

COUNSELOR EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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“As a nationally recognized urban public research university, Wayne State's mission is to create knowledge and prepare a diverse body of students to excel in an increasingly complex and global society.”

Welcome!

This publication is intended as a resource for all students, staff and faculty members of the Counselor Education Program at Wayne State University.

As members of a graduate level program, we encourage you to take a pro-active approach to your education, and the first step is remaining knowledgeable about the goings-on of your academic program.

The next step is staying current on relevant events in the community, as well as in the greater counseling field.

We hope to assist you in this endeavor, by highlighting some important news and information concerning the Counselor Education Program and beyond!

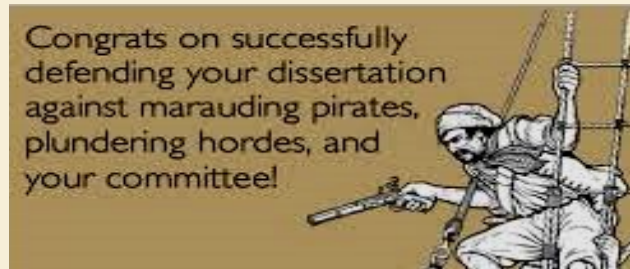


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Get to Know the Faculty!

(They are ALL Licensed Professional Counselors,
AND they could be on your dissertation committee one day.....)



Dr. Joanne Holbert

Dr. Holbert is the Assistant Dean of the College of Education. She also teaches, advises, & is involved in ensuring our program's CACREP certification.



Dr. Tami Wright

Dr. Wright is the Clinical Director, Practicum Coordinator, & an instructor. She manages our Counseling and Testing Center, & ensures our program meets CACREP standards.



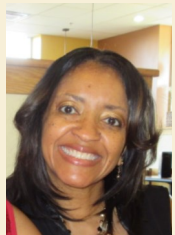
Dr. Arnold Coven

Dr. Coven is the group counseling expert on staff. In addition to teaching & advising, he also serves as an editor to the Michigan Journal of Counseling.



Dr. George Parris

Dr. Parris is the Coordinator of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program. He also teaches, advises, & sits on the College of Education's Executive Committee.



Dr. Michele White

Dr. White is an advisor and instructor. She also works with patients who have sustained traumatic brain injuries.



Dr. Shirley Mack

Dr. Mack is an instructor and advisor here at Wayne. She also has a well-rounded client knowledge. She's a valuable member of our staff.



Dr. John Pietrofesa

Dr. Pietrofesa is the Coordinator of the Master's in Counseling Program. He runs two exciting workshops each semester regarding Substance Abuse and Sexuality.



Dr. Paige Dunlap

Dr. Dunlap is an Assistant Professor specializing in Rehabilitation Counseling. She serves on ACA's Governing Council and is the faculty advisor to the Student and Alumni Rehabilitation Association. Fall 2015 will be her last semester at Wayne State. We'll miss her greatly!

Get to Know the Other Staff Members Too!

(They could be teaching, supervising, or helping out behind the scenes....)



Dr. Sameerah Davenport

Dr. Davenport is a new part-time faculty member. She just recently earned her doctorate, and is now teaching.



Dr. Rachael Evans

Dr. Evans works in Detroit Public Schools, as well as in private practice. She is also a part-time instructor here, and a graduate of Wayne.



Dr. Laura Strong

Dr. Strong is an Adjunct Instructor. She has previously taught CED 6700 and CED 7070. She is currently teaching CED 7090 .



Tom Michalos

Tom is a former GTA of our dept. He teaches, supervises students, & is currently finishing his coursework in the Doctoral Program. He works full time as a school counselor.



Dr. Pamela Van Kampen

Dr. VanKampen teaches some of the introductory courses and works in Educational Outreach.



Jenna Elliott

Jenna is the new GTA on staff. She helps oversee Practicum, & supervises Master's students. She works in private practice, & is a Doctoral Candidate in the Counselor Education Program.



Shrujal Joshi

Shrujal is the veteran GTA. His area of focus is sports and exercise therapy. He's enrolled in the Doctorate Program in Counselor Education. As a GTA, Shrujal supervises, teaches, and helps oversee Practicum.



Lei Juan Stewart-Walker

Lei Juan is the department secretary. If you have a question, about *anything*, ask Lei Juan. She's extremely knowledgeable and helpful.

CACREP IS COMING!!!

What is CACREP and why is it important? CACREP is the *Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs*.

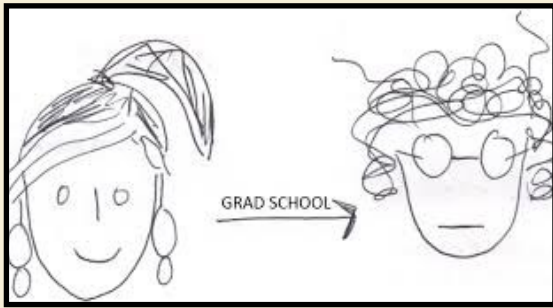
This organization is responsible for making the decision as to whether or not Wayne State's Counselor Education Program is an *accredited*

program. An accredited program is one which has been evaluated, both in content and quality, and is recognized as having met the standards set by the profession. Accreditation also validates a program as being financially and professionally stable.



Attending an accredited program versus one which is not can make a great deal of difference when it comes to applying for your state license, or taking the NCE (National Counselor Examination). The Counselor 'Application for Licensure' form, which can be accessed through the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website, directly asks applicants whether or not the program they completed was accredited by CACREP. The National Board for Certified Counselors states on its website the following, "*After January 1, 2022, only CACREP graduates will be eligible for the NCC. NBCC believes that to be part of the counseling profession, all counseling master's programs should be accredited by CACREP, the only accrediting body established by and for the profession.*" What this means is that accreditation is becoming increasingly important in our field, and our credibility as professional counselors can be greatly impacted by whether or not we have graduated from an accredited program.

