

FLOW 2026 Conference Presenter Biography

Dr. E. Van Buckner, Ph.D., ACSW, LCSW, QSSW, SAP, CSTAS, CAMS is an international social worker, clinician, educator, researcher, and behavioral health executive with more than 20 years of clinical training, leadership, research, and community engagement experience. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Louisville, a Master of Social Work from Louisiana State University, and a Ph.D. in Social Work. Dr. Buckner is the Founder and Clinical Executive Director of [Wise MindBody Institute](#), an integrative behavioral health practice that combines evidence-based mental health treatment with holistic wellness approaches.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Louisiana, Texas, and Washington, Dr. Buckner holds multiple advanced credentials, including Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW), Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Certified Anger Management Specialist (CAMS), and Certified Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) Facilitator. Her clinical expertise includes trauma, anxiety, depression, substance use disorders, family systems, behavioral health, and culturally responsive treatment interventions.

Dr. Buckner is a former adjunct professor with the Tulane University School of Social Work, where she taught Diversity and Social Justice and Integrative Capstone Seminar courses. She has held leadership positions in psychiatric and substance abuse treatment settings and has supervised clinicians, interns, and multidisciplinary treatment teams.

As an international social work researcher and advocate, Dr. Buckner has served as Principal Investigator and Co-Lead Principal Investigator on multiple minority mental health and community-based research initiatives. Her work has focused on anxiety, depression, culturally responsive interventions, assessment validation, educational outcomes, and mental health disparities. She currently leads research and community development initiatives in Northern Ghana, West Africa, including the Dagbon Digital Literacy Project.

Dr. Buckner has presented her research and professional work at national and international conferences, including the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, International OCD Foundation, Anxiety and Depression Association of America, and the Kentucky Psychological Association. She is a published scholar, professional speaker, and passionate advocate for ethical, culturally responsive, and globally informed social work practice.

For her presentation on ethics, Dr. Buckner brings a unique perspective informed by clinical practice, academic scholarship, international research, leadership, and a commitment to advancing integrity, accountability, and social justice within the profession of social work.