

Dr. Aimee Ryann Bellmore is the Dean of Students at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). In her official communications, including her email signature, she identifies herself as holding the credentials “LPC” and “LCMHC.” However, I have been unable to verify that Dr. Bellmore is licensed in the state of Georgia under these credentials. Under Dr. Bellmore’s leadership and authority, I experienced ongoing harassment by SCAD employees she oversees, as well as by students. This harassment persisted over an extended period and significantly impacted my safety and well-being. As a diagnosed neurodivergent student and an individual with diabetes, this environment placed my health and safety at serious risk.

I submitted a formal report to Dr. Bellmore detailing these concerns. Despite sending at least ten (10) direct emails at this time, and around twenty-five (25) over a period exceeding sixty (60) calendar days, I received no response or intervention from her. In several of these emails, I outlined the circumstances surrounding my wrongful termination from my student workplace, SCADshow, as well as the severe threats, harassment, cyberattacks, and cyberstalking I received from both students and faculty. As a result of these actions and inactions, I experienced significant harm, including the inability to afford necessary medications for my diabetes and neurodivergent condition. I was also unable to meet basic human needs, such as purchasing soap, food, and toiletries, and at times was unable to wash my clothes for months.

Dr. Bellmore did not respond to my communications until September 2, after I explicitly stated that I would be unable to pay rent on September 1. Prior to this response, she ignored up to ten emails, despite being informed that the situation would directly affect my housing stability and standing at SCAD. When Dr. Bellmore did respond, her actions were unhelpful, apathetic, and involved repeated victim-blaming. During this time, she made unethical and discriminatory remarks regarding my neurodivergent diagnosis, stating that I “choose” to identify as neurodivergent, despite my formal medical diagnosis. Meanwhile, she allowed the harassment to continue and failed to take any corrective or protective action. Ultimately, I was removed from my MFA candidacy after being given less than twenty-four (24) hours to meet a deadline, despite my documented ADA accommodations. In contrast, Dr. Bellmore failed to meet established SCAD policy deadlines, which require responses within thirty (30) calendar days. These actions directly contributed to my homelessness from December through January 29. I fight every single day to secure housing and continue to struggle to find employment due to the ongoing harassment and blacklisting facilitated by Dr. Bellmore, SCAD, and other faculty and students whose behavior she allowed to continue unchecked. Given her conduct, Dr. Bellmore should not be entrusted with responsibilities involving student welfare or mental health. Her actions toward a vulnerable student who sought help were unethical and immoral.

Dr. Bellmore frequently advertises and references her licensure status at SCAD, using this authority to influence and manipulate vulnerable students. This behavior constitutes

gaslighting and an abuse of perceived professional power. In light of ongoing public concerns regarding unethical conduct by individuals in positions of authority, it is deeply concerning that Dr. Bellmore continues to lead the student population at SCAD while also serving in a capacity related to mental health care.

While I have considered making formal reports to federal agencies, my immediate concern is accountability for Dr. Aimee Ryann Bellmore's unethical and immoral conduct. Her actions represent a serious disservice to the institution, its governing board, and the professional and ethical standards she pledged to uphold. I will not be forced into silence again.

In the [Google Drive](#) provided, the documentation shows me experiencing severe mental health crises, as well as Dr. Bellmore's unethical response to a student in distress. Despite having the appropriate training, she failed to provide responsible care and instead actively contributed to further mental health harm. This conduct compounded my chronic trauma during the period of SCAD's leadership under her authority from 2022 through 2025. This folder only includes things under her Dean of Students leadership. I've only had problems under her leadership at SCAD.

With utmost sincerity and in good faith,

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