, how counselors can improve advocacy efforts, and improving counseling services for survivors.

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Adrienne Graham, MS, APC, NCC, is a second-year doctoral student in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at the University of Georgia. She currently works as a graduate assistant at the UGA Career Center and counselor in a private practice setting. Her research interests focus primarily on sexual violence including resiliency, education, advocacy, and prevention. Clinical counseling specialty areas include domestic violence, sexual violence, trauma, feminist therapy, and mindfulness. She is a social justice counselor and views counseling and teaching as a way to make a difference among counselors in training. Post graduation, she will pursue full licensure and a faculty position in Counselor Education to prepare future counselors and change agents from a multicultural and social justice perspective.

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Pornography Issues: How It's Usually Not About Pornography

1.5 Hours Core Addiction

Pornography may be an unspoken issue for a lot of your clients. Pornography can be used for emotional regulation, alleviating boredom, and of course for sexual arousal. Have you asked your clients about their pornography usage or if they even use pornography? Come learn how people use it, why they have issues with it, and how to help those who are struggling with pornography.

Jessica Renard, MEd, is currently a graduate intern at Atlanta Sex Therapy. She has facilitated several pre-marital workshops and works with individuals and couples on issues regarding mismatched desire, low desire, out of control pornography usage, partner pornography usage, and more. She is completing her masters in Clinical Mental Health at the University of West Georgia (UWG) and also holds a masters in College Student Affairs, also from UWG.

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Social Media for Teens: Good or Bad?

1.5 Hours Core

Social media has become pervasive in our society and has an especially strong hold on the adolescent population. New social media apps are increasingly grabbing the attention of the youth which has caused a shift in mental health outcomes such as increased anxiety, depression, and social isolation. Conversely, teens are also able to connect with others like never before. With no signs of social media use slowing down, counselors and parents alike can benefit from learning more about social media along with how adolescents can use social media in a healthier manner.

Hunter Bickers, LAPC, CMAC, MEd, is currently a counselor at Water's Edge Counseling in Savannah. He works with adults and adolescents and focuses primarily on substance abuse, anxiety, depression, and trauma. Hunter received a Bachelor of History from the University of Georgia and then obtained a Masters in Counseling and Development from Lamar University. He is a Certified Master Addiction Counselor with the GACA. He comes from cognitive-behavioral therapy, person-centered therapy, solution-focused therapy, and reality therapy.

Thursday Morning, May 4

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Registration

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
"May the Fourth Be With You" Breakfast

7:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Keynote Speaker

Clinical Work with Behavioral Addictions: Conceptualization and Treatment

3 Hours Core Mental Health NBFE

Behavioral addictions such as gaming, gambling, sex, pornography, social media,and food affect a substantial number of clients, yet many counselors have not received formal training on how to treat behavioral addictions. In this keynote address, the presenter will describe how to recognize and respond to behavioral addictions in clinical practice. Specifically, the presenter will describe the neuroscience of behavioral addictions, criteria of behavioral addictions, and several treatment considerations.

- Attendees will be able to describe the evolving definition of addiction and conceptualize behavioral addictions using a public health model.
- Attendees will be able to discuss the criteria for behavioral addictions and how to differentiate between high involvement in a behavior and a behavioral addiction.
- Attendees will be able to synthesize current research and relevant neuroscience related to the prevalence and nature of behavioral addictions.

Amanda L. Giordano, PhD, LPC, is an associate professor at the University of Georgia who specializes in addictions counseling. She is the sole author of a clinical reference book titled, *A Clinical Guide to Treating Behavioral Addictions,* co-author of a textbook titled, *Addiction Counseling: A Practical Approach,* and developer of an online course, *Working with Behavioral Addictions.* Dr. Giordano works to advance the counseling field with rigorous research and has published over 55 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and has conducted 122 presentations. In 2018, Dr. Giordano received the Addictions/Offender Educator of Excellence Award from the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors (IAAOC) and in 2022 she was awarded the Russell H. Yeany Jr., Research Award from her college. Dr. Giordano collaborates with domestic and international organizations to provide trainings to increase awareness related to behavioral addictions. She maintains a blog called *Understanding Addiction for Psychology Today* and has been a guest on several podcasts. Dr. Giordano has experience as an editorial board member for a number of prominent counseling journals including the Journal of Addiction and Offender Counseling, Journal of Counseling and Development, and Counseling and Values. She serves on the American Counseling Association (ACA) of Georgia Leadership Council, the board of the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC), and is a member of several other ACA divisions.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Introduction to Choice Theory and Reality Therapy

1.5 Hours Core

Choice Theory/Reality Therapy (CTRT) was developed by Dr. William Glasser. Dr. Glasser postulated that all our behaviors are driven by our need to satisfy one or more of the five basic needs—survival, power, freedom, fun, and love and belonging. In this workshop participants are given a brief introduction to CTRT and leave with tools to use with the people they work with.

Gloria Smith Cissé, DSW, LPC, LMSW, CTRTC, TF-CBT, CPCS, is certified in choice theory and reality therapy. She is also a faculty member for the Glasser Institute for Choice Theory. Dr. Cissé is one of the founders of the Southern Center for Choice Theory, LLC (SCCT). She is a former faculty member at Fort Valley State University and is on the board of the Georgia Association for Infant Mental Health. Dr. Cissé has more than twenty years of clinical practice and seven years of academic experience. She is currently pursuing certifications in Infant Mental Health, Child Parent Psychotherapy, and as an Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant. She has trained nationally and internationally on various topics including CTRT.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Neuroscience Today

1.5 Hours Ethics

Neuroscience is a multidisciplinary science that is concerned with the study of the structure and function of the nervous system. It encompasses the evolution, development, cellular and molecular biology, physiology, anatomy and pharmacology of the nervous system, as well as computational, behavioral and cognitive neuroscience. What are the updates and how does it effect/affect professional counseling?

