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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision 2019-2023
Department of Counseling and Higher Education (CACREP-Accredited Program)
Ohio University
Dissertation: *“They Didn't Hear Me and I Don't Think They Wanted to Hear Me:” Queer Counselors' Experiences With Heterosexism in Supervision During Practicum and Internship*

Master of Arts in Counseling 2017-2019
Department of Counseling and Human Services (CACREP-Accredited Program)
East Tennessee State University
College Counseling and Clinical concentrations

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology 2012-2015
Minor in Health and Wellness Promotion
Department of Psychology
University of North Carolina Asheville

Licensure & Certifications

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (OH) #E.2303540
Licensed Professional Counselor - Mental Health (SD) #LPC-MH30991
Licensed Mental Health Counselor (WA) #MHC.LH.61451938
National Certified Counselor with Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor specialization #1234228

Appointments

Assistant Professor of Counseling Fall 2025-Present
South Dakota State University, Counseling Program (CACREP-Accredited Program)
Rehabilitation Counseling Specialization Coordinator

Assistant Clinical Professor of Counseling Fall 2023-Summer 2025
Seattle University, On-Ground Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CACREP-Accredited Program)

Professional & Scholarly Interests

Disability Justice and Neurodiversity in Rehabilitation Counseling
Public Policy and Legislative Advocacy for the Counseling Profession
LGBTQ Inclusion in the Counseling Profession and Higher Education

Scholarly Activities

+ indicates invited publication/presentation
Underline indicates mentee

Publications

Peer Reviewed

Green, D. A., **Dockery, G. N.**, & Williams, B. A. (2023). The prevalence and impact of cyber racism in counseling cyberspaces. *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, 51(3), 195-207. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jmcd.12276>

Jenkins, C. D., Savitsky, D., Mahon, M. M., **Dockery, G. N.** & McBride, M. (2020). Advocacy in action for sexual, affectional, intersex, and gender expansive identities. *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling*, 14(4), 374–392. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15538605.2020.1827478>

Book Chapters

Bloom, A. & **Dockery, G. N.** (2025). Queer affirmative practice. In B. Owenby & K. Campbell (Eds.), *The e-encyclopedia of mental health trainings, certifications, & credentials* (pp. 6015-7755).

+Barr, S., **Dockery, G. N.**, Cory, J. & Sevelius, J. (2023). Trauma-informed mental health care with TNG communities. In T. G. Goetz & A. S. Keuroghlian (Eds.), *Gender-affirming psychiatric care* (pp.153-170). American Psychiatric Association.

Newsletters

Dockery, G. N. (2021, April). Using creative art interventions with transgender & gender expansive youth. *Chi Sigma Iota Exemplar*, 36(1), 37-41. https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.csi-net.org/resource/resmgr/publications_exemplar/spring_2021_exemplar.pdf

Dockery, G. N., Bhatia, R. & Khudu, K. (2021, February). Supporting international students during COVID-19. *Counselors for Social Justice Newsletter*, 11-13. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DntqaUKiw3sWQ0-UeK0mvJ9NoMrDqpc/view>

Informal Research Reports and Resources

Dockery, G. N. (2023). SAIGE member policy resources developed by public policy cmte. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17mCVWH4WVAiC2gkTc8PiuRcZuaeEL0NB?usp=sharing>

Green, D. A., **Dockery, G. N.**, & Williams, B. A. (2021, July 23). *Cyber racism on CESNET: An examination of perceived prevalence and impact*. drdariusagreen.com. https://www.drdariusagreen.com/uploads/1/3/6/4/136473967/cesnet_cyber_racism_report.pdf

Scholarship in Progress

Dockery, G. N., Khan-Snyder, V. L., Westcott, J. B., & Lawson, G. (in progress). *Applying the ACA advocacy competencies to advocate on behalf of transgender, nonbinary, and gender expansive people*.

Fainstein, D. & **Dockery, G. N.** (in progress). *Anti-oppressive assessment in school psychology: A call to action* (working title).

Green, D. A., **Dockery, G. N.**, & Bayne, H. B. (in coding). *Heterosexism in counseling cyberspaces, a qualitative content analysis of CESNET*.

Dockery, G. N., Charette, R. J., & Nelei, G. (in progress). *The lived experiences of self-concealment among transgender and gender expansive counselors in the workplace*.

