

OACES Winter Newsletter

News from the President

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Happy Winter! As we start a new year, OACES currently has 169 counselor educator, supervisor, and student members. There were 34 individuals in attendance at the OACES meeting at the 2008 All Ohio Counselors Conference.

The next OACES event is the winter meeting on Friday, February 13th, 2009 from 9:00am-4:00pm. The winter meeting will include a business meeting, presentations on *CACREP and Counselor Education: The Evolving Paradigm and Outcomes Based Learning and Assessment: Implementing the 2009 CACREP Standards in*

Counselor Education, and discussion break out groups. Remember to register for the winter meeting, the deadline is February 3rd, 2009.

This past semester, OACES members had the opportunity to take the Rules and Laws test constructed by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. In addition, the test was piloted in five counselor education programs in the state. In 2009, applicants for the PC/PCC in Ohio will be required to take this test as part of the application process for licensure. The licensure applicant cannot fail the exam rather is prompted to answer missed

questions until all questions are answered correctly. The feedback provided by the OACES members who took the test had an impact on revisions of the final version of the Ohio Rules and Laws test.

The 2009 Supervision Summit, "Overcoming Challenges: Strategies for Effective Supervision" will be held on Friday, April 24th, 2009 at the Concourse Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. Consider submitting a proposal with colleagues and/or students. The call for programs is included in the newsletter. In addition, contact Jean Underfer-Babalis at jean_underferbabalis@yahoo.com to nominate a

colleague for an OACES award which will be presented at the Supervision Summit.

Have a great winter season and semester.

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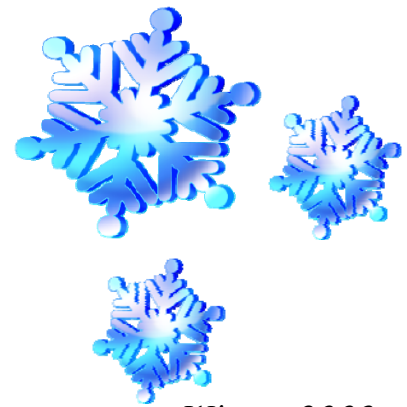
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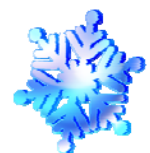
OACES Winter Meeting Information

The OACES Winter Meeting will be on Friday, February 13th, 2009 at the Concourse Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio from 9:00am-4:00pm. A total of six (6) CEU's will be provided. Registration information can be sent to Jo-Ann Lipford Sanders, 310 E. Market St. College Hall, Tiffin, Ohio 44883 jsanders@heidelberg.edu Registration is \$45 (\$65 @ the door) for OACES members, \$65 (\$85 @ the door) for non-OACES members and \$30 for students.

In addition to a brief business meeting, there will be two presentations titled, *CACREP & counselor education: The evolving paradigm* and *Outcomes based learning and assessment: Implementing the 2009 CACREP standards in counselor education*. Finally, there will be opportunities to join in break-out sessions to discuss specific CACREP program areas.



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Supervision Summit: Call for Proposals

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The theme of this year's OACES Supervision Summit is "Overcoming Challenges: Strategies for Effective Supervision." We welcome programs that address one of the following:

- Basic concepts of supervision dealing with theory and practice
- Advanced concepts of counselor education or supervision rooted in original research or unique theory
- Ethical issues in supervision

Submission Instructions:

Submit proposals and curriculum vitae of each presenter to Holly L. Harper, Ph.D.; Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology, The University of Toledo, Mail Stop 119, 2801 W. Bancroft St. Toledo, OH 43606.

Proposal Deadline: March 11th, 2009

Proposal Format:

Chairperson (Contact Person): Provide complete contact information for the program chairperson including name, institutional affiliation, primary mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, fax number, and primary email address.

Co-Presenter(s): Provide complete contact information for each co-presenter including name, institutional affiliation, primary mailing address, day and evening phone numbers, fax number, and primary email address.

Program Title: Your title should accurately describe the focus of your presentation.

Program Summary: In 50 words or less describe your presentation. This will be the description used in the conference program.

Program Description: Provide a 200 word description (max) synopsis of your program that includes the following:

- summary of the information, technique, theory, or research to be presented;
- the type of presentation (lecture, discussion, cooperative learning groups, etc); and
- a description of any accompanying audio-visual materials including handouts, reference lists, etc.