Louis F. Boyton, PhD, LPC, NCC, CPCS, ACEP, has a PhD in general psychology and is currently a professional counselor, filmmaker, researcher, and radio show host. He has a background in most qualitative research IPA, grounded theory, mixed methods, action research, and participatory methods. His research has focused on flourishing and virtue ethics in psychology to create new narrative interventions. These narratives focus on the good life and how to help people build healthy, happy and harmonious lives. By hosting a radio and TV show he has produced, directed, and written media dedicated to promoting a narrative of health, happiness, and harmony for everyone. He considers himself, first and foremost a counselor and counselor educator. He has worked in several psychiatric facilities, outpatient facilities, and currently runs a private practice in Newnan Georgia. As a counseling educator, Dr. Boynton has developed multiple courses in clinical supervision and currently he serves on the LPCA of GA Board as Western District Rep.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Ghosts and Angels in the Nursery: The Impact of Early Relationships on Mental Health Over a Lifetime

1.5 Hours Core

When Selma Fraiberg, Edna Adelson, and Vivian Shapiro published their groundbreaking paper, *Ghosts in the Nursery* (1975), the field of infant and early childhood mental health was itself in its infancy. Outlining their seminal work with the Child Development Project, the authors eloquently described how intergenerational trauma, with its legacy of pain and psychopathology, can extend through generations unless appropriate and successful interventions are utilized. Since the first few years of life are so critical (as more than 1 million new neural connections form every second) it is imperative that mental health professionals recognize and work with parents while keeping the baby in mind. How parents attune with their young ones and how securely the children's attachment bonds form can affect their relationships throughout life. This presentation will give an overview of the top research in the field of infant and early childhood mental health, with a discussion on steps that providers can take when parents of young children are struggling in their new role.

EveLyn M. Wedge, PhD, LPC, CPCS, is the founder and owner of The Early Years Matter, LLC. She served on the founding board of the Georgia Association for Infant Mental Health (GA-AIMH), assisting those who work with children (0–5), and currently serves on the GA-AIMH Community Advisory Council. She holds an MS degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and a PhD in Infant and Early Childhood Development, with a concentration on Reflective Practice and Supervision and an emphasis on Mental Health and Developmental Disorders. EveLyn is a facilitator for the Circle of Security Parenting program as well as a Certified Infant Massage Educator and Instructor.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Marriages in Recovery: Helping Couples Rebuild a Relationship Damaged by Addictive Behavior

1.5 Hours Core Addiction

When trust is broken by one partner's addiction to a substance or behavior, the couple will often struggle to repair the relationship, even after the addict achieves sobriety. Helping couples navigate a path toward a secure relationship after betrayal is challenging but possible when a constructive and explicit process is implemented. Participants will understand the emotional, physical, spiritual, and relational impact of addictive behavior in a marriage/committed relationship.

Melissa Haas, LPC, CSAT, CMAT, serves as the Spouse-Supporting Therapist at HopeQuest, as well as a counselor at the Counseling Center of Woodstock First Baptist Church. Passionate about authentic community, emotionally healthy marriages, and recovery from addiction, Melissa regularly counsels individuals and couples, facilitates groups, and teaches and speaks on these topics in order to help people heal and grow relationally. She is the author of the *Journey* and *Continuing the Journey* workbooks as well as the *LIFEGuide for Spouses*.

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Troy Haas, CADC-II, CSAT, CMAT, is the co-founder and CEO of the HopeQuest Ministry Group and has over thirty years of ministry experience, including six years as an IMB missionary in Kenya and fifteen years as Director of Restoration Ministries at First Baptist Church of Woodstock. Troy's personal struggle with addiction and own journey of recovery have enabled him to help others with authenticity and grace, providing hope that freedom is possible. He is the author of several workbooks, including *First Steps, Building for Freedom, Walking in Freedom,* and *Overcoming Obstacles on the Journey.*

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Understanding Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders

1.5 Hours Core

One in five birthing parents experience a perinatal mood and anxiety disorder (PMADs) and impacts one in three black birthing parents. PMADs is the number one complication in childbirth. While many clinicians will work with clients who are mothers and/or parents, it's essential that all clinicians understand the importance of identifying the various symptoms of PMADs in order to properly screen, refer, and provide adequate resources to their clients. PMADs is more than just depression. Participants will discuss different theoretical frameworks of maternal mental health. They will learn about screening tools, identify treatment options and resources.

Keisha Reaves, LPC, CPCS, PMH-C, is the owner and clinical director of Push Thru Therapy. She is a Georgia native who has witnessed the stigma of mental health and made it her mission to normalize therapy. She has been in the mental health field for more than sixteen years. She obtained her BS in Psychology and Human Services from Clayton State University and completed her Master's in Counseling and Psychology at the University of West Alabama. Keisha works with children in foster care as well as children and adults with developmental disabilities. She has worked in community counseling and has been a part-time adjunct professor at Georgia Highlands College. Keisha has worked many years in the psychiatric hospital setting helping patients with acute mental health diagnosis and substance use disorders.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Trauma Informed Culturally Competent Supervision: Key Tools and Interventions for Supervisors

1.5 Hours Supervision

This workshop offers an overview of emergent trauma-informed supervision models, with a focus on culture and intersectionality. The presenters identify specific tools for the preparation of culturally competent trauma-informed supervisors. This session focuses on the application of key supervision interventions drawn from a variety of models for practical application in a variety of settings. Culture can influence the supervisory relationship, so the integration of trauma-informed culturally competent approaches fosters an environment that supports, promotes professional development, and provides clinical enhancement for supervisees. We will practice trauma informed supervision tools in this session.

Laura R. Land, PhD, LPC, NCC, CPCS, is an Associate Professor at Richmont Graduate University. As a counselor educator, supervisor, and counselor Dr. Land facilitates culturally responsive pedagogy and research that builds self-awareness, fosters a multicultural lens, and promotes evidenced-based practitioners. She has an active research agenda related to trauma and culture and trauma counseling and pedagogy.

Holly Redmond, MS, LPC, NCC, CMAC, CCTP, is the Assistant Clinical Director for the UNG Community Counseling Center and Clinical Director for Angel House of Georgia Women's Residential facility. In her roles she supervises the work of Interns in the final year of their Master's Degree programs and provides a framework for students to build self-awareness and competency in working with clients who have experienced trauma.