Pierce, K. L., **Dockery, G. N.**, & Starkweather, H. (in progress). *Guidelines for accessibility for counseling conferences*.

Tomlinson, B. R. & **Dockery, G. N.** (in progress). *Utilizing liberation psychology with LGBTQ+ college students*.

Conference & Symposium Presentations

National

Stevens, M. M., Goodrich, K., **Dockery, G. N.**, Zhu, P. & Luke, M. (February 2026). *Discussing ASGW's foundational documents: Results of a content analysis and review of next steps for the organization*. Presentation given at the ASGW 2026 Conference.

Dockery, G. N. & Sheilds, T. (November 2025). *Lost and found family: Queercrip experiences of family rejection and community resilience*. Presentation given at the SAIGE 2025 Conference.

Dockery, G. N. (October 2025). *Queer-affirming supervision practices*. Presentation given at the ACES 2025 Conference.

- Dockery, G. N. & Pierce, K. L.** (October 2025). *Broaching disability identity: Anti-ableist approaches in supervision*. Presentation given at the ACES 2025 Conference.
- +**Dockery, G. N.**, Haas, J., Knippling, K. Starkweather, H., & Pierce, K. L. (October 2025). *Disability in counselor education: Barriers, bias, and unamplified voices*. Panel given at the ACES 2025 Conference.
- Khan-Snyder, V. L. & Dockery, G. N. (October 2024). *Creative pedagogy to actively engage students in social justice advocacy*. Presentation given at the NCACES 2024 Conference.
- Dockery, G. N.** Gorritz, F., Charette, R. J., & Khan-Snyder, V. L. (October 2024). *Enacting transformational leadership to create policy change: A policy and legislative advocacy workshop for counseling change agents*. Presentation given at the SAIGE 2024 Conference.
- Dockery, G. N.**, Man, J, Fulton-DeLong, B., Davis, T. & McKinney, R. (April 2024). *Changing times: Addressing present concerns for LGBTQ+ individuals for future success*. Presentation given at the 2024 ACA Conference & Expo.
- Yoon, E., Ho, Y. J., & **Dockery, G. N** (April 2024). *What makes you become a trans ally: Counseling transgender nonbinary, and gender expansive individuals with the understanding of TNG/E identity development*. Poster presentation given at the 2024 ACA Conference & Expo.
- Dockery, G. N. & Khan-Snyder, V. L.** (April 2024). *Fulfilling counselors' ethical duty as advocates: A primer on how to act as change agents in the legislative process*. Presentation given at Antioch University's 2024 Online Social Justice Symposium.
- Dockery, G. N. & Stevens, M. M.** (February 2024). *Research design, grant writing, and evaluation, oh my!*. Presentation given at the ASGW 2024 Conference.
- Dockery, G. N.** (October 2023). *Examining experiences of heterosexism in the supervision of queer counselors-in-training during field placement*. Poster presented at ACES 2023 Conference.
- Decker, E., **Dockery, G. N.**, Pierce, K. L., Starkweather, H. (October 2023). *Disability Justice and Accessibility Committee*. Presentation given at ACES 2023 Pre-conference as part of the ACES Diversity and Inclusion Interest Network event.
- Dockery, G. N.** (March 2023). *Supporting trans populations: Practical applications of ACA advocacy competencies*. Presentation given at the 2023 ACA Conference & Expo.
- Dockery, G. N.** (October 2022). *Mad, cripp, queer: Disability justice as a framework for counseling & advocacy*. Presentation given at the SAIGE 2022 Conference - LGBTQGEIAP+ Inclusivity in Leadership & Mentorship.

Morgan-Swaney, C. T. T. & **Dockery, G. N.** (October 2022). *Leading in limbo: Exploring experiences of steering LGBTGEIAP+ advocacy efforts amidst a hostile sociopolitical landscape*. Presentation given at the SAIGE 2022 Conference - LGBTQEAP+ Inclusivity in Leadership & Mentorship.

Jackson, K., Prasath, P. R., **Dockery, G. N.**, Bhatia, R., & Civan, K. (February 2022). *Online experiential training groups: A guide to planning, facilitating, and supervising*. Presentation given at the ASGW Conference.

Dockery, G. N. (February 2022). *Utilizing relational-cultural therapy in group work with LGBTQ college students to increase belonging*. Poster presented at the Association for Specialists in Group Work Conference.