CACREP evaluators will be visiting Wayne State in March, 2015. These visits only take place once every seven years! As a department and a student body, it is our responsibility to exhibit the highest levels of professionalism, ethics, and organization, both during CACREP's visit and otherwise.



Inside a Student's Experience.....

I am extraordinarily proud to have graduated from the Masters program in Counselor Education at Wayne State University. It was the most challenging educational experience of my life, but without a doubt it gave me all the tools and skills I needed to accomplish my post-graduation professional goals. It was definitely not easy. The program requires the student to advocate for themselves, be a consistent information-seeker and take responsibility for oneself in a way that will be expected in the workplace. I chose to make the most of my educational experience, reaching out when I needed more information and connecting to professors and other students whenever I could. The faculty is always there for support, guidance and to answer questions. I was never turned away. While supporting me, their standards required me to take responsibility for my education and create individual opportunities.

When I started my internship, it was clear that no one was going to hold my hand.

The internship experience would be what I made of it and it was my goal to be hired by my placement after graduation. I was determined to make the most of it and the Counselor Education program was the best training ground to accomplish that.

Not only was I hired by my internship site after graduation, but they waited for me. They saved an available position for me while I waited for my degree and license to post. I am grateful to the Masters in Counselor Education program for the experience and for preparing me to be a self-sufficient independent professional counselor.

- Kristen Phillips, M.A., LLPC

Kristen Phillips graduated from the Counselor Education Program with her Master's Degree in May, 2015 - Community tract. She also completed a specialization in Substance Abuse Counseling.

Kristen is currently a doctoral student of Wayne State's Ph.D. in Counselor Education Program.





GET INVOLVED!

The Benefits of Joining a Professional Organization



There are two major professional counseling organizations that students and faculty alike can benefit from. The first is a national-level organization; the American Counseling Association (ACA). The ACA was founded in 1952, and to date, it is the world's largest association exclusively representing professional counselors. The ACA is a “not-for-profit, professional and educational organization that is dedicated to the growth and enhancement of the counseling profession.” There are an array of advantages available to members, such as up-to-date news on any important developments within our profession, useful articles covering everything from ethics to techniques, the ability to grow your professional network, discounts on malpractice insurance, and much more. Members have an opportunity to apply to present at the annual conference as well, which is an excellent way to boost your resume and meet other professionals. For more information on ACA, and to join, please visit their website at www.counseling.org.

The second organization to get involved with is at the state-level; The Michigan Counseling Association (MCA). Founded in 1965, the chief purposes of MCA are to enhance human development throughout the lifespan, and to promote our counseling profession. Advantages of joining this organization are an expanded knowledge base in the field of counseling, professional development seminars, information on events and happenings specific to Michigan, and the ability to network with other professionals within the state of Michigan. For more information, and to join, please visit www.michigancounselingassociation.com.



The next [Practicum Application deadline](#) is **January 20th**. If you are planning on enrolling in Practicum for either the [Spring/Summer 2016](#) semester or the [Fall 2016 semester](#), you **must** turn in your application on or before this date. Applications, along with an unofficial transcript of your graduate coursework at Wayne, and your plan of work (approved and signed by your academic advisor), can be submitted to Lei-Juan Stewart-Walker. Lei-Juan's desk is directly across from room 321 in the Education Building.

Important Graduate Handbook Policies

"A Counselor Education Program student

may not receive more than one grade of 'C+', 'C', or 'C-' within their degree program.

If, at any time, a Counselor Education student receives a second grade of 'C+', 'C', or 'C-', he/she will be **automatically**

dismissed from the Counseling Program."

"A letter grade of 'F' is not acceptable. If, at any time, a student receives an 'F', they will be **automatically dismissed from the program.**"

Please refer to your handbook for further details.

FOR ALL SCHOOL SPECIALIZATION STUDENTS:

- If you are planning on taking the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC), you **MUST** have your test scores sent to Wayne State University. If you fail to do so, we will not be able to verify the scores when it comes time to apply for licensure.
- The School Specialization Plan of Work has changed, effective immediately. Please set up an appointment with your assigned advisor as soon as possible.

Dr. Wright, Dr. Mack, Dr. Pietrofesa, & Dr. Holbert will hold a meeting with their advisees on Jan. 20th, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., in room 10/30 Educ. Bldg. This will be your opportunity to clarify anything regarding the program.

COME READY WITH ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS!!!

Dr. Pietrofesa is offering the following very interesting and relevant workshops. Be sure to sign up early, as they do tend to fill up!

Winter 2016:

- CED 6720 Human Sexuality (Jan. 16th, 23rd, & 30th)
- CED 6720 Substance Abuse (February 20th, 27th, & March 5th)
- CED 6710 DSM 5 (April 2nd & April 9th)

Spring/Summer 2016:

- CED 6710 Legal/Ethical Issues (May 18th & May 15th)
- CED 6710 Pain Management (Dates to be determined)

As a reminder to Dr. Itzkowitz's former advisees; if your last name begins with A-L, your academic advisor will now be Dr. Shirley Mack.

If your last name begins with M-Z, your new advisor is Dr. Michele White.

Dr. Mack can be reached at shirley.mack@wayne.edu, and Dr. White can be reached at av8913@wayne.edu.