Thursday Afternoon, May 4

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

College and Beyond: Effects of Sports Participation on African American Division I Athletes Mental Health

1.5 Hours Core

While mental health among collegiate athletes is receiving increased attention, research on the effects of collegiate sports participation on athletes' mental health and decision to seek mental health services are still limited, especially for African American athletes. Collegiate student-athletes represent a unique population of young adults. Distinct from their non-athlete peers, collegiate student athletes must manage the challenges of college academics while maintaining a peak physical fitness level and the responsibilities associated with sports team membership. Let's explore the psychological stressors that impacted the mental health of African American student-athletes over the last two decades (2001–2021) at Division I predominantly white institutions (PWI).

- Raise awareness related to psychological stressors related to mental health in an athletic space.
- Reduce stigma associated with mental illness related to athletes.
- Promote help seeking interventions that will assist practitioners interact with and treat student-athletes.

Joiet Wesley, MPH, LPC, NCC, is the owner and lead therapist of Mental Matters with a Sparkle of Joy, a private counseling practice offering a holistic approach to therapy. She also owns JOY by Mental Matters, an apparel company that brings awareness to mental health with style. Her advanced Public Health degree coupled with her counseling degree allows her to be a valuable asset to those in need. Joiet is passionate about education and is a lifelong learner. She is a graduate from Paine College with a BS in Biology and a graduate of Mercer University's Master of Public Health Program with emphasis on Community Health. Furthermore, Joiet graduated from Clark Atlanta University's Community Counseling Program. She is currently a Doctoral student at Clark Atlanta University, where she will complete her degree in the summer of 2023.

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Gaining Understanding of Georgia Crisis Response System and How it Works

3.0 Hours Core

This workshop is intended to provide clinicians with information regarding the workings of the Georgia Crisis Response System. Many clinicians report confusion around the state system, lack of knowledge of what to do when they have a client in crisis, and fear of executing a 1013. Topics explored during this workshop include understanding the Georgia Crisis Response System, 988, and how to write a 1013.

Della Hightower, LPC, CPCS, has over twenty years of experience in the behavioral health field. She has managed a variety of programs in populations including early intervention, behavioral therapy with individuals with developmental disabilities, therapeutic foster care and transitional housing, adult partial hospitalization for co-occurring disorders, private practice, and crisis intervention. She earned a BA in Elementary Education from Florida State University and a Masters of Divinity in Psychology and Counseling from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Currently, Della is employed with Behavioral Health Link. She serves as the Region 2 Manager of the Blended Mobile Crisis Response Program.

Cheron Crouch LPC, MAC, CPCS, has over fifteen years of experience providing behavioral health services, program development and operational leadership in the healthcare industry. Cheron has managed a variety of grant funded initiatives within the Juvenile Court System as well as several Residential Treatment Programs. As a Clinical Supervisor, Cheron provides guidance, leadership and supervision for individuals and entities who desire to empower the lives of others. Currently, Cheron is Regional Manager with Behavioral Health Link where she manages the performance of a Blended Mobile Crisis Response Program. Cheron is also the owner of Magnifying Expectations, providing behavioral health services and emotional support to adults and couples in Georgia.

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Uncovering PTSD Caused by Racism: Military Population-Based Racial Trauma Assessment

3.0 Hours Core Trauma NBFE

Research that identifies valid and reliable racial trauma assessments is limited, and the lack of training in this area can present challenges for LPCs. The ubiquity of racial trauma is a significant public health concern facing clinicians working to providing accurate diagnoses and treatment for individuals in recovery from racial trauma. Valid and reliable instruments used to assess posttraumatic stress are now free and available to appropriately trained counselors, therefore education about these measures and how to utilize them is critical to the evidence-based treatment of racial trauma. Clinicians interested in uncovering racial trauma and developing multiculturally competent case conceptualization and treatment plans will review the various evidence-based racial trauma assessments in order to properly diagnosis PTSD in the case studies provided.

Melinda Paige, PhD, LPC, CPCS, NCC, earned a PhD in Counselor Education and an EdS in Professional Counseling and has spent the last twenty-five years serving survivors as a trauma clinician. Dr. Paige is also a clinical mental health counseling professor and subject matter expert for trauma impact and counseling curricula. She is the founder of the Institute for Trauma Competency and developed her Trauma Competent Clinician® model based on her qualitative research. She is the recipient of the ACA Professional Development Award, the Chi Sigma Iota International Outstanding Practitioner Award, and the Chi Sigma Iota International Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Paige has published and presented nationally on resilience and trauma competency. She is the founding secretary of the International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling, an ACA division.

Paula Bridgewater, MBA, has over twenty years of corporate consulting experience, assisting companies in managing their risks while moving toward resiliency. In addition, she earned her MBA and is currently a counselor in training pursuing her Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at a CACREP accredited University in order to assist individuals with their mental health, wellness and resiliency.

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Is Sex Addiction for Real? Treating Problematic Sexual Behavior

3.0 Hours Core Addiction

The concept of sexual addiction has been controversial. Is there such thing as sexual addiction? Or are there different ways to conceptualize and treat problematic sexual behavior? Is sex addiction for real? This class will look at the history of the concept of sexual addiction, questions that have been raised about the addiction model and the impact on client treatment. An alternative model to address problematic sexual behavior will be presented.

Richard Blankenship, LPC, NCC, CPCS, CBTS, CPSBT, CSRTT, holds two masters' degrees: an MEd from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and an MA from Harding University Graduate School. Richard serves on the board for the Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health (SASH) where he chairs the credential committee. He is a Certified Problematic Sexual Behavior Therapist (CPSBT) and a Certified Sexual and Relational Trauma Therapist (CSRTT) through SASH. Richard is one of the founders of the International Association of Certified Sexual Addiction Specialists (IACSAS) where he served as president for thirteen years, and a founding board member of the Association for Partners of Sex Addicts Trauma Specialists (APSATS) where he served for over four years. He developed the first graduate course to be taught on sexual addiction along with a colleague and guest lectures in a variety of university level courses. Richard is a frequent guest on Atlanta area radio and television programs dealing with sexual addiction, spouses/families of addicts, and domestic violence. He is the author of the *LIFE Guide for Young Men,* and *A Journey Through Secrets.* He is the co-author of *Spouses of Sex Addicts: Hope for the Journey* and the *LIFE Guide for Couples.*

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Introduction to Trauma Informed 4th Wave Mindful Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

3.0 Hours Core Trauma

This workshop introduces participants to Trauma-Informed 4th Wave Mindful Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. The training brings clarity to the confusion around what works in psychotherapy and introduces you to Dr Galen Cole's algorithm for conceptualizing comprehensively based and systematically delivered assessment and treatment protocols. This common sense approach is based on a trauma-informed version of Dr Cole's trans-theoretical approach *(Galen Cole, 2022, The trans-theoretical model for mindful cognitive behavioral therapy a paradigm for systematically advancing evidence-based practice and research, Cogent Psychology)* that explains how to cut through the psychobabble and jargon that often causes confusion and miscommunication among researchers, therapists, and the public and which continues to hamper progress toward the widespread practice of effective, evidence-based treatment.