Tomlinson, B. & **Dockery, G. N.** (October 2021). *Teaching counseling values and gatekeeping irreconcilable values in counseling students*. Poster presented at the Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors Conference. (Canceled because of COVID-19 concerns)

Dockery, G. N. (July 2021). *Nurturing collective liberation in mental healthcare: Utilizing liberation psychology with trans and gender expansive clients*. Poster presented at the Transgender Professional Association for Transgender Health Conference, Virtual Conference.

Dockery, G. N. (October 2020). *Addressing the intersection of queerness and disability: Implementing disability justice in mental healthcare*. Workshop presented at the Transforming Care Conference, Virtual Conference.

State

Dockery, G. N. (May 2022). *Beyond competence: Affirming trans & gender diverse youth in counseling*. Presentation given at the 2022 SAIGEO Virtual Conference.

Dockery, G. N. & Morgan-Swaney, C. T. T. (April 2022). *Educate and advocate with SAIGEO: Ohio house bills 454 and 616*. Presentation given at the Ohio Counseling Association Spring 2022 Conference, Virtual Conference.

Dockery, G. N. (March 2022). *Supporting trans youth: Social justice & legislative advocacy*. Poster presented at the Chi Sigma Iota Ohio Conference, Virtual Conference.

Dockery, G. N. (September 2021). *Nurturing collective liberation in mental healthcare: Utilizing liberation psychology with trans and gender expansive clients*. Presentation given at the TransOhio into the Unknown: Trans & Ally Symposium, Virtual Event.

Dockery, G. N. & McLuckie, A.V. (April 2021). *From living in fear towards living queer: A workshop on trauma-informed queer space making*. Workshop presented at the Kenyon Queer and Trans Studies Conference, Virtual Conference.

McLuckie, A.V., **Dockery G. N.** & Shuler, A. R. (November 2020). *A pedagogy of care: Incorporating trauma-informed care in higher education*. Workshop presented at the

American Council on Education Women's Network Ohio's Conference, Virtual Conference.

Stevens, M. M. & **Dockery, G. N.**, (May 2020). *Supporting supervisees in engaging in personal counseling*. Paper presented at the Chi Sigma Iota Ohio Conference, Virtual Conference.

Webinars

Payne, M. E. & **Dockery, G. N.** (August 2025). *From passion to policy: Legislative advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community*. Presentation given as part of a SAIGE Education Webinar Series.

+**Dockery, G. N.**, Payne, M. E. & Kahn, E. (April 2025). *Transformative Counseling with Transgender & Gender Expansive Communities, Part 1: Advocacy*. Webinar presented by the ACA in collaboration with SAIGE.

Dockery, G. N., Lycan, K., Nielson, H. M. & Golden, N. (May 2024). *Aspec panel discussion*. Presentation given by ACA of Washington in collaboration with WA-SAIGE.

+Khan-Snyder, V. L. & **Dockery, G. N.** (March 2024). *Advocacy when under attack: Instilling strong advocacy skills in counselors*. Presentation given as part of a SAIGE Education Webinar Series.

Dockery, G. N. & Bloom, A. (February 2024). *Affirming queer neurodivergence: Counseling LGBTQIA+ clients with autism & ADHD*. Presentation given as part of a SAIGE Education Webinar Series.

+Gorritz, F., **Dockery, G. N.**, Hipolito, C. P., & Shillingford, M. A. (January 2024). Navigating the crossroads of anti-DEI policies and counseling professionals: Ensuring equitable support for all. Virtual AMCD Panel Discussion Webinar.

+**Dockery, G. N.** (December 2023). *Neurodivergence, neuroscience, and helping professions*. Virtual presentation given through BrainstormLIVE in association with Marshall University.

Dockery, G. N. (November 2023). *Queer affirming supervision*. Presentation given for WA-SAIGE and presented in partnership WACES and ACA of Washington.

+Marsalek, D. N., **Dockery, G. N.**, & Khan-Snyder, V. L. (June 2023). *Speaking in support of LGBTQ+ people through advocacy and allyship*. Virtual presentation given in collaboration with ACA as part of ACA's Pride Webinar Series.

+**Dockery, G. N.** (April 2023). *Queering & crippling research in counselor education & supervision*. Presentation given as part of Out of the Margins: Occupying Counseling Research with Underrepresented Identities, a Liberation Speaker Series sponsored by Southern Connecticut State University.