Conference Theme:

Briefly describe how your presentation fits with this year's conference theme "Overcoming Challenges: Strategies for Effective Supervision." In addition, indicate which of the following formats your presentation will address:

- Basic concepts of supervision
- Advanced concepts of counselor education or supervision
- Ethical issues in supervision

OACES Supervision Summit Agenda

The 2009 Supervision Summit will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Concourse Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. <http://www.theconcoursehotel.com/>. Registration forms will be posted on the OACES website in February. The Supervision Summit provides Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) for Counselors, information on current issues in counselor education and supervision, and an opportunity to network with colleagues. The tentative agenda for the conference includes:

- 8:30-9:00 am: on-site registration
- 9:00-10:20 am: business meeting
- 10:30-11:20 am: workshop presentations
- 11:30-12:20 pm: lunch & awards
- 12:30-1:20 pm: workshop presentations
- 1:20-1:30 pm: break
- 1:30-2:20 pm: workshop presentations
- 2:20-2:30 pm: break
- 2:30-3:20 pm: workshop presentations
- 3:20-3:30 pm: break
- 3:30-4:00 pm: closing

Supervision Summit Student Monitors

Interested in being a student monitor for the 2009 supervision summit? This is a great way to be involved and get a discount or fee waiver for the summit. Student monitors have been a success in the past and this year will be no exception. We need six (6) student monitors for the supervision summit.

OACES student members will have their registration fee waived. Students who are not currently members of OACES will receive 50% off their registration fee. If interested, contact Tim Luckhaupt to join OACES as a student member prior to the Supervision Summit. If you want to be a member or renew your membership, contact Tim Luckhaupt, OCA Executive Director at 614-833-6068 or you can download an Ohio Counseling Association membership form at <http://www.ohiocounseling.org/index.htm>.

As a student monitor, you will 1) assist with set up and clean up at the conference; 2) assist at the conference registration table; 3) distribute and collect evaluations of presentations; 4) assist presenters with presentation set up; and 5) distribute CEU certificates at the end of the conference.

To apply to be a student monitor, contact David Mann, Ph.D., Ashland Theological Seminary, 910 Center Street, Ashland, OH 44805 or via email attachment to dmann@ashland.edu.

Include your contact information including 1) name, institutional affiliation, primary mailing address, email address, and day and evening phone numbers; 2) indicate if you are an OACES student member; and 3) a brief statement addressing why you want to be and why you should be chosen to be a student monitor. Deadline to apply is **April 3rd, 2009**.



OACES Committee Updates!

Ethics Update

Brandy Kelly, Ethics Committee Chair, Rachel Hoffman, Committee Member, & Julie Lenyk, Committee Member

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board's (OCSWMFT) investigation unit opened 275 cases last year highlighting the necessity for OACES members to be attentive to the most current ethical guidelines. In an effort to minimize the likelihood of an ethical violation, the OACES ethics committee has presented the most common ethical issues in the state of Ohio. We have also highlighted sections of the ACA Code of Ethics (2005), including changes between the 1995 and 2005 standards, as relevant to the common ethical violations. Compliance with the 2005 ACA Code of Ethics may help to decrease your risk of committing an ethical violation.

Non-Sexual Boundary Violations was a leading ethical complaint (e.g., bringing the client home for dinner, loaning the client money, engaging in personal phone calls). In most of the found cases, the counselor's license was either revoked or surrendered. The revised 2005 ACA Code of Ethics no longer forbids nonprofessional relationships, allowing personal interactions under certain circumstances (e.g., wedding). Nonprofessional relationships are permitted when deemed to be beneficial for the client. However, counselors are encouraged to use caution and seek client consent (Standards A.5.d, F.3.e, F.10.f and G.3.d).

Romantic or sexual relationships continue to be prohibited (Standard A.5.) with clients and in found cases the counselor's license was surrendered or revoked. In the 2005 ACA Code of Ethics revision, however, the number of intervening years that must pass between termination of a former client and the onset of a sexual relationship has increased from two years to five years. New to the 2005 ACA Code of Ethics (Standard A.5.b.) is the prohibition of sexual or romantic relationships with client's family members or romantic partners.

Poor record keeping and falsification of records was cited as a common ethical violation. Counselors found guilty of keeping improper records were required to practice under supervision for 2 years and seek additional course work. A noted change in the 2005 ACA Code of Ethics pertinent to record keeping cautions the recording of a formal diagnosis in a client's record when that information can be used by a third party to harm the client. Counselors are permitted to refrain from making or documenting a diagnosis if harm to the client is anticipated (Standard E.5.d.).