Galen Cole, PhD, LPC, NCC, ABCP, is a nationally certified hypnotherapist, and an American Board Certified Psychotherapist. He received the designation as a World Certified Psychotherapist (WCPC) by the World Council of Psychotherapy in Vienna. Galen has been recognized for innovations around 3rd Wave CBT psychotherapy known as Life Script Restructuring, described in his book by the same title. He is also recognized in the areas of Trauma-Informed Mindful Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TI-MCBT) that has resulted in a trademarked algorithm central to 4th Wave of TI-MCBT. He has been on the faculty at Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, Pennsylvania State University, and Emory University. He has worked for 23 years at the CDC in Atlanta. In 2003, Galen was appointed by the Georgia Governor to serve on the DHR Board. In 2014, Galen took a position as a Senior Mental Health Strategist and Thought Leader at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) in Washington, DC. Galen has served on the Board of Professional Counselors at the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a Past President of LPCA of GA (2016–2017). He is the CEO of the Alive and Well Foundation and conducts workshops on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Techniques for Everyday Clinical Practice on behalf of PESI. He has conducted trainings in the Central Asian Republics, Nigeria, China, Thailand, Kenya, Switzerland, Australia, Peru, Germany, Uganda, and the Middle East, as well as the Palestinian Health Authority, the Israeli Ministry of Health, and many other NGOs. He has provided technical support to UNICEF, WHO and PAHO. In 2020 he was designated as an Expert Faculty Lecturer in the Best of the Best series sponsored by the American College of Psychology.

2:00 PM – 5:15 PM

The Ethics of Integrating Faith, Spirituality and Religion in Counseling

3.0 Hours Ethics

Faith, spirituality and religion are an integral part of life for many individuals and can play a significant role in overall mental health. Yet, counselors for various reasons may be apprehensive in addressing issues related to faith, spirituality and religion in the counseling process. This presentation will explore the role these factors play in mental health and how counselors can ethically integrate faith, spirituality and religion in their work with diverse clients.

Keny Felix, PhD, MDIV, LPC, CPCS, is an Associate Professor of Counseling at Liberty University, and a Florida Licensed Mental Health Counselor as well as a Georgia LPC. Utilizing his training and experience as a psychotherapist, counselor educator, and Christian minister, Dr. Felix assists individuals, couples, families, and groups in discovering effective and practical tools to cope with life's challenges. He previously served as the Dean of the School of Counseling at Richmont Graduate University.

Sonja Sutherland, PhD, LPC, CPCS, is a Professor of Counseling at Walden University. She is the founder and CEO of Legacy Changers Worldwide, an organization dedicated to providing family education and mental and emotional wellness resources with the goal of building stronger legacies of wellness that can transform families… in one generation. Prior to beginning her tenure at Walden, Dr. Sutherland served at Richmont as an Associate Professor, the Dean of Assessment, Planning, and Accreditation overseeing programmatic and institutional accreditation, and was the Inaugural Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

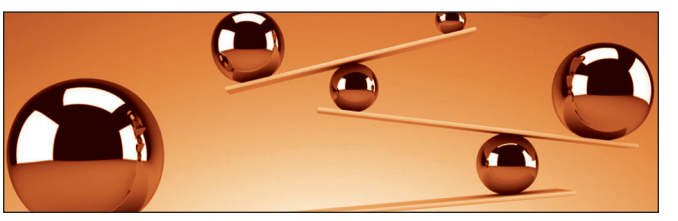
What it is Like to be ME: Real-Life Bipolar Disorder

1.5 Hours Core

The definition of bipolar disorder has evolved over the years. Addressing psychosocial issues and treatment is important for mood disorders, especially for those affected by bipolar disorder. Coping strategies are essential for living with this disorder. Every person with bipolar disorder has a unique story.

Courtney Wingfield, BMEd, is from Leesburg, GA, and she is currently in her second year of graduate school at Albany State University majoring in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She works as the Administrative Assistant with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension in Lee County, GA. She chose to go into counseling as she loves helping people find solutions to their problems. Courtney will graduate from Albany State University in Spring 2024.

Jennifer Jenkins, PhD, LPC, BC-TMH, holds a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from Capella University and has an MAED in Counselor Education from Virginia Tech. Jennifer started as a school counselor in Virginia public schools, and transitioned to a counseling position in a Tennessee private school. Next, Jennifer transitioned to the clinical mental health side of counseling working as an intensive in-home counselor and eventually joining a private practice in Warner Robins, GA. Finally, Jennifer has joined the Counselor Education program as an Assistant Professor at Albany State University in Albany, GA.



Friday Morning, May 5

7:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Registration

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
"Happy Cinco de Mayo" Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Advocacy and Legislation
3 Part Presentation
1.0 Hour Core

Legislation Introduction: What Passed and What Did Not

Julianna McConnell, CPA, has been the lobbyist for LPCA of GA since 2014. She is the President and CEO of The Preston Group, Inc., a government relations firm focusing on services in the areas of domestic minor sex trafficking, mental health, developmental disabilities, and women and children's issues. She has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of West Georgia. She is the Vice Chair of the Georgia Commission on Women and serves as their Legislative Chair and was one of the original members of the Commission appointed by Governor Zell Miller in 1992. She serves on the Statewide CJCC Human Trafficking Task Force, formerly the Governor's CSEC Taskforce. She is also the Government Relations Rep for Street Grace, advocating for the elimination of the sex trafficking of minors.

Professional Counselor Compact Licensure Law

Tommy Black, PhD, LPC, has been in private practice since 1998. He served as a member of the GA Composite Board for PC, SW, and MFT for nine years where he worked diligently to update the rules related to Professional Counselors. In 2022 the Board elected Dr. Black to be Georgia's first Commissioner to the Interstate Compact for Counseling Commission. Dr. Black serves as the Chair of the Rules Committee and on the Advisory Panel for the National Board of Forensic Evaluators (NBFE). For two years, he was the LPCA Ethics Co-Chair alongside Dr. Julie Whisenhunt. As Army veteran who works with active-duty individuals and their families, he became an strong advocate for licensure portability and mental health parity.

Advocacy 101

Johnnie L. Jenkins III, PhD, LPC, CPCS, RPT, practices individual/family/ couples counseling from a Cognitive Behavioral Theoretical Orientation. In his capacity as an LPC, he practices private counseling at The Jenkins Center for Evaluation/Counseling/ Advocacy, P.C. In addition to private counseling, he is a contractor at agencies that provide therapy services for family and children with open Department of Family and Children's Service cases. Mr. Jenkins was an Adjunct Professor at Argosy University from 2008 to present. In 2015 he also was appointed Chair of the Human Services Department until 2019. Mr. Jenkins has extensive experience working in higher education as a Student Counselor at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Mr. Jenkins has over 10 year of experience conducting crisis evaluations. Mr. Jenkins regularly lectures on Play Therapy and Legislative Advocacy for counselors. He holds memberships in the American Counseling Association, the Association for Play Therapy, the Licensed Professional Counselor Association of Georgia, and the Georgia Association for Play Therapy. Mr. Jenkins's educational background includes the degrees: Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from Mercer University in Macon, GA in 1991 and a Masters of Arts Degree in Psychology with a Specialty in Counseling for the Georgia School of Professional Psychology in 1997.

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Do Psychedelic Drugs Fit Into the Future of Counseling?
1.5 Hours Core Addiction

The research on psychedelics for the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, and other disorders has strong reliability and validity. How do current counseling professionals fit this new research into their clinical work? How do you speak with clients about the viability of utilizing psychedelic compounds in conjunction with talk therapy? Let's explore this new frontier together in this exciting workshop!

Kelly Veal, PhD, LPC, CAADC, NCC, EMDR-C, CPCS, received her PhD in Counselor Education from Auburn University in 2015. She is a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor. Dr. Veal is the Program Coordinator for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at LaGrange College. She is the owner The Veal Group, LLC, a private practice that engages in counseling, coaching, and consulting. Dr. Veal has extensive experience working with addicted populations and trauma. As a part of her advanced professional training, she is trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy which is the focus of her private practice. She is actively engaged in the LaGrange College community where she serves as the advisor to the Student Affiliate Organization (SAO) for LPCA of GA.

9:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Panel Discussion on Mental Health Therapy: To the Future and Beyond
3.0 Hours Core

A 2–5 minute introduction of the topic with each panelist taking five minutes to introduce themselves and their perspectives on the topic. Then 20 minutes of curated questions from the moderator, 10-15 minutes of Q&A with the audience ending with a summary and thanks.

Panelists

David Markwell, PhD, LPC, LCMHC, NCC, ACS, CPCS, BC-TMH, CART, EAS-C, is licensed in Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina. He is a Board Certified Telemental Health Provider and a Registered Telemental Health Provider in Florida. He has counseling offices in Marietta and McCaysville, Georgia. He is currently the LPCA of GA President-Elect and 2023 Convention Committee Chair and former Clinical Supervision Chair for LPCA of GA.

Eric Rodgers, MA, MS, LPC, NCC, BCC, has worked in psychiatric hospital and private practice settings, as a therapist and clinical director, working with clients experiencing depression, anxiety, and those experiencing

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severe mental health disorders. He has conducted family, group, and individual therapy sessions with geriatric, adolescent, and adult populations. He owns Private Practice, Just for Men, Behavioral Health. He has presented at multiple conferences across the state of Georgia. He has served as the program manager for the Certified Clinical Supervisor Credential and as licensure consultant with LPCA of GA. He has been published in LPC Connection, the official publication of LPCA of GA. He has also served multiple terms on LPCA's Board.

Lesley Les Cole, DMin, LPC, CCTP, CPCS, NCC, is the director of Ascend Medical's Mental Health service. He received his Doctorate's from Columbia Theological Seminary and Emory University, his masters from Phillips University, and his undergraduate education at Texas Tech University. Dr. Cole believes that the most important part of being a healthcare provider is the relationship with the patient.

Louis F. Boynton, PhD, LPC, NCC, CPCS, ACEP, has a PhD in general psychology and is currently a professional counselor, filmmaker, researcher, and radio show host. He has a background in qualitative research IPA, grounded theory, mixed methods, action research, and participatory methods. His research has focused on flourishing and virtue ethics in psychology to create new narrative interventions that focus on helping people build healthy, happy and harmonious lives. He also produced, directed, and wrote media for a radio and TV show. He considers himself first and foremost a counselor and counselor educator and has developed multiple courses in clinical supervision. He has worked in several psychiatric facilities, outpatient facilities, and currently runs a private practice in Newnan, Georgia. Dr. Boynton currently serves on the LPCA of GA Board as Western District Rep.

9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

The Ethics of Counselor's Self-care

3.0 Hours Ethics

Every mental health code of ethics cautions on preventing impairment. Although warned, there are no specific guidelines on preventing practicing while impaired. For counselors, self-care is necessary if we are to do no harm to the individuals we serve. Yet, often, counselors have overlooked the importance of self-care in their lives. The lack of self-care and violation of the very ethics they committed to, has led to poor service, burnout, and many counselors leaving the field for less stressful work roles. Various mental health disciplines' codes of ethics will be utilized to support the ethics of Counselor's self-care.

Cheryl A. Francis, LPC, CPCS, CGP, the owner of The Heart Matters Wellness Services, LLC, offers Professional Development workshops and training to help professionals learn, earn, and maintain their credentials. She is Trauma Focused-CBT trained and works from a CBT approach to help clients manage anxiety, trauma, and grief. She is a published author and motivational speaker providing seminars locally and internationally on wellness and mental health topics. Her publications include *Journaling the Journey, Beating Burnout-Workbook,* and *Beating Burnout to Maintain Success at Work.* Visit heartmatterswellnes.com for more about Cheryl.

9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Growing Clinicians

3.0 Hours Supervision/Ethics

This advanced workshop provides participants with a brief history of supervision in Georgia, an exposure to the models of supervision with focus on the developmental model, the stages of supervision including supervision informed consent and screening through post-licensure, and the ethics of supervision. Group discussion and case studies will be included.

Gregory K. Moffatt, PhD, LPC, CPCS, is a counselor, college professor, and public speaker. He has been in private clinical practice for nearly forty years specializing with children. He has also been a regular lecturer at the FBI National Academy as well as serving as a regular consultant and profiler with the Atlanta Cold Case Squad. He has served on the Georgia Composite Board of PC, SW, and MFT since February 2022. He served as personal consultant to Tyler Perry for the movie *Alex Cross*, consultant for the movie *Head Full of Ghosts,* and can be seen on the Discovery Channel series *Hostage.* A regular columnist for *Counseling Today,* he is the author of numerous books on aggression and violence including. *Blind-Sided: Homicide Where it is Least Expected, A Violent Heart, Wounded Innocents and Fallen Angels, Handcuffed: A Friendship of Endurance, Stone Cold Souls: History's Most Vicious Killers, and Survivors.* Dr. Moffatt has also addressed audiences around the world in India, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Panama, St. Vincent, Mexico, Chile, and Peru.

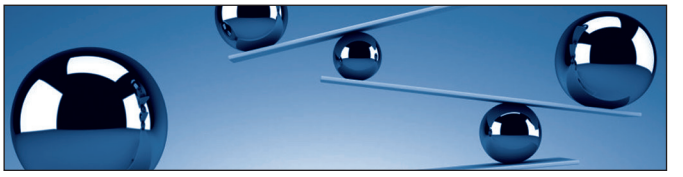
9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

The Ethics of Telehealth and Crisis Intervention: Navigating the Interstate Counseling Compact

3.0 Hours Ethics NBFE

The Interstate Counseling Compact, will create the opportunity for counseling professionals to cross state lines and offer professional services via telehealth. It will also create ethical dilemmas. Some counselors lack proper training to provide telehealth services. Some professionals are missing important documentation in their screening of telehealth clients, and their informed consent paperwork is often missing critical information. Emphasis of the presentation is given to the ethics of screening clients for crisis, developing documentation, and providing suggestions for treating clients in crisis, especially in view of the upcoming counseling compact.

Timothy Neil Richey, PhD, LPC, NCC, has earned degrees in communication from Freed-Hardeman University (BS), biblical studies from the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (BBS), counseling from Amridge University (MA), and counselor education and supervision from the University of the Cumberlands (PhD). Currently, Neil teaches masters-level courses, and is the owner of and counsels for his private practice.



9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Viewing Social Media's Influence on Identity Development from a Multicultural Lens: Implications for Counselors and Supervisors

1.5 Hours Core Diversity

With an increasingly diverse world and the enhancement of social media quality, quantity, and utility, it is no surprise that researchers are starting to look at the relationship between social media and mental health. As a result, this program will present the most recent findings related to social media and its impact on identity development for clients and supervisees, through a multicultural framework. Furthermore, this program will attend to the gaps in the literature and make suggestions for future studies, combining the constructs of social media usage, identity development, colorblind racial ideology, and life satisfaction to address the paucity of knowledge surrounding this topic.

Taylor Jaczko, BS, is a Master's student in Mercer University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. Their research interests include social media, mood disorders, and adolescent development. In the future, Taylor hopes to work with adolescents and young adults.

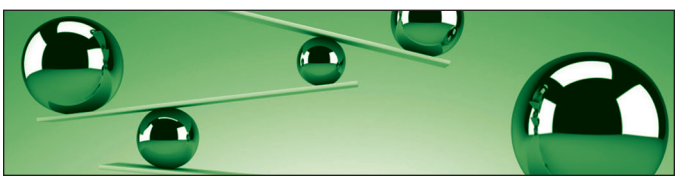
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Counseling Immigrants: Challenges and Cultural Responsiveness

1.5 Hours Core Diversity

Moving to a new country can be positive as well as negative. The process of migrating to the U.S., although could come with better economic opportunities and a sense of safety, can be challenging. They may be criticized because of their language and appearance. They may be teased for being from another country because of the socialization taking place currently in the U.S. against immigrants. They may hear negative messages or witness acts of violence against other immigrants. Understand common mental health issues faced by immigrant clients and apply multicultural counseling competencies in working with immigrant clients.

Shama Panjwani, PhD, LPC, ACS, NCC, CCMHC, holds a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision with a specialization in Cross-Cultural Psychology and Leadership. Her research interests include: reducing mental health stigma while creating awareness; addressing immigration, acculturation, social justice and advocacy issues; fostering cultural humility and sensitivity in counseling and supervision; pedagogical approaches used to increase cross-cultural awareness and leadership skills; and introducing mindfulness meditation techniques along with promoting of wellness among underserved populations and students. She has been working in the mental health field for more than seven years and has worked in crisis, inpatient, emergency room, outpatient, substance abuse, case management, and private practice settings. She is currently a clinical mental health counseling faculty member and runs her own virtual private practice where she services clients and supervisees.



10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Step by Step: Integrating Nutrition Counseling in Your Practice

1.5 Hour Core

The research is available and continues to grow in numbers. Conversations are emerging as more education is being provided on the impact of nutrition on mental health. This workshop aims to equip its audience with knowledge, tools, and skills necessary to begin increasing their confidence in being able to incorporate nutritional counseling into their practice.

Rebecca Morgan Brown, LPC, NCC, CCMHC, CPCS, CIMHP, is an initiated Ancient Egyptian Yoga Practitioner who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Tuskegee University and a Master's Degree in Community and School Counseling from Lenoir Rhyne University. She is open to all cultural backgrounds being that she is very sensitive to culture and pretty diverse herself. She is of Jamaican descent, and grew up on the island, but is originally from Springfield, MA.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Effectively Working with Culturally Diverse Clients

1.5 Hours Core Diversity

Cultural components for clients are based on race, ethnicity, SES, spirituality, sexual orientation, gender and ableness. Therapy consists of having sensitivity and awareness to help clients of all diverse cultural backgrounds. How do we as clinicians ensure that we are educated in all areas of culture and remove barriers of bias, stereotypes, discrimination and micro-aggressions towards these clients? Let's dive in to understand and become more aware of how to effectively work with individuals of various cultures and address their cultural concerns and provide evidenced based treatments aligning with their history.

Francine White, MA, LPC, has been providing therapy and counseling services to individuals for over 14 years. She received her Master of Arts degree in Forensic Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in International Psychology with a concentration in Trauma. Her career path includes working with children with autism and developmental disabilities within the foster care system and victims of sexual abuse and trafficking.

Friday Afternoon, May 5

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Ethics: The Anatomy of a Boundary Crossing

1.5 Hours Ethics

This is top-notch. Attendees have included licensees mandated by the Composite Board to meet requirements for having suspensions lifted. It's that good and totally unique. Practicing outside your area of expertise, bartering, violating confidences of colleagues, addiction and even client advocacy can all result in dangerous boundary violations and dual relationships. Twenty full Case Examples illustrate this so you can mentally scan your caseload and quickly make needed adjustments.

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Eric Groh, LPC, CPCS, ACA, BE-TMH, is a former president of the GA Composite Licensing Board of PC, SW and MFT. Eric has worked in clinical mental health settings ranging from hospital emergency rooms to juvenile detention centers and urban public health. In private practice for over twenty years, he specialized in dissociative and personality disorders and addiction. He now works as an expert consultant and trainer in mental healthcare ethics.

1:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Beyond Self-care: Restorative Practices in Trauma-informed Clinical Supervision

3.0 Hours Core Trauma

Research demonstrates that including restorative practices in trauma-informed clinical supervision mitigates the effects of vicarious traumatization among mental health practitioners. Participants will learn protective and restorative strategies for use in supervision to ensure emotional safety and counselor well-being.

- Explore the current restorative practices and trauma-informed supervision literature including the role of supervision in prevention secondary traumatic stress.
- Identify essential elements of vicarious resilience and secondary traumatic stress prevention practices.
- Utilize restorative and reflective practices recommended by the clinical supervision literature.

Melinda Paige, PhD, EdS, LPC, CPCS, NCC, earned a PhD in Counselor Education and an EdS in Professional Counseling and has spent the last twenty-five years serving survivors as a trauma-competent clinician. She is the founder of the Institute for Trauma Competency and developed her Trauma Competent Clinician® model based on her own qualitative research. She is the recipient of the ACA Professional Development Award, the Chi Sigma Iota International Outstanding Practitioner Award, and the Chi Sigma Iota International Outstanding Faculty Award. She has published and presented nationally on resilience and trauma competency. She has appeared on NPR affiliates and other national media outlets. She is the Founding Secretary of the International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling, a division of the ACA.

Jerry L. Pierson, MSgt, USAF, is a graduate student pursuing his master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Capella University. He has a bachelor's in Psychology from Capella and an associate in Human Resources. Jerry is currently a member of the United States Air Force with 23 years of service, garnering nine total combat tours to both Iraq and Afghanistan and has been stationed in South Korea, Italy, and Germany, as well as various locations in the U.S.

1:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Chi for Two: Polyvagal-informed Multi-generational Trauma Healing

3.0 Hours Core Diversity

Chi for Two® offers somatic practices counselors can do with their clients. These practices are useful for individuals, couples and families. In this workshop, participants will learn the basics of polyvagal theory, trauma understanding and attachment style. They will leave with a Map of nervous system functioning they can use with clients. Participants will learn in an experiential way five Chi for Two partner practices, one of which is a tool in Miller and Beeson's Neuroeducation Toolbox: Practical Translations of Neuroscience in Counseling and Psychotherapy.

Dee Wagner, LPCS, BC-DMT, RSME, has worked as a counselor, dance/movement therapist and registered somatic movement educator since 1993. She originated Chi for Two® – The Energetic Dance of Healthy Relationship. Her articles on polyvagal theory appear in the *American Journal of Dance Therapy; Body, Movement and Dance in Psychotherapy; Voices: The Art and Science of Psychotherapy* (American Academy of Psychotherapists); *Elephant Journal; Asana International Yoga Journal* and *Coaching World*. She was interviewed for the podcast *The Thoughtful Counselor*. Her "map" of nervous system functioning as well as her Chi for Two practice Push are available as tools in Miller and Beeson's The Neuroeducational Toolbox: Practical translations of neuroscience in counseling and psychotherapy.

Caroline Gebhardt, LPC, RYT, is a psychotherapist, embodiment coach and yoga teacher. To integrate her 20+ years of experience as a movement educator and training under dance therapist Dee Wagner, specifically related to developmental movement and nervous system science, Caroline created M-Bodied: Mindful Movement as Mothering Medicine™—a Chi for Two® practice, as a way to help one deeply nourish oneself. Caroline has presented several continuing education workshops for eating disorders with an emphasis on how to ethically offer body-based techniques informed by nervous system science, developmental movement and attachment theory.

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Body Betrayal

1.5 Hours Core

Betrayal is a traumatic breach of trust between and reliance on someone or something. Betrayal is experienced on a cellular level, impacting us physically, psychologically and physiologically. There is a very intimate, ingrained, and well established relationship between person and body. When there is a betrayal or breach of trust between the person and their body, one might experience Body Betrayal. Examples of Body Betrayal include but are not limited to, overt or covert sexual abuse, eating disorders (binge eating, bulimia, anorexia), substance abuse/dependance, medical trauma, chronic illness/ailments, dismemberment, sexual dysfunction, miscarriage/infertility, eczema/allergies, and more. Body Betrayal is explored through four components: Grieving the Loss, Release, Restoration, and Alignment.

Andrea M. Epting, LPC, CPCS, ACS, MAC, CSAT, has a double major in Psychology and Religious Studies from The University of Alabama. She also has a Master's Degree in Psychology with a specialty in Professional Counseling. She has been working in the field of addiction and mental health for fourteen years. She is a member of Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC), Georgia Addiction Counselor Association (GACA), EMDRIA (EMDR International Association) and International Institute for Trauma and Addiction Professionals (IITAP). She is the founder and managing director of Heads-Up Guidance Services (HUGS) providing collaborative services in the Savannah community.

1:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Nature-Based Therapy-Implementation in Clinical Mental Health Practice Both Inside and Outside of the Therapy Room

3.0 Hours Core

The integration of nature within therapeutic interventions that are designed to impact positive change in mental health is a relatively new named concept. Mental health therapy has traditionally been conducted within the confines of enclosed space. Nature-based practices challenge that tradition as therapy has evolved to include Forest therapy walks, Walk and Talk therapy, Animal-assisted therapy, and Wilderness therapy. Utilizing the empirically validated healing power of natural environments aids therapists as they seek to create optimal opportunity for client goal attainment. Practical utilization of the natural world within mental health therapy can occur both inside and outside of a traditional therapy office based upon identifiable client factors.

Sherie Hawkins, PhD, LPC, NCC, CPCS, obtained a PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision and has a passion for joining students in their journey towards fulfilling their career goals. Sherie lives in Georgia where she maintains two locations of her private counseling practice, Hope Springs Mind, Body, Spirit. She is a Certified EMDR Therapist as well as a Certified Forest Therapy Guide.

Elizabeth Bartlett, MS, obtained her Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Adams State University and is currently awaiting approval for her LAPC credential. Elizabeth is experienced in linking vulnerable populations to resources while improving immediate and long-term client outcomes. She is fluent in Spanish with extensive experience in advocacy for multicultural populations. Elizabeth has a passion for working within trauma situations and is currently pursuing training in EMDR.

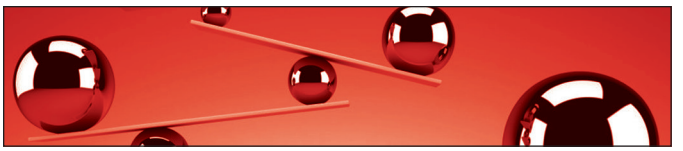
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

The Virtual Option is the Best Option for Some Clients

1.5 Hours Core

This workshop provides insight on how telehealth therapy not only appeals to certain client demographics, ranging from age, location, profession, and presenting concerns, but could be more clinically appropriate and effective for some clients, as well. It details techniques on how to engage each client and address their individual needs while forming a true connection virtually.

Jenny Wilhoite, LPC, MEd, CPCS, has a Bachelor's in both English Literature and Psychology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and earned a Master's in both Clinical Community Counseling and School Counseling at University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, where she now moonlights as an adjunct professor of Family Counseling for their graduate program. Jenny has been practicing for 15 years, specializing in CBT, ASD, DID, music therapy, art therapy, play therapy, family therapy, individual therapy, and alternative therapies.



3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Narrative Therapy: Why the Story Always Wins™

1.5 Hours Core

This workshop discusses narrative therapy, and how it is used to work with and change a client's internalized story about themselves. This includes how personal narrative impacts the client's beliefs, and their capacity for change. It explores how story/narrative impacts how they interpret and interact with the world. Interventions for increasing insight and extinguishing behaviors are presented.

Jenn Popovich, LPC-S, CDWF, MAC, SAP, EMDR cert, TCYM, RYT, is a therapist and yoga teacher based in San Marcos, TX. She advocates for people to take breaks, regulate often and move their bodies for sustainable wellness. She has been in the mental health field since 2006, and worked at all levels of care. Her main focus in every space she facilitates in, is to discover, dismantle, label, and reform our story and narratives about ourselves and the world around us. She has held a supervisor license since 2015, and has held LPC licensure since 2012.

Continuing Education Approvals

Tuesday

Supervision	3.0 CE *(Recert.)*
Sessions AM/PM	6.0 CE Core
Total Possible	**6.0 CE**

Wednesday

Welcome	1.0 CE Core
Sessions AM/PM	7.5 CE Core
Supervision	3.0 CE Core
Diversity	4.5 CE Core
TeleHealth	1.5 CE Core
Total Possible	**8.5 CE**

Thursday

Keynote Plenary	3.0 CE Core
Sessions AM/PM	7.5 CE Core
Supervision	1.5 CE Core
Trauma	4.5 CE Core
Total Possible	**7.5 CE**

Friday

Keynote Plenary	1.0 CE Core
Sessions AM/PM	6.0 CE Core
Diversity	6.0 CE Core
Ethics	6.0 CE Ethics
Supervision	6.0 CE SPV
Trauma	3.0 CE Core
Total Possible	**7.0 CE**

Research and/or Exhibitors

Up to 0.5 CE max. R&E form available at registration desk. Complete and turn in to registration desk on Thursday or Friday for CE certificate.

Total Possible **29.5 CE**

CEs Required to Renew Your License:
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35 Clock hours = 5 Ethics, 15 Core, 15 Related hours.
Any additional Ethics hours can be applied to Core.
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29.5 Core hours in-person (synchronous) contact hours of continuing education have been approved by the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia (LPCA CE Approval 2023-03-17-477C).

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Supervision Certification:
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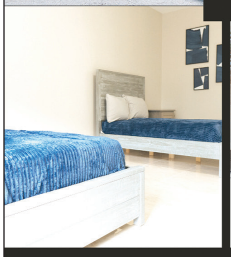

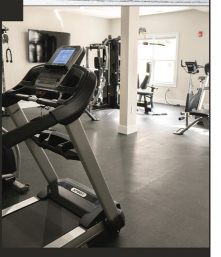

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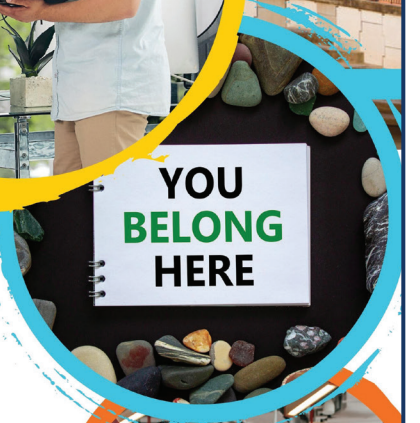

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