- +**Dockery, G. N.** & Bell, T. (February 2023). *Addressing anti-LGBTGEQIAP+ legislation: Practical applications for legislative advocacy*. Presentation given as a presidentially sponsored SAIGE Education Webinar.
- +Sauer, M. & **Dockery, G. N.** (February 2023). *Aromantic mental health*. Presentation given during the Ace + Aro Alliance of Central Ohio's Aro Week celebration in collaboration with SAIGEO and Equitas Health.
- +**Dockery, G. N.** & Sauer, M. (October 2022). *Asexual mental health*. Presentation given during the Ace + Aro Alliance of Central Ohio's ACE Week celebration in collaboration with SAIGEO and Equitas Health.
- +**Dockery, G. N.** (March 2022). *Counselors' response to Ohio house bill 454*. Presentation given virtually for Ohio Counseling Association's Legislative Advocacy Day.
- +**Dockery, G. N.** (June 2022). *Advocacy letter writing workshop*. Workshop given as part of a collaboration between SAIGEO and the Ohio Counseling Association's Political Action Committee as part of the response to Ohio House Bill 454.
- Green, D. A., **Dockery, G. N.**, Williams, B. A., & Varnado-Johnson, C. (November 2021). *Addressing cyber hate in counseling cyberspaces*. Paper presented at the Fall Counselors for Social Justice Webinar Series.
- McLaughlin, S., **Dockery, G. N.**, & Payne, M. E. (October 2021). *Working affirmatively with trans and queer people of color*. Webinar presented in collaboration with SAIGEO.
- +**Dockery, G. N.** (September 2021). *Neurodiversity and LGBTQ+ experiences*. Virtual workshop presented in collaboration with the OU LGBT Center.
- +**Dockery, G. N.** (November 2020). *Queer excellence over lunch: Coping during the COVID semester*. Virtual workshop presented in collaboration with the OU LGBT Center.

Awards

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| <i>Gilbert and Kathleen Wrenn Award for a Humanitarian and Caring Person</i> | April 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded by the American Counseling Association | |
| <i>Approved Clinical Supervisor Training Award</i> | November 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded by the National Board for Certified Counselors Foundation | |
| <i>Public Policy and Legislation Award</i> | October 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded by the Ohio Counseling Association | |
| <i>SAIGE Graduate Student Award</i> | March 2023 |
| <i>Inaugural Gene Dockery Excellence in Advocacy Award</i> | June 2022 |

- Awarded by the SAIGE Ohio, named after Gene in perpetuity as acknowledgement of their advocacy efforts

Timothy Robertson Supervisor/Mentor Award Spring 2021

- Awarded by the Alpha Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota

Outstanding Second-Year Doctoral Student Spring 2021

- Awarded by the Alpha Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota

Outstanding Counselor Education Doctoral Student Spring 2021

- Awarded by the Patton College of Education at Ohio University

Stonewall Student Leadership Award Spring 2021

- Awarded by the Ohio University Division of Student Affairs & Diversity and Inclusion

SAIGEO Doctoral Emerging Leader 2021-2022

NCACES Doctoral Emerging Leader 2020-2021

Outstanding First-Year Doctoral Student Spring 2020

- Awarded by the Alpha Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota

Outstanding Tuition Scholar May 2019

- Awarded by the Clemmer College of Education at ETSU

Grants

RSA Long-Term Rehabilitation Training Grant 2025-2030

- Awarded by the Department of Education for the SDSU Rehabilitation Counseling Program

ACES Graduate Student Research Grant Spring 2022

- Proposed research: Investigating the Experiences of Queer Counselors-in-Training in Supervision (dissertation)

Counselors for Social Justice Grant Award Spring 2021

- Proposed research: Cyber Racism in Online Communities for Counselors, PI: Darius A. Green, PhD, NCC

Chi Sigma Iota Statewide/Regional Networking Grant Fall 2021

- Awarded by Chi Sigma Iota for the proposed CSI Ohio Conference

Teaching & Supervision

Faculty Teaching & Supervision

South Dakota State University, Assistant Professor

Internship Summer 2026

Pre-Practicum Spring 2026

CHRD 731 Multicultural Counseling & Human Relations Fall 2025 & Spring 2026

CHRD 610 Developmental Issues in Counseling Fall 2025

Seattle University, Assistant Clinical Professor

COUN 5670: CMHC Internship 3 Summer 2025

COUN 5660: CMHC Internship 2 Spring 2024 & Spring 2025

COUN 5000: Research for the Counseling Profession (SC) Spring 2024 & Spring 2025

COUN 5170: Group Counseling Theories and Practice Spring 2024 & Spring 2025

COUN 5650: CMHC Internship 1 Winter 2024 & Winter 2025

COUN 5510: Counseling Lab Winter 2024 & Winter 2025

COUN 5070: Counseling Across the Lifespan Winter 2024 & Winter 2025 (SC)

COUN 5300: Counseling for Social Justice Fall 2023 & Fall 2024

COUN 5640: CMHC Practicum Fall 2023 & Fall 2024 (2 sections)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Ohio University, Instructor of Record

EDCE 4400: Foundations of Group Dynamics Spring 2021

EDCE 3003: Stress Management Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Teaching Internship

Ohio University, Co-Teaching Master's Counseling Courses

EDCE 7620: Legal and Ethical Aspects of Counseling with Dr. Mona Robinson Fall 2021

EDCE 7320: Personality Assessment with Dr. Yegan Pillay Spring 2020

Doctoral Supervision of Master's Students

Ohio University, Providing a component of master's counseling courses as a doctoral student

Group Counseling Lab, virtual, Supervised by Dr. Christine Bhat Spring 2021
Counseling Theories Lab, virtual, Supervised by Dr. Yegan Pillay Fall 2020 & Fall 2019
Solution Focused Brief Therapy Lab, virtual, Supervised by Dr. Yegan Pillay Summer 2020

Clinical Experience

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor

GD Counseling August 2023-Present

- Owner of private practice providing mental health counseling, consultation, and training that centers empowerment, validation, and social justice from an anti-oppression standpoint.
- Specializing in queer neurodivergence offering individual counseling to adults and teenagers

Licensed Mental Health Clinician

Affirming Pathways Psychotherapy, LLC June 2021-July 2023

- A private practice in Newark Ohio specializing in affirming care for all gender, sexual/affectional, and relationship structure minority identities and expressions
- Working with children, adolescents, adults, and couples in individual and group work, engaging in advocacy in the community, developing inclusive trainings and consultations, and other duties
- The practice was awarded *Mental Health Professionals of the Year* by Mental Health America of Licking County in 2022

Clinician I

Mid-Ohio Psychological Services January 2020-July 2021

- Community mental health agency in Lancaster Ohio, providing individual counseling, engaging in advocacy with clients and the community, providing crisis management as needed, completing intakes
- Working with clients including children and adolescents, adults, older adults, court ordered, severe psychological impairment or disability, addiction and recovery, trauma and complex trauma

Professional Consultation & Trainings

Clinical Applications and Neurodivergence Advocacy as Disability Justice in Counseling a 3-part series for Sequoia Teen Counseling Center – March and April 2025

Deepening The Practice: Trans-Affirming Counseling Against the Tide for Antioch University's Chapter of Counselors for Social Justice – January 2025

Navigating the Political Landscape as Counselor Advocates: A How to Guide for State-Level LGBTQ-Affirming Legislative Advocacy for the Alpha Nu Epsilon Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota – October 2023

Gender Justice in the Academy: Practical Applications for Faculty and Staff for Antioch University New England faculty and staff – September 2023

Affirmative Therapy with Transgender and Gender Expansive Clients for Mid-Ohio Psychological Services – May 2020

Other Relevant Experience

Graduate Student Leader Summer 2021-Spring 2022
Ohio University LGBT Center

- Supervisor to undergraduate student workers, planning programming, providing training on accessibility and trauma-informed care, facilitating trans students group, organizing and planning trans awareness week events, and staffing the center

Professional Organizations

American Counseling Association (6540622)

American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision – North Central (ACES/NCACES)

Disability Justice and Accessibility in Counseling Interest Network (DJAC)

Association for Humanistic Counseling (AHC)

Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)

Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW)

Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ)

Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE)

Washington Chapter (WA-SAIGE)

Association for Rehabilitation, Research, Policy and Education

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI)

Sigma Delta Sigma Chapter

Ohio Counseling Association (OCA)

Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities of Ohio (SAIGEO)

South Dakota Counseling Association

South Dakota RehabACTion

Transgender Professional Association for Transgender Health (TPATH)

Service

Counseling Profession

DJAC Research Committee Co-Chair	August 2025-Present
Chapter ACA Foundation Growth and Giving Committee Member	August 2025-Present
WA-SAIGE Past President	July 2025-July 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working in Washington State to advocate for the voice, equity, and inclusion of LGBTGEQIAP+ persons within the counseling profession and beyond	
SAIGE Public Policy Committee Member	August 2025-Present
AHC Legislation Committee Member	July 2024-Present
ASGW Research Committee Co-Chair	July 2024-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working to review and evaluate research grant proposals, develop communication material to support research grant application process, developing, implementing, and assessing the research mentorship program with the Journal of Specialists in Groups Work Editors	
WA-SAIGE President	July 2024-July 2025
Journal of LGBTQ Issues in Counseling Editorial Board Member	Fall 2023-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working to read, review, and provide feedback on manuscripts for the journal in service to SAIGE	
WA-SAIGE President-Elect	August 2023-July 2024
ASGW Research Committee Vice Chairperson	July 2023-July 2024
SAIGE Public Policy Chairperson	December 2022-July 2025
CSJ CES Taskforce Member	Summer 2022-Summer 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The taskforce was formed by Counselors for Social Justice as a way to address social justice issues in counselor education and supervision through research, education, and advocacy	
SAIGE Conference Committee Member	Summer 2021-Summer 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted in the planning and implementing of the SAIGE virtual conference of 2021Volunteer chairperson for the 2022 SAIGE Conference in Chicago, IL primarily responsible for recruitment and coordination of volunteersAssisting with 2023's virtual conference planning including reviewing proposals	
SAIGEO Southeast Ohio Representative	July 2022-July 2023

- Executive board member responsible for communicating and representing the needs of SAIGEO members and the LGBTGEQIAP+ community of the southeastern region of Ohio through advocacy, education, and community collaboration
- Founded and Chaired SAIGEO’s Policy Committee

SAIGEO Conference Proposal Reviewer March 2022

OCA Government Relations Committee Member July 2021-July 2023

TPATH Conference Proposal Reviewer Summer 2021

Chi Sigma Iota, Chapter President Spring 2021-Spring 2022

- Alpha Chapter, Ohio University
- Presidential duties included overseeing the executive board and the chapter as a whole, facilitating both the executive team meetings and the chapter meetings for the organization, staying abreast of all committee planning, programming, and assisting with overall sponsored functions
- Committee chairperson for the 2022 CSI Ohio Conference
- Editor of the biannual chapter newsletter

ASGW Research Committee Member June 2020 – Present

SAIGE Graduate Student Committee Member Fall 2019 – Spring 2023

- Worked on creating a mentorship program and a resource library for LGBTQ+ counselors

Ask Me About My Intersections: SAIGE Virtual Conference volunteer October 2020

- Moderated sessions, assisted presenters with technology issues

University

South Dakota State University

New School Taskforce Spring 2026

Admissions Committee November 2025-Present

CSI Sigma Delta Sigma Secondary Faculty Advisor September 2025-Present

Seattle University

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Co-Chairperson Fall 2023-Spring 2025

- Co-leading the DEI committee across the four counseling specialties/delivery methods to continue current efforts by the department, college, and university regarding social justice

and multiculturalism through fostering inclusive admission processes, creating robust support systems for marginalized community members, and addressing growth areas

- Committee is spearheading program effort to implement CACREP standards Section 1: H & I

Curriculum Committee

Fall 2023-Summer 2025

- Representing the on-ground clinical mental health counseling program on a committee with online clinical mental health counseling, school counseling, and online school counseling to make textbook selections, coordinate common syllabus information and standards, liaise for course revision or creation, coordinate orientation for adjuncts, and reporting to the College of Education Curriculum Committee

Ohio University

University Diversity and Inclusion Committee (UDIC) Voting Member Fall 2021-Spring 2022

- Worked to initiate, foster, coordinate, evaluate and effectively communicate the diversity and inclusion activities of Ohio University through ongoing and upcoming initiatives and events that support the goal of enhancing the environment for diversity, inclusion and equity across the university

LGBT Center Assistant Director Search Committee Member

Summer 2021-Fall 2021

- Assisted in the search for and hiring of the new assistant director of the Ohio University LGBT Center

LGBT Affairs Commissioner

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

- Ohio University Graduate Student Senate position responsible for communicating the needs of LGBTQ+ graduate students to the body and aiding in creating a more inclusive campus community

Public Policy

SAIGE Public Policy Committee Member

August 2025-Present

SAIGE Public Policy Chairperson

December 2022-July 2025

- Leading the committee that works with counselors, state branches, other divisions, and the American Counseling Association to provide responses to human rights violations and make members aware of advocacy opportunities
- Current efforts by the committee include development and implementation of a SAIGE education webinars on legislative advocacy, crafting organization statements about various anti-LGBTQ bills, creating campaigns for awareness of anti-LGBTQ legislation, assisting with SAIGE state branches with advocacy, connecting with ACA and divisions to advocate, and keeping track of the anti-LGBTQ legislation
 - <https://saigecounseling.org/public-policy-committee/>
 - <https://www.counseling.org/about/values-statements>

- Successfully advocated for ACA to submit and Amicus Brief for the Chiles v. Salazar US Supreme Court Case on the legality of conversion therapy and was consulted on edits to said brief

OCA Government Relations Committee Member July 2021-July 2023

- SAIGEO Liaison, advocating for LGBTQIA issues as they impact the counseling profession through legislation and public policy in Ohio
- Southeast Ohio Counseling Association Liaison & Chair representing the southeast region of Ohio
- Assistant editor of *The Counseling Advocate* the quarterly newsletter for the Ohio Counseling Association's Government Relations Committee
- Led OCA's opposition to HB 454 which would have banned affirming care for trans and gender expansive youth this included writing public statements and testimony and providing said testimony to committee at the capital
- Helped with OCA's response to HB 616 which would have banned "divisive content" from schools including sexual orientation, gender identity, intersectionality, and critical race theory through preparing public statements and educating counselors through presentations with the OCA
- Led OCA's opposition to Ohio State Board of Education Resolutions that were attempting to remove Title IX protections from trans and gender expansive youth this included writing public statements and testimony and providing said testimony at board meetings
- Led OCA's opposition to HB 151 which included provisions to ban trans and gender expansive youth from school sports this included writing public statements and testimony, joining opponent letters with other provider groups, and providing said testimony to committee at the capital
- Led the OCA's opposition to house bills 6, 8, 68, and 113, as well as aiding with opposition to senate bill 83 which attempt to ban trans people from playing sports, forcibly out LGBTQIA youth, ban gender affirming care for minors, ban "controversial topics" from higher education, and further marginalize trans youth through dehumanizing awareness campaigns
 - Primary author of OCA's HB 6 (trans sport ban) testimony
 - Authored and testified in opposition of HB 68 (gender affirming care ban) for OCA
 - Co-authored written testimony in opposition to HB 8 (don't say gay)

Community

Ace + Aro Alliance of Central Ohio Board Member July 2022-January 2025

- Working on the board of directors to serve the asexual and aromantic community by providing services, sharing resources, fostering programming, and advocating for ace and aro equity throughout the Central Ohio region and abroad
- Appointed to the position of Treasurer December 2022

Athens City Council Inclusive Language Workgroup January 2022-May 2022

- Acted as part of the workgroup went through the city code line by line and provided the city council with edits and potential changes to make the language of it more inclusive to benefit the community of Athens Ohio

Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee Member
Mid-Ohio Psychological Services

July 2020-June 2021

- Reviewed and revised current agency policies to assess diversity and inclusion, develop trainings that foster diversity and inclusion, advocate for diversity and inclusion in the community

Clinical Development

Clinical Supervision Certificate
Trans Affirming Therapist Training
LGBTQ+ Client Training
HIPAA Training
Community Health Systems Training
Clinical Documentation Training
Medically Necessary Documentation Training
Implicit Bias and Microaggressions Training
Person Centered Planning and Care Training
Diagnostic Assessment and Treatment Prescriptions Training
Understanding Appalachian Culture Training
Telehealth Psychotherapy and Telehealth Intake Training
Utilizing Play Therapy Techniques in Telehealth Treatment Training

Exams

National Counseling Examination – 2019
National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination – 2023

Teaching & University Development

Equitable Searches and Hiring Training Part 1
Seattle University

Search Committee Training: Candidate Evaluation and Selection
Ohio University

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