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We want to hear about your career moves, publications, engagements, marriages, family births and everything else worth celebrating!
Meet the New Faculty

Circie A. West-Olatunji serves as Associate Professor/Coordinator of the Counseling Program and Director of the Center for Traumatic Stress Research at the University of Cincinnati. She is also president-elect of the American Counseling Association (ACA). As an internationally recognized speaker, trainer, and author in the area of culture-centered, theory, research, and practice, she has provided consultation and training in Africa, Asia, Western and Eastern Europe, and the Americas. Additionally, Dr. West-Olatunji has disseminated her research in Osaka, Hiroshima, Tottori, and Fukuoka cities in Japan in the area of culturally relevant anti-bias education for young children. Circie West-Olatunji has also provided educational consultation for the development of a PBS children’s television show on diversity through KCET-TV in Los Angeles, CA (“Puzzle Place”). Dr. West-Olatunji is a graduate of Dartmouth College and attended Teachers College of Columbia University where she pursued graduate studies in the area of Multicultural Counseling Psychology. Dr. West-Olatunji holds a doctorate degree in Counselor Education from the University of New Orleans.

LaTrice Montgomery

LaTrice Montgomery is an Assistant Professor in the Counseling and Substance Abuse Counseling Program in the School of Human Services in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services at the University of Cincinnati. She received her B.A. degree in Psychology from Berea College and both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Cincinnati. She completed her National Institute of Drug Abuse sponsored clinical internship at the Yale University School of Medicine in the Division of Substance Abuse. Dr. Montgomery’s clinical and research interests have focused on improving prevention and treatment interventions for African American adolescent and adult substance users. She is specifically interested in determining the efficacy of evidence-based substance abuse treatments for ethnic minorities and identifying effective ways to improve treatment delivery. LaTrice has presented her award-winning work at several national and regional conferences including the American Psychological Association and the National Institute of Health Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities. In addition, LaTrice’s work has been published in top-tier journals, including Drug and Alcohol Dependence and the American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Dr. Montgomery’s master thesis and dissertation projects were chosen to represent the University of Cincinnati in the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Masters Thesis competition and the Council of Graduate Schools/Proquest Distinguished Dissertation Award national competition, respectively.
Dr. Yager has been selected by the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Awards Committee to be the recipient of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award!

Geoffrey G. Yager is a Professor in the Counseling Program, University of Cincinnati. He received his academic training at Harpur College (S.U.N.Y. at Binghamton, B.A., biology, 1966), S.U.N.Y. at Albany (M.A., Guidance in Higher Education, 1967), and at Michigan State University (Ph.D., Counselor Education, 1973). He is a professional clinical counselor (P.C.C., Ohio), A counseling psychologist (Ohio), and an nationally certified counselor (N.C.C.). Dr. Yager’s areas of expertise include supervision, counseling skill training, and chemical dependency. In 1996, Dr. Yager was given the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision’s (A.C.E.S.’s) Distinguished Mentor Award. He has been President of Ohio A.C.E.S. and North A.C.E.S. and Secretary of national A.C.E.S. Dr. Yager’s research interests include counselor values, videotaped interventions in teaching counseling skills, and models of supervisor training.

We know that Dr. Yager is very deserving of this prestigious award and are proud that he is being recognized nationally by his peers. On behalf of the UC counseling community, let us thank Dr. Yager for his lifetime of service, not only to the profession, but to our own program for the past 30+ years.

Thank you, Dr. Yager, and congratulations!
Updates & Events

Center for Traumatic Stress Research

The Center for Traumatic Stress Research unites interdisciplinary scholars, within and beyond the university campus, who conduct research or practice in areas that relate to traumatic stress due to disasters, abuse, or social marginalization. Under the direction of Dr. Cirecie West-Olatunji, the center staff and affiliated scholars will collaborate on funded research projects related to real world problems in partnership with community stakeholders and disseminate timely research reports and practitioner-based resources.

The Center for Traumatic Stress Research is looking for interested individuals to join our research team. The best time for weekly team meeting 5:00 p.m. Meetings will last one hour per week. If you are interested in joining the research team, please email Rachael.Clark@uc.edu

School Counseling Program Track

This fall, the core faculty in School Counseling developed and distributed a survey to inquire about how the program is perceived by alumni, current students, and potential applicants. The results of the survey suggested that changes to our School Counseling program are warranted. In particular, respondents cited the need for more School Counselor Educators on faculty, an increased sense of community, and a greater presence on the website. In response, the faculty have developed an action plan to increase visibility of the School Counseling program.
OPEN HOUSE

In December, the counseling department has hosted an open house for prospective applicants. About 30 interested individuals attended to learn about counseling as a profession and more about UC professors’ research interests. Breakout sessions helped master’s level applicants learn about the school counseling and mental health counseling tracks, and doctoral applicants learned about course requirements and practical matters such as graduate assistantships. Current students were on hand to share their experiences with applicants and representatives from the graduate school and School of Human Services were available as well. The program was a tremendous success and the counseling department is looking forward to offering the 2nd annual open house in late 2013.

Rachael Clark

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Congratulations to Jon Trauth and Kara Swami on their wedding on August, 2012

DEADLINES
UGS Applications are due February 15th for the next academic year
Application deadlines for graduation are as follows: Spring 1/25/2013; Summer 5/24/2013
http://gradapps.uc.edu/graduationdeadlines/graduation-deadlines.aspx