The most common ethical complaints challenged the counselor's *Competency* which might include practicing outside one's scope of practice, incapacitation, practicing on an expired license, and even practicing without a license or forging licensure. Maintaining a current and active license and practicing within the limits of one's professional disclosure statement may help to alleviate the chance of acting outside of one's competency. The OCSWMFT Board Rules and Laws, Ohio Revised Code states, "the practice of professional counseling means rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organizations, or the general public a counseling service involving the application of clinical counseling principles, methods, or procedures to assist individuals in achieving more effective personal, social, educational, or career development and adjustment, including the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders" (Rule 4757.01). Individuals found to deviate from this practice have had their license revoked or suspended, were referred for remediation course work, or were required to practice under supervision for 2 years.

The 2005 revision of the ACA Code of Ethics added that the competent use of interventions and approaches requires that they are grounded in theory and/or have an empirical or scientific foundation. When this criterion is not met, clients must be informed that the intervention or approach is "unproven" and discuss potential risks (Standard A.4.a., E.5.c., E.5.d., C.6.e.).

Counselors are encouraged to direct ethical concerns and to the OSCWMFT Board ethical investigations unit (<http://www.cswmft.ohio.gov/ethics>). Consultation is also available through the ACA Ethics and Professional Standards Department at 1-800-347-6647, ext. 314 or e-mail: ethics@counseling.org.

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Bylaws Update

Amber Lange, Ph.D., Bylaws Committee Chair

The OACES Bylaws are the document that detail how the OACES organization operates. This document was originally adopted in 1970 with revisions in 1986, 2000, 2003, 2006, and 2007. The Bylaws are available for all members to view at the OACES website: <http://www.ohio-aces.org/bylaws.htm>. After reading the Bylaws, some members may be wondering about the procedures necessary to make bylaws revisions. Per Article VIII, the following steps are required

The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at a regular business meeting of the Association. Such bylaw changes must have been announced at the previous meeting of the Association or via electronic communication no less than 30 days prior to the business meeting at which the vote will occur.

When the Bylaws were revised in 2007 a concerted effort was made by the Bylaws committee to complement and make consistent the OACES Bylaws with the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Bylaws and the Ohio Counseling Association Bylaws. This revision was adopted in February, 2008.

If you have questions or comments about the Bylaws or are interested in serving on the Bylaws committee, please contact Amber Lange, Ph.D. at amber.lange@utoledo.edu.

The OACES Directory 2008-2009 Available!

Here is a PDF file of the formal release of the OACES 2008-2009 directory--

[OACESDirectory08-09.pdf \(249KB\)](#)

Additionally, a Word document version of the 2008-2009 OACES directory is posted on the OACES Google Docs page. In this way, changes can be made throughout the year as web pages, e-mail addresses, and locations change. The Google Docs file "OACESDirectory08-09" will be OACES' "living" directory and can facilitate up-to-date contact information for OACES' members 365 days a year. The ability to continually update the document will also facilitate production of the 2009-2010 version of the OACES directory.

Here are the steps to access our Google Docs account:

1. Go to <http://www.google.com/>
2. Click "Sign in" in the upper right corner of your screen
3. Enter: Email: ohioaces@gmail.com Password: oacesoaces
4. Click "More" from the tool-bar in the upper left corner
5. Select "Documents"
6. Once you have selected "Documents" a screen will display all of the documents uploaded by the group. Click on "OACESDirectory08-09" and get started adding, updating or editing. Once you are finished click "Save and Close"
7. If you would like to add a new document, it must be saved as a Word, Excel, or PowerPoint file. Then click "Upload" from our Google Docs page. Find your document on your desktop and click "Upload file." You will then find it posted on Google Docs
8. If you want to create a new document right in Google Docs, click "New" and select the type you want, create it and then save and close.



Save the Date!

ACES 2009 Conference

Transformative Actions: Expanding Social Respect and Relational Consciousness October 14th - 18th, 2009



Town & Country Resort and Conference Center

The site of the ACES 2009 conference is the Town & Country Resort & former Convention Center in San Diego. Check out the website:

<http://www.towncountry.com> and save the dates!

The Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision is one of seven divisions of the Ohio Counseling Association (OCA). OCA, the umbrella organization, is a scientific and educational organization serving members and the public by fostering the advancement of counseling and human development in all settings. This is accomplished through the promotion of sound professional practice and high standards of professional conduct in addition to the sponsoring of educational meetings, conferences and workshops. Such endeavors educate the profession and the public about the human development profession. In its divisional status, the Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision maintains a separate yet integrated governance structure consisting of elected officers, a General Assembly, regional committees, bylaws, operating procedures, and representatives to the OCA Governing Council